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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15th DECEMBER 2024

Masses during the Week All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	
Sunday (15th)	0915 Leiston	Bishop John Hine RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Monday	No Mass Today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	Irene Hart RIP
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	Fr Thomas Kenny (Northampton) RIP
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (22nd)	0915 Leiston	Ints of Mary Ward
	1100 Aldeburgh*	

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjpgLRDw/livestreaming

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting the parish this weekend.

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.

This Sunday is known as **Gaudete Sunday** and traditionally rose colour vestments are worn. It marks that we are over half-way through our Advent journey. The latin word 'gaudete' means 'rejoice' and is the first word of the entrance antiphon for today's Mass: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near".

Second Collection this weekend for **The Dependent Priests' Fund**. There are special 'Gift Aid' envelopes at the back of church. This fund supports the sick and retired priests of our diocese.

The O Antiphons: (17th – 23rd December). The final days of Advent are a time of special prayer. The church sings the O Antiphons. These are beautiful chants that are sung at Evening Prayer. They are called O Antiphons because each one begins with the word "O". The antiphons include many of the titles of Christ, such as "Lord," "lawgiver" and "Sun of justice". The well-known hymn "O come, O come, Emmanuel" is a version of the O Antiphons.

Opportunity for The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), during Advent at Aldeburgh on Saturday 21st December from 3-4pm.

Collecting for the Foodbank approaching Christmas: Collections from both Churches will continue up until Christmas. Importantly, this year, donations of the **basic foods (non-perishable), household goods and toiletries** would be appreciated. A large donation of Christmas food and treats has already been received at the Foodbank, though any further ones would be well-received. Please do keep the donations coming.

Christmas Masses: On the evening of Tuesday 24th there will be a 6pm Mass at Leiston (family Mass). Mass during the night (traditionally known as Midnight Mass) will be in Aldeburgh at 9.00pm with readings and carols from 8.30pm. On Christmas morning there will be the 9.15am Mass at Leiston and 11.00am at Aldeburgh.

Red Missio boxes are available at the back of church. For further information contact Elizabeth Clark on 07951596852

Fr Tony has now moved to his new flat. His address is: 40 Dunstan Court, Wulfstan Way, Cambridge, CB1 8QD.

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

The CAFOD World Gifts catalogue for 24/25 is available in the church porch.

Jubilee Year of 2025 Opening Mass: Pope Francis has asked that all Bishops celebrate the Opening of the Jubilee Year at their Cathedrals on the 29th of December. Bishop Peter therefore warmly invites you to join him at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich, for our Diocesan Opening Rites and Mass at 11am, in solidarity with celebrations around the world.

Pilgrimage to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth – Limited places left As part of the Jubilee 2025, the Diocese will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome, joining with hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the world. There are a limited number of places left with bookings accepted on a first come first served basis. If you will be age 16 – 30 next summer 2025, come and join us, but book now! See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more details.

Melissa & Mark Hicks (our musicians) have been members of the parish since February 2022 and are due to return to

the United States in January. They hope to be at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 29th December. If you would like to send a message and/or stay in touch, then their email address is: bernadette76@aol.com.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £189.56p. 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.

Fr David

Readings for Third Sunday of Advent (C)

First reading Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
'Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.'

Responsorial Psalm Is 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6. R3

*Shout aloud and sing praise,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

Behold, God is my salvation!
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord is my strength and my praise,
and he has been my salvation.
With joy you will draw water
from the springs of salvation.

*Shout aloud and sing praise,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

Give thanks to the Lord, invoke his name;
make known among the peoples his deeds;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

*Shout aloud and sing praise,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

Sing to the Lord for he has wrought wonders;
let this be known through all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell in Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*Shout aloud and sing praise,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

Second reading Philipians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia.
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.
Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

At that time: The crowds asked John, 'What, then, shall we do?' And he answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.' Tax collectors also came to be baptised and said to him, 'Teacher, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Collect no more than you are authorized to do.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.