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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th January 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (5th) 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh* Fr Olindo RIP

Monday No Mass Today
Tuesday No Mass Today
Wednesday No Mass Today
Thursday No Mass Today
Friday No Mass Today

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (12th) 0915 Leiston People of
the Parish
1100 Aldeburgh* Mike Maybury RIP

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvwjGLRDw/livestreaming

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting the parish this weekend as we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany (transferred from this coming Monday).

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.

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. There is a collection basket beside the crib. Next weekend is the final opportunity for giving to this collection.

Sorry, there are no weekday Masses this week.

The Diocesan Yearbook & Calendar for 2025 is now available for just £3. It is packed with useful information and great value for the price!

Don't forget to let me know if you, or someone you know, is unable to attend Mass over a period of weeks, as a home visit can be arranged. Please have the permission of the person concerned if you are passing on someone else's details.

UNITY WEEK SERVICE – We are hosting a United Service for Aldeburgh on Sunday 19th 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.

Parochial Pastoral Council Meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday 21st January 2025 in Parish Hall, Leiston Church, Seaward Road Leiston. All parishioners who attend both churches in the parish of Aldeburgh and Leiston are invited to attend this meeting. It is the last chance for the parish to contribute to the diocesan consultation. The meeting will agree the answers to the Bishop's questions about the future of the parish and its place in the diocese. If you would like more information, or help in attending the meeting contact Chris Quinn - chrismquinn@me.com 07886795380 or any of the council members.

Catholic Listening & Prayer Ministry (Confidential Support for over 18s) The diocese offers a team of Helpers who will listen with compassion and love and offer guidance and support through prayer. They will signpost to further sources of help if needed. All Helpers have undergone training in prayer, listening, spiritual guidance, safeguarding and GDPR. Email: listeningministry@rcdea.org.uk www.rcdea.org.uk/listening-and-prayer information cards at the back of church.

Spam emails: Be especially careful as a few parishioners have received an email claiming to come from me. Always check the email address of the sender.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £277.10p. 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 Pauline Matthias who died last week – we hold in our prayers her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

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

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.

*Have a blessed and peaceful New Year.
Fr David*

Readings for The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Lift up your eyes all round, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to
you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13. Rcf. 11

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son
your justice, that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgement.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

In his days justice shall flourish, and great peace till the
moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the
River to the bounds of the earth.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall pay him trib-
ute. The kings of Sheba and Sebas shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall
serve him.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry, the poor
who have no one to help. He will have pity on the weak
and the needy, and save the lives of the needy.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of
the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for
you, how the mystery was made known to me by reve-
lation, which was not made known to the sons of men in
other generations as it has now been revealed to his
holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery
is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the
same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Je-
sus through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia.
We saw his star when it rose
and have come to worship the Lord.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the
days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east
came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been
born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose
and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king
heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;
and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the
people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be
born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is
written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and as-
certained from them what time the star had appeared.
And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search
diligently for the child, and when you have found him,
bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.'
After listening to the king, they went on their way. And
behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went
before them until it came to rest over the place where
the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced ex-
ceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they
saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down
and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures,
they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed to their own country by another way.