

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

(With All Saints, Seaward Avenue, Leiston,
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st March 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (1st) 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh*

Monday No Mass today

Tuesday 0900 Leiston

Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh* John Gilbert RIP

Thursday 0900 Leiston

Friday 0900 Aldeburgh* Andrew Gilbert RIP

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Teresa Gray RIP

Sunday (8th) 0915 Leiston People of the Parish
1100 Aldeburgh* Michael Williams
RIP

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_vjwglRDw/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 from the back of church.

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

Diocesan Newspaper – The March issue is now out. Do pick up a copy as you leave Mass. FREE!

CAFOD Fast Day envelopes will be collected as you leave Mass today; there are spare 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.

IPSWICH DEANERY MASS – Bishop Peter is visiting each deanery during Lent, and ours is on this Thursday, 5th March at St Marys, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4BD. Exposition and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6pm; Mass at 7pm

followed by light refreshments. All are welcome. I have three spare seats in the car for any takers.

Stations of the Cross: No Stations this week because of the **World Day of Prayer** Services on Friday.

World Day of Prayer: You are warmly invited to join the churches of Aldeburgh on Friday 6th March 2026, to celebrate the World Day of Prayer.

This year we will be praying for Nigeria, where Christians are experiencing great persecution. There will be a Service at 11.00am in the Fairfield Centre, Fairfield Road, Aldeburgh, IP15 5JS, followed by a free soup & bread lunch.

Also, for the Leiston area at the United Reform Church, High Street, at 2pm. All welcome.

Lenten Conversations We will be running three conversations this lent. All at Leiston church starting at 1830, following Mass at 1800.

1. 12th March. Searching For Prayer, led by Patricia Newton
2. 19th March. Social Media, led by Johnny Dawson. (a teenager or twentysomething would be welcome help)
3. 26th March. God chooses the Poor, led by Christine Quinn

Each will be a lively discussion and debate the more varied the ideas the more interesting they will be. If you can help with any of the sessions, please send Johnny an email johndawson@blueliner.co.uk all welcome, bring a friend.

Food bank collection 21st/22nd March: Please bring whatever you can as a special collection for our local food bank. All items welcome big and small but especially Toiletries, Nappies, pasta, rice, sources, and tinned food.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: I will be available for Confessions at Leiston on Saturday 14th March between 3 and 4pm; and then at Aldeburgh on Saturday 21st March between 3 and 4pm.

As has become traditional in recent years, a string quartet will be performing Haydn's Seven Last Words from the Cross at Aldeburgh on the Monday of Holy Week, 30th March 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. Suggested donation £10. **Book the date.**

Holy Week Services. The Maundy Thursday evening Mass will be at Aldeburgh at 7pm; Good Friday 3pm Service will be at Leiston, and the Easter Vigil with the First Mass of Easter will be on the Saturday evening at 8.00pm at Aldeburgh. The Easter Sunday Masses will be Leiston at 9.15am and Aldeburgh at 11.00am.

Inviting Young people Year 7 to Young Adults for a special Ipswich Deanery Youth Day - 14th March held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Ipswich. The day will include Inspiring

talks, prayer, games and delicious food! For more information and to download a parental consent form, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 2nd – 3rd May 2026 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 4th. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information. Book before March 30th for Early Bird Prices!

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £291.80p. 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.**

Please remember in your prayers Margaret (Peg) Regan, a parishioner for over 60 years, who passed away very peacefully on Friday 13th February. Her funeral Mass will be at Leiston on Wednesday, 25th March at 11.00am.

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 Lent (A)

First reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. R5b

*May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.*

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right,

and his merciful love fills the earth.

*May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.*

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

*May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.

*May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.*

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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

Matthew 17:1-9

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

