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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

16th March 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Margaret de Boer RIP
Sunday (16th) 0915 Leiston Intentions of Scottie
& Dennis
1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Monday No Mass today
Tuesday 0900 Leiston Dawn Bellasis (FM)
Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh* Maura Payne (FM)
Thursday 0900 Leiston Monica Meadows
(FM)

Friday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (23rd) 0915 Leiston Roland Dyson RIP
1100 Aldeburgh*

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjpgLRDw/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.

A prayer for Pope Francis for a speedy recovery:
May the Lord protect him and grant him length of days.
Amen.

May the Lord be his shield and deliver him from all harm.
Amen.

May the Lord give him happiness and peace all the days of his life. **Amen.**

Bishop Peter was also in hospital recently and is now back at home. Do keep him in your prayers.

CAFOD Fast Day envelopes will be collected as you leave Mass today. There are envelopes at the back of church; if you are a taxpayer, please do consider using one, as the gift aid can be claimed by CAFOD

Feasts during the week: Monday – St Patrick; Wednesday – St Joseph.

Lent ~ We are invited to journey through this Season to the most important Christian Festival of the Year – **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**. Lent is not just about giving things up; it is also about doing something extra. Whatever we decide to do should be helping us “to die a little more to self”. It is a Season of **Prayer**, and prayer acquires strength when accompanied by **fasting** and **almsgiving**. During Lent we have our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus and his journey to Jerusalem and we journey with him. Lent is about growing in love for God, for one another and for those most in need.

Our first ‘Lent Conversation’ takes place this Saturday evening following the Mass and is entitled ‘Rest: Do you have to work at it?’ and will be led by Barbara and Rhona. The more that can stay, the richer and more fruitful our conversation will be.

The next two are:

Wednesday 26th March at 7pm at Leiston (there will be a Mass at 6.30pm) ~ ‘The History and Spirituality of the Option for the Poor’.

Wednesday 9th April at 7pm at Leiston (there will be a Mass at 6.30pm) ~ ‘Homelessness? Closer than you think!’

They will last for no more than an hour. Put the dates on the calendar.

Stations of the Cross this week will be at Aldeburgh on Friday 21st March at 12noon.

Please let me know if you, or a group, would like to lead a session.

Lunchtime recital Monday 17th March, 12.00 at Aldeburgh Parish Church.

Helen Stanley (violin) and Nadia Lasserson (piano).

Bach - Sonata I, Mozart - Sonata K526, Smetana - Aus der Heimat II.

All welcome, retiring collection for Save the Children.

Organist: Does anyone know an organist who would be willing to play for the East Vigil on Saturday 19th April?

As has become traditional in recent years, a string quartet will be performing Haydn's Seven Last Words from the Cross on the Monday of Holy Week, 14th April, at 7pm. Each movement has programmatic details within the music, ending with a dramatic portrayal of the earthquake. There will be meditative readings alternating with the music. All are welcome and the performance lasts about an hour. **Book the date**

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year: You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines

designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up at: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 3rd – 4th May: Come and experience your faith in a dynamic way at the Ignite Festival! The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 5th. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information. Book before March 30th for Early Bird Price!

Diocesan Vacancy for: Director of Schools Service. Please see [website](https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/) for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/>

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £366.46p. 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.

Fr David

Readings for Second Sunday of Lent (c)

First reading

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 27(26):1. 7-8b. 8c-9c. 13-14. R1a

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.'

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Gospel

Luke 9:28b-36

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of

his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.