

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

2nd November 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	Gerry Gray & John de Boer RIP
Sunday (2nd)	0915 Leiston	People of the Parish
	1100 Aldeburgh*	Patricia Seward RIP
Monday	1000 Aldeburgh*	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	No Mass Today	
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	Sally Coffey RIP
Sunday (9th)	0915 Leiston	Roger Micklewright RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish

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 in your row of seats, or from the back of church.

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

The November issue of the diocesan newspaper is now available at the back of church. Do pick up your free copy.

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints (*transferred from Saturday*) and All Souls Day is kept on Monday, 3rd November, when there will be Mass in Aldeburgh at 10.00am. On this day, and throughout November, we remember our departed loved ones and former members of our parish and all those who have no one to remember them in prayer. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory. As a part of our Bidding Prayers this month, we will include the following prayer:

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Please let me know if you would like a Mass offered during November for deceased members of your family and friends.

Weekday Masses this week – there will be a Mass on Monday but not Friday.

Feasts this week: Monday – All Souls Day; Tuesday – St Charles Borromeo.

Advanced notice – Remembrance Sunday, 9th November.

The 11.00am Mass will start at 11.30am to enable those wishing to attend the short Service down at the War Memorial at 11.00am to do so.

Would holders of red Missio boxes please bring them to Mass in the next couple of weeks so that our contributions can be paid. As the labels on the boxes are so tiny, please write your name and address and contact details on a piece of paper and pop it into your box. There are spare boxes at the back of both churches, please take a replacement, or indeed a first one if you would like to start using one. Copies of the latest Missio newsletter are also at the back of both churches, please help yourselves. I am very happy to collect and deliver if getting to either church is inconvenient for you - Elizabeth Clark 07951 596 852.

Thanks to all who bought tickets to support the national SVP raffle. The draw has taken place, and we are happy to announce that the grandson of a parishioner won a £100 prize! The luck of the draw!

The 'End of Life' Bill is currently passing through Second Reading in the House of Lords. At the back of church, you will find copies of a Statement by Archbishop John Sherrington of Liverpool on behalf of the Bishops' Conference which addresses the fundamental issues that are at stake. We are being urged to write to peers as they consider the Bill.

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.

The latest 'World Gifts' catalogue is available at the back of church. Good ideas for Christmas presents etc.

Inviting young people (Year 7+) especially those preparing for Confirmation, Catechists and Youth Leaders to HOPE 2025! HOPE 2025! is a special event organised by the Diocesan Ignite Team to prepare to celebrate World Youth Sunday later in November in your parishes. It includes live music, inspiring talks, passionate prayer and good food! Held at St. Johns' Cathedral Narthex from 2:00pm - 8pm (to include joining the parish vigil Mass) on Saturday 8th November. Entry: ££5 on the door. www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Diocesan Retreat Day for Women 2025: "Waiting in Hope". With talks given by the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, this highly popular retreat day will take place on Saturday 15th November in OLEM, Cambridge. Places are limited! Booking essential! Booking Form and all information found here: www.rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-diocese-announces-retreat-day-for-women/ Please direct all enquiries to mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

Be Still and Know that I am God, 14 - 17 November 2025 A three-day retreat at Theodore House, Stoneyhurst Estate in the picturesque Ribble Valley, led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £321.08p. 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.**

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 Solemnity of All Saints

First reading

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R cf. 6

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading

1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

'Blessed are the poor in spirit.'

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And

he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'