

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh (and All Saints, Leiston, IP16 4BA)

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7th April 2024

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (7th) 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh* Irene Hodgson RIP

Monday **No Mass Today**
Tuesday 0900 Leiston Canon
Anthony

Dolan RIP

Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh* Fr Michael Daly RIP
Thursday 0900 Leiston
Friday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Saturday (14th) 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvwgLRDw/livestreaming

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visitors with us this Weekend.

Today, sometimes known as Divine Mercy Sunday, concludes the Easter Octave. Coffee etc is served in the hall after the Mass at Leiston – All welcome.

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 musicians/cantors, altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, stewards, collectors, 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.

Feasts this Week: Monday – transferred Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord. Thursday – St Stanislaus.

Christians together in Leiston meet monthly for prayer in one of the local churches. We are hosting the next meeting, which is on this Tuesday at 10.00am in All Saints. All are welcome. It is usually for half an hour.

Catholic East Anglia (*our diocesan newspaper*): April issue is now available at the back of the church. **FREE.**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (23rd-30th August 2024). There are booking forms at the back of church. Find out more by visiting:
www.catholicassociation.co.uk

Right To Life – Support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment.

CSSA audit backs safeguarding services in Diocese of East Anglia: The Diocese of East Anglia has been awarded a judgment of Comprehensive Assurance by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) in an audit of its safeguarding provision.

The audit was conducted in Spring 2023 and the Executive Summary of its findings have been published here. It is hoped that parishioners and visitors to our diocese will be reassured by its findings. Bishop Peter, clergy and all who work and volunteer in the diocese are encouraged by it and remain committed to following up on the small number of recommendations to further improve. Gratitude is due to the Diocese's Safeguarding Coordinator and Administrator, and to all Parish Safeguarding Representatives for their hard-work and commitment, which is reflected in this report. Web link to use:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/cssa-audit-backs-safeguarding-services-in-east-anglia/>

Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 4th – 5th May: Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 6th. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information.

Inviting young adults (age 18 -30) to walk the Camino.

Join Bishop Peter as he leads a walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela from 21st – 29th July 2024. For more information and to book a place, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Maundy Thursday collection for the SVP = £212.30; Good Friday collection for Holy Land Shrines = £198.62. Haydn's Seven Last Words from the Cross = £233.50 (Aid to the Church in Need). Have you set up a Standing Order with the parish? It's really easy. The only details you need are these: '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.**

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

Fr Tony sends his Easter greetings to you. He has been accepted for long-term accommodation in Cambridge, at a place he is very happy with. It is now a matter of waiting for a vacancy to become available.

Every blessing for this Easter Season. **Fr David**

Readings for Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)
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First reading
4:32-35

Acts

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second reading

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children

if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.