

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

17th May 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (17th)	0915 Leiston	
	1100 Aldeburgh*	Ints of Pettican and Slade families
Monday	No Mass today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	Boucicault (FM)
	1030 Aldeburgh -	Funeral Service for Sally Lynch RIP
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	Judith Champ RIP
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	
Sunday (24th)	0915 Leiston	Rita Hennessy RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish

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.

Refreshments served in the hall after the Sunday Mass at Leiston. All welcome.

Today is kept as 'World Communication Day' and there is a Second collection for The Catholic Communications network.

The Aldeburgh United Service planned for this Sunday evening at the Parish Church has been postponed. A new date will be announced later. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Leiston Christians Together invite YOU to a Pentecost Celebration next Sunday afternoon at 3pm in Church Square, Leiston. Do come along.

A message from our Parish Pastoral Council:

'One Mass Sunday weekend'. On the weekend 11/12th July there will only be one Mass which will be at Leiston on the Sunday morning at 11.00am to celebrate the Jubilee (50 years) of our diocese and to celebrate Fr David's 50th Ordination Anniversary. Following the Mass there will be a finger Buffet. For catering purposes would you please sign up on the list at the back of church stating how many will be coming with you. Many thanks.

Diocesan jubilee 2026 – EA50: the main diocesan celebration of this Jubilee Year will be the Mass marking the Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral on 26th June at midday. The Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, several bishops as well as local dignitaries have already confirmed their attendance. Our parish has been allotted five seats in the cathedral for this Mass. If you would like to go, please let me know.

Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Tuesday 26th May (*half term*). Details on the notice board.

"Head to Heart": The Retreat Day for Women on Saturday 23rd May is now fully booked, but the sisters have agreed to repeat the programme on the following Saturday (6th June) with talks given by the sisters of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham at their home in Dereham, Norfolk. The day will explore some of Saint Edith Stein's ideas of what it means to be a woman and the unity God desires to bring us to, as well as how to carry the crosses of daily life. The day will include talks, discussion and fellowship, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as well as a cream tea. Booking essential! Booking Form and all information found at: www.rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-diocese-announces-retreat-day-for-women/

Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to attend the Diocese's hugely popular annual **Marriage Celebration Mass on Saturday 13th June 2026 at 11.30am** at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. All are welcome! Those who are celebrating significant anniversaries will receive a certificate from the bishop. For more details and to register please go to: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome to mark the 50th anniversary of the Diocese. will take place from 27th to 31st October 2026. The cost of the pilgrimage is £1,550 per person sharing a twin or double room, with a limited number of single rooms available for a supplement of £220. The price includes return airfare with 10kg carry-on baggage, accommodation, transport in Italy, guiding services, gratuities and entrance fees. *Please note that the itinerary is not suitable for less able travellers.*

A deposit of £400, together with a completed booking form at the link below, is required ASAP, with the balance due by 4 August 2026. <https://bit.ly/EA50Rome>

More information on joining the pilgrimage can be found on the Diocesan Website, or from Elizabeth Pugh at Pilgrimage People on office@pilgrimagepeople.org

Forthcoming Deanery events to which you are invited:

Our Lady of Ipswich walking Pilgrimage from four locations across Ipswich for Mass at St Pancras Church in honour of Our Lady of Grace on Saturday 30th May. Full details on the notice board.

Eucharistic Congress, Ipswich (6-13th September) culminating with Sunday Mass on the 13th September at Ipswich Corn Exchange celebrated by Bishop Peter. See poster for more details.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £279.58p. 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. **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.

Every blessing for the coming week Fr David

Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter
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First reading

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R13

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

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

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

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord

all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,

to enquire at his temple.

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;

have mercy and answer me.

Of you my heart has spoken,

'Seek his face.'

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Second reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. John 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you,
and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 17:1-11a

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

