

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

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
3rd MARCH 2024**

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Teresa Gray RIP
Sunday (3rd) 0915 Leiston Deacon Dennis
Barret RIP
1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Monday No Mass Today

Tuesday 1800 Leiston

Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Thursday 0900 Leiston

Friday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Michael Williams
RIP

Sunday (10th) 0915 Leiston Deacon Charlie
Bianco RIP

1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwGLRDw/livestreaming

Welcome to those who are visitors with us this Weekend.

Coffee etc is served after the Leiston Mass. Don't forget that the Tuesday Leiston Mass this week is at 1800. This will be followed by our second discussion evening on some of the proposals from the recent Synod held in Rome. It also provides the opportunity for an evening Mass for those unable to attend our daily morning Mass.

The latest issue of the diocesan newspaper is now available at the back of church – It's free – do take a copy.

Stations of the Cross: will next take place at Aldeburgh on this coming Friday, 8th March 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.

2. *A Church out of every tribe, tongue, people and nation* – Leiston, Tuesday 5th March after evening mass – led by Ian Linden (Mass at 6pm).

3. *Women in the life and mission of the Church* – Aldeburgh, Saturday 9th March after 6 p.m. mass – led by Chris Quinn.

4. *Structures for participating* – Leiston, Tuesday 19th March after evening mass – led by Hugh de las Casas (Mass at 6pm).

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

Parish Support for Leiston FoodBank - The parish supports the work of the FoodBank in Leiston. There are boxes at the back of both churches to place donations. Non-perishable foods, toiletries and household cleaning items are the only donations the FoodBank can deal with; a more complete list of suitable items is next to the boxes.

As we approach Easter perhaps you might consider donating some Easter treats, which would be very much appreciated. If any parishioners would like to join the rota for collecting from both churches and delivering to the foodbank in the centre of Leiston, on Friday mornings, please contact Chris Quinn on 07886795380 or chrismquinn@me.com.

Inviting young adults (age 18 -30) to walk the Camino

Join Bishop Peter as he leads a walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela from 21st – 29th July 2024.

For more information and to book a place, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

As has become traditional in recent years, a string quartet will be performing Haydn's Seven Last Words from the Cross on the Monday of Holy Week, 25th March, at 7pm. Each movement has programmatic details within the music, ending with a dramatic portrayal of the earthquake. There will be meditative readings alternating with the music. All are welcome and the performance lasts about an hour. There will be a retiring collection.

Nick Ward, Helen Stanley, Graeme Scott and Hattie Bennett.

Update - Fr Tony Rogers: A number of parishioners have been asking after Fr Tony and wondering how he is progressing. He remains in Montana Nursing Home near Bury St Edmunds, where he continues to receive the medical care and support he requires. He is in very good spirits and looking forward to returning to some more normal independent living soon. Unfortunately, since his surgery last Summer he has developed severe arthritis in his knee, and this is currently restricting his mobility. He is being supported by the Diocese of East Anglia in securing suitable long-term accommodation, which is likely to be in Cambridge, which he knows well and where he has lots of

friends and contacts. He sends his best wishes to everyone in Aldeburgh and Leiston and is looking forward to coming to see everyone in the not too far distant future.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. (plate collection last weekend was £238.75). We're 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 really easy. 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.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day collection = £374.46. 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.

Every blessing for this coming week. *Fr David*

Readings for The Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

First reading

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18(19):8-11

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,

it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold

and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn11:25, 26

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.