

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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

4th January 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (4th)	0915 Leiston	
	1100 Aldeburgh*	Andrew & Tim Gilbert RIP
Monday	No Mass today	
Tuesday	1000 Aldeburgh*	
	1900 Leiston	People of the Parish
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (11th)	0915 Leiston	
	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 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.

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

On Tuesday (6th January) we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord. It is a holyday of obligation and Mass will be at Aldeburgh at 10.00am and Leiston at 7.00pm. On this day we commemorate the visit of the Magi bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and the revelation of Christ to the Nations of the World.

I hope everyone had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas. Many thanks for your kind cards and gifts and very generous

Christmas collection. I would also like to express my thanks to those who prepared our churches for Christmas – the flowers, decorations and cribs looked beautiful. Thanks also to all who do things behind the scenes week in and week out – it is much appreciated.

Crib Collection: Bishop Peter has asked that this be given to our twin diocese in the Holy Land and as such will be sent to the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem.

Feasts of the Week: Tuesday – The Epiphany of the Lord.

Next weekend we keep the feast of The Baptism of the Lord,

Diocesan Yearbook and Calendar of feasts and seasons for 2026 is now available for just £5. A great buy.

UNITY WEEK SERVICE – We are hosting a United Service for Aldeburgh on Sunday 18th January at 6pm. Do put the date in your diary so that we have a good turn out that evening. We will be welcoming members from the congregations at the Parish Church and the Baptist Church. We need two or three volunteers to make the tea/coffee after the Service.

A "pocket size" **Safeguarding information booklet** which gives the action you should take if concerned about a child or adult at risk, has been produced by the diocese. Copies are available at the back of church.

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.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £237.15. 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.**

The Twelve Days of Christmas is a popular and well-known song. Some believe it has a hidden meaning and was originally a means of Christian teaching:

The 'true love' is God; the 'partridge in a pear tree' is Jesus; the 'two turtle doves' are the old and new testaments; the 'three French hens' are the three virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity; the 'four calling birds' are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; the 'five gold rings' are the first five books in the Old Testament; the 'six geese' are the six days of creation; the 'seven swans' are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit; the 'eight maids' are the eight beatitudes; the 'nine ladies' are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit; the 'ten lords' are the ten commandments; the 'eleven pipers' relate to the eleven faithful apostles; and the 'twelve drummers' are the twelve points of doctrine in the apostles creed.

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

Have a blessed and peaceful New Year.
Fr David

Readings for the Second Sunday of Christmas

First reading

Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R12a

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

O Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

He established peace on your borders;
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth,
and swiftly runs his command.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

He reveals his word to Jacob;
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his judgements.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Second reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his

will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. 1 Timothy 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations.
Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me."'

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.