

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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Second Sunday of Easter

27th April 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (27th)	0915 Leiston
	1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Monday	No Mass today
Tuesday	No Mass today
Wednesday	No Mass today
Thursday	No Mass today
Friday	No Mass today
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (4th)	0915 Leiston People of the Parish
	1100 Aldeburgh*

Livestreamlink for Mass

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

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting our parish this weekend.

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.

Many thanks for your very generous Easter offering.

Please note that there are no weekday Masses this week.

The May issue of the Diocesan Newspaper is now available at the back of church. Do pick up your copy.

On Easter Monday It was with great sadness that we heard the following announcement from Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Apostolic Chamber:

"Dearest brothers and sisters, with deep sorrow I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis. At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love,

especially in favour of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God."

Many thanks to those who were able to come along to the Requiem Mass at Aldeburgh on Friday morning. Apologies for the short notice, but we needed to celebrate it before Saturday. We had to rely on the parish website and email and notices on the church door to get the word around.

Do take one of the special prayer cards for Pope Francis.

There are always so many people to thank at this time – everyone who helped to make Lent such a special time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Many thanks to our organists, cantors, altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, stewards, collectors and our flower arrangers, cleaners of the linen and church cleaners, as well as those who look after the website and all those who do so much behind the scenes. In short, thanks to everyone in the parish for all you do week by week. Have a truly Blessed Easter.

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal: Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

Terminally ill Adults (End of Life) Bill: We are encouraged to write to our MP and/or send one of the cards which you will find at the back of church (handed out three weeks ago). You can also register your concerns with your MP via the **ONLINE** Petition which you will find through this link: <https://carenotkilling.org.uk/petition/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Monday, 5th May. 11.00am Gather at the coach park for Procession to the Chapel of Reconciliation for Mass. 1400 Service of Reconciliation during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding at 1500 with Benediction. I will be going and have two spare seats in the car for anyone wishing to go along. See poster for full details.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (22nd -29th August 2025). See poster on the noticeboard or visit: www.catholicassociation.co.uk

As a follow-up to our first 'Lenten Conversation', back in March, which was on Prayer and Rest, a poster has kindly been produced listing some useful Apps for Mass and Prayer. Do have a look at it.

Called to Mission? Leaving school or university in the summer and deciding what to do next? In between jobs, or would like to do something 'different'? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for people age 18-30 to join the Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. These are full-time positions initially for 12 months with training, food, accommodation and a monthly allowance provided. For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

The Friars of Clare Priory, Suffolk, invite you to their Annual Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Mother of Good Counsel, on Sunday 11th May, commencing at 10.00am. See the poster on the noticeboard for full details of the day.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. 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.**

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 this Easter Season.
Fr David

Readings for Second Sunday of Easter

First reading

Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a. R1

*Give praise to the Lord for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.*

Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let those who fear the Lord say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

*Give praise to the Lord for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.*

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

*Give praise to the Lord for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.*

We beseech you, O Lord, grant salvation;
we beseech you, O Lord, grant success.

Blest is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord is God, and has given us light.

*Give praise to the Lord for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.*

Second reading

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.'

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.'

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.