

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

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

**Saturday** 1800 Aldeburgh\* People of the Parish

**Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>)** 0915 Leiston Tom Coffey RIP  
1100 Aldeburgh\*

**Monday** No Mass Today

**Tuesday** 0900 Leiston

**Wednesday** 0900 Aldeburgh\*

**Thursday** 0900 Leiston

**Friday** 0900 Aldeburgh\*

**Saturday (18<sup>th</sup>)** 1800 Aldeburgh\* People of the Parish

**Sunday** 0915 Leiston Teresa Mary  
Maybury RIP & Maybury family  
1100 Aldeburgh\*

Livestreamlink for Mass

[https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a\\_jvjwGLRDw/livestreaming](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwGLRDw/livestreaming)

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visitors with us this Weekend. Coffee etc is served in the hall after the Mass at Leiston – All welcome.

**Second Collection this week for The Catholic Communications Network.**

The May issue of the Diocesan Newspaper is now available at the back of church. It's free!

When visiting the church at Aldeburgh, please ensure that the door is locked when you leave. You will need to turn the handle on the inside to ensure the latch has fully come out. There have been a few occasions recently when the church has been left open.

**A Parish Pastoral Council for our parish** – We are planning to form one soon to enable greater participation of all within our community of Aldeburgh and Leiston. There is a leaflet at the back of church giving more information and a nomination slip. The Council will meet 4/5 times per year and the commitment will not be too onerous. **Act NOW** by either nominating someone, or by volunteering yourself; or both! This is the final weekend for nominations.

The Leiston food bank is grateful for the generous donations from the boxes in the back of both our churches. Contributions have been rather sparse recently, so the SVP would like to encourage you to bring to Mass (or drop off at any time) whatever food and toiletry items you can spare and place them in the boxes. SVP members collect them every Friday and take them to the food bank. The current request is for more pasta and jarred or packeted sauces. Thank you.

**Mother of Good Counsel Pilgrimage** at Clare Priory, Suffolk, CO10 8NX, this Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>). Details in the porch.

**Pentecost Retreat Day** at St Mark's Catholic Church, Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich, IP2 0QQ on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 10.00am, with Sarah De Nordwall (acclaimed Catholic Bard – poet) and Ben Goymour – artist. For more details see the poster in the porch.

**Childrens' Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May (Half-term). Gather in the village by 10.45am for the walk to the Chapel of Reconciliation with Mass at 12noon, followed by a picnic and a fun afternoon at the beach. Pick up a flyer in the porch.

**Bishop Peter is visiting our parish on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June.** He will preside at the Mass in Leiston that morning and then celebrate the 11.00am Mass in Aldeburgh, during which he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Later that afternoon he will meet with our newly formed Parish Pastoral Council.

**Children's Work Sheets** are available every Sunday at the back of church. They are entitled **LOOK**.

**Organists** – Do you play the organ; or know anyone who would be willing to play either at Leiston or Aldeburgh? **Do let me know.**

**Knights of St Columba** – an order of Catholic gentlemen with the 3 aims of Charity, Fraternity and Unity. It has a branch based in Ipswich and surrounding area and if you may be interested in a chat about the order please contact either Brother Christopher Uzokwe 07734 328112 or Brother Allan Girot 01394 272683.

**A Christians Together Event** in Church Square, Leiston on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 11am-4pm – Readings and Music based on the Psalms. Can you take part and be sponsored? Proceeds to the Bible Society. Leaflets in the porch at Leiston.

**Fr Tony** would like to express his gratitude to the people of the parish who so generously contributed to his retirement gift which will be put to good use in his Cambridge flat. There's no date yet for the move because there are no current vacancies, but it shouldn't be too long. Not a day goes by without me thanking the Lord for all the love and support you showed while I was with you and for its continuation over the last eight months!

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your weekly collections. We are also grateful for the generous weekly Standing Orders, which currently amount to about £690 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** those who are sick and housebound in the parish and all whose anniversaries occur at this time of the year. Every blessing for this Easter Season.

*Fr David*

**Readings for Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

**First reading**

**Acts 1:15-17,20-26**

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20**

*The Lord has set his sway in heaven.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

*The Lord has set his sway in heaven.*

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.

*The Lord has set his sway in heaven.*

The Lord has set his sway in heaven  
and his kingdom is ruling over all.  
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,  
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

*The Lord has set his sway in heaven.*

**Second reading**

**1 John 4:11-16**

My dear people,  
since God has loved us so much,  
we too should love one another.  
No one has ever seen God;  
but as long as we love one another  
God will live in us  
and his love will be complete in us.  
We can know that we are living in him  
and he is living in us  
because he lets us share his Spirit.  
We ourselves saw and we testify  
that the Father sent his Son  
as saviour of the world.  
If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God lives in him, and he in God.  
We ourselves have known and put our faith in  
God's love towards ourselves.  
God is love  
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,  
and God lives in him.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**cf. Jn 14:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you,  
and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 17:11-19**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father,  
keep those you have given me true to your name,  
so that they may be one like us.  
While I was with them,  
I kept those you had given me true to your name.  
I have watched over them  
and not one is lost  
except the one who chose to be lost,  
and this was to fulfil the scriptures.  
But now I am coming to you  
and while still in the world I say these things  
to share my joy with them to the full.  
I passed your word on to them,  
and the world hated them,  
because they belong to the world  
no more than I belong to the world.  
I am not asking you to remove them from the world,  
but to protect them from the evil one.  
They do not belong to the world  
any more than I belong to the world.  
Consecrate them in the truth;  
your word is truth.  
As you sent me into the world,  
I have sent them into the world,  
and for their sake I consecrate myself  
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'