

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7th December 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (7th) 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh* Deceased members
of the extended Quinn family

Monday 1000 Aldeburgh*
Tuesday 0900 Leiston
Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh* Dorothea Helen
Lewsey (FM)

Thursday 0900 Leiston
Friday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (14th) 0915 Leiston Doug Coleman RIP
1100 Aldeburgh* Private Intention

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwgLRDw/livestreaming

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting our parish this weekend and thank you for your offertory gift, which you can 'gift aid' by using one of the envelopes in your row of seats, or from the back of church.

Tea/coffee is served in the hall after the Sunday Mass at Leiston. All welcome.

Children's Worksheets (LOOK) are available at the back of church. They are based on the Sunday readings.

Please note that there will be a 10.00am Mass on Monday at Aldeburgh for the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the BVM. Although not a holyday of obligation, it is a beautiful feast on our Advent journey.

Feasts this week: Monday – The Immaculate Conception of the BVM; Wednesday – Bls Henry Heath & John Robinson and companions (Martyrs of East Anglia).

The Monthly United Prayer Gathering at Leiston is on this coming Tuesday at 10.00am at our own Church. All welcome.

Parish Advent Service – next Sunday, 14th December at All Saints, Leiston at 4pm followed by wine, soft drinks, tea, coffee and mince pies. Do invite family and friends. Children, plus adults are invited to arrive at 3.30pm for the making of Christingle candles for carrying into church at the beginning of the Service. Spread the word and do come along.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: There will be confessions at Leiston on Saturday 13th December from 3-4pm and at Aldeburgh on Saturday 20th December 3-4pm.

Christmas Masses: On the evening of Wednesday 24th (Christmas Eve), there will be a 6pm Mass at Leiston (family Mass). Mass during the night (traditionally known as Midnight Mass) will be at Aldeburgh at 9.00pm with readings and carols from 8.40pm. On Christmas morning there will be a 9.15am Mass at Leiston and 11.00am at Aldeburgh.

Don't forget to let me know if you are unable to attend Mass due to ill health, as we can arrange a home visit with Holy Communion.

Also, remember that the weekly Newsletter is available on the parish website.

The latest 'World Gifts' catalogue is available at the back of church. Good ideas for Christmas presents etc.

Diocesan Jubilee Committee: Lucy has been representing our parish with regard to the 50th anniversary of the diocese in 2026 but would like to hand this on to someone else. It is not a great commitment, and meetings can be attended via Zoom. Let me know if this is something you could take on for the next year; or for more information have a word with Lucy.

The Diocese of East Anglia Schools' Service is seeking volunteers to serve as school admission appeals panel members, helping ensure parents' rights are upheld when a child is not offered a place at their preferred Catholic school. Anyone interested in volunteering or finding out more is invited to contact Helen Bates, Assistant Director (Schools' Service), at the Diocese of East Anglia, 21 Upgate, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH, by email at ssc@rcdea.org.uk or by telephone on 01508 495509.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £312.48p. We are also grateful for the generous weekly Standing Orders, which currently amount to about £640 per week. Have you set up a Standing Order with the parish? It's easy: 'St Peter's Catholic Church Parish Account' Sort Code 20-98-07: a/c number: 90777048. **And for Gift Aid purposes, the Charity number for the diocese is 278742.**

Second collection next weekend for the Dependent Priests' Fund. If you can gift aid your donation, then pick up a special envelope from the back of church as you leave Mass today.

We remember those who are sick and housebound in the parish and all whose anniversaries occur at this time of the year.

Every blessing for the coming week ~ Fr David

Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent ~ Year A
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First reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day:

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for
the peoples — of him shall the nations enquire, and his
resting-place shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R cf. 7

In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

In his days justice shall flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,

from the River to the bounds of the earth.

In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,
the poor who have no one to help.

He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy.

In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

May his name endure for ever,
his name continue like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blest in him,
all nations shall call him blessed.

In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

Second reading

Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days
was written for our instruction, that through endurance and
through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have
hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant
you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with
Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome
one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of
God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised
to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises
given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might
glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will
praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.'

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilder-
ness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'
For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when
he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare
the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."' '

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt
round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.
Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the
Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him
in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw
many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism,
he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to
flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with re-
pentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We
have Abraham as our father"', for I tell you, God is able from

these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'