

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

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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11th February 2024

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Fr Pat Moloney RIP
Sunday (11th) 0915 Leiston People of the Parish
1100 Aldeburgh*

Monday No Mass Today
Tuesday 0900 Leiston
Wednesday 1000 Aldeburgh*
(Ash Wednesday) 1900 Leiston
Thursday 0900 No Mass Today
Friday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Sheila Scopes RIP
Sunday (18th) 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjjwGLRDw/livestreaming

Welcome to those who are visitors with us this Weekend.
Coffee etc is served after the Leiston Mass.

It's Lent Again! 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.

How is LENT 2024 going to be special for YOU?

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ 14th February

Today is kept as a day of **Fasting** and **Abstinence**. It is a day we should make every effort to join with our Parish Community at Mass and so get Lent off to a good start. At Mass we will be signed with the ashes; the traditional sign reminding us that this is a season of **Repentance** and

Renewal. We are called to “Repent and believe in the Gospel”.

Mass times: 10.00am (Aldeburgh) & 7.00pm (Leiston).

Stations of the Cross: These will take place during Lent. The first being on Friday 23rd February at Aldeburgh at 12noon. Please let me know if you, or a group, would like to lead a session.

Two years ago, our parish, alongside other parishes worldwide, held some constructive discussions on the directions the Church should take in the future. Information from those discussions was fed into the first Assembly of the Synod in October 2023. A second Vatican Assembly is planned for the end of this year. Meanwhile, the Vatican has published a synthesis of the 2023 discussions, with some firm proposals of areas to be further explored in the 2024 sessions. These may lead to real change within the Church. As a Lenten exercise, our parish is organizing four short opportunities to discuss some of these proposals (no more than an hour maximum); two in Leiston, two in Aldeburgh. Your presence would be welcome and a summary of our discussions will be submitted to the diocese. (*Saturday 24th February, following the 6pm Mass; Tuesday 5th March at Leiston, with a Mass at 6pm, followed by the discussion; Saturday 9th March, following the 6pm Mass; Tuesday 19th March at Leiston, with a Mass at 6pm, followed by the discussion*).

SACRED SPACE – (Chanting, Meditation, Readings) on five Saturdays of Lent, 4.30-5.30pm, beginning 17th February, at All Saints, Leiston. All are welcome and for more information call Caroline on 01728 832044

Walk with me – A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2024 is available at the back of the church was just £1. An excellent little booklet with thoughts for prayer for each day of Lent and with an introduction by Bishop Peter.

CAFOD Lent Lunch at Framlingham: Friday 16th February @12.30pm. You are all welcome to join us at Castle Community Rooms Framlingham IP13 9BQ @ 12.30pm

A light lunch will be provided: soup, bread and cheese followed by tea and coffee, in exchange for a donation according to your means. During lunch there will be a video presentation about James, the Liberian fisherman, who is the subject of this years CAFOD Lent appeal. If you would like to attend please email Claire on crobinson@cafod.org.uk by 12th February.

Sacrament of Confirmation - 9th June 2024. Please let me have any further names asap. There may also be some adults who have missed out on this Sacrament but would now like to be Confirmed. Do have a word with me.

Our parish and others in the Ipswich deanery will come together at the Bishop's invitation and celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a Caritas East Anglia Festival on Saturday 24 February at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich. The day will begin at 9.30 am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed throughout the day by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 2

pm with prayer and reflection on the day. ALL WELCOME to attend for part of, or the whole event.

A date for your diary: Friday 1st March – **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** at the Fairfield Centre, Aldeburgh at 11.00am. The prayer service, prepared this year by the WDP Committee of Palestine, is celebrated around the world. Do try and come along. There will be a similar Service at Leiston (St Margaret's Church) at 2pm. Margaret Ryan is looking for a few volunteers from our community at Leiston to take part in the Service. Again, all are welcome on the day.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. (plate collection last weekend was £213.07). We're also grateful for the generous weekly standing orders, which currently amount to about £690 per week. The only details you need are these: '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.** If you have a problem setting up a standing order Please get in touch.

Last Week's collection for Lepira = £280.56. Many thanks. £ **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.

Please let me know of any parishioners currently unable to get to Sunday Mass and who would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

Every blessing for this coming week.

Fr David

Readings for The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First reading Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.