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### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

#### Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

<b>Saturday</b>	1800 Aldeburgh*	Giovanna Cimenti RIP
<b>Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	0915 Leiston	Roland Dyson RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass today</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	0900 Leiston	
<b>Wednesday</b>	1830 Leiston	Canon Bernard Scholes ( <i>Westminster</i> ) RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	0900 Leiston	
<b>Friday</b>	0900 Aldeburgh*	
<b>Saturday</b>	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday (30<sup>th</sup>)</b>	0915 Leiston	Anne Shufflebottom RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	

Livestreamlink for Mass

[https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a\\_jvwgLRDw/livestreaming](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvwgLRDw/livestreaming)

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

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

A prayer for Pope Francis for a speedy recovery:

*May the Lord protect him and grant him length of days.*

*Amen.*

*May the Lord be his shield and deliver him from all harm.*

*Amen.*

*May the Lord give him happiness and peace all the days of his life. Amen.*

Feasts during the week: Tuesday – The Annunciation of the Lord.

Second collection this weekend in support of the Jubilee initiatives and projects at the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of our Lady at Walsingham. This is a national second collection. Apologies for the short notice. Do be as generous

as you can – we are very fortunate to have this Shrine within our own diocese.

Our second 'Lent Conversation' takes place this Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in the hall at Leiston and will be led by Ian Linden and Johnny Dawson and is entitled: 'The History and Spirituality of the Option for the Poor'. There will be Mass at 6.30pm. **Note there is no Wednesday morning Mass at Aldeburgh this week.** The more that can come along, the richer and more fruitful our conversation will be. Last week's session got us off to a good start.

The final conversation is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at Leiston (there will be a Mass at 6.30pm) and will be led by Chris Quinn and Hugh de las Casas on 'Homelessness? Closer than you think!'

**IPSWICH DEANERY MASS** – Bishop Peter is visiting each deanery during Lent, and ours is on this Tuesday (Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord) at St Marys, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4BD. Exposition and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6pm; Mass at 7pm followed by light refreshments. All are welcome. I have three spare seats in the car for any takers.

In this Jubilee Year, every parish around the world is invited to have a period of **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on this coming Friday**. It is hoped that larger parishes will be able to do 24hours. We will have Exposition from after the 9.00am Mass until 12.30pm, with meditations on some of the Stations of the Cross at 12noon. It is important to have someone in church throughout this period. If you can give 30 minutes that would be great. There is a list at the back of church. Obviously more than one can sign up for any particular slot.

**Stations of the Cross** this week will be at Aldeburgh on Friday 28th March at 12noon (see above).

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** I will be available for Confessions at Aldeburgh on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April between 3 and 4pm; and then at Leiston on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April between 3 and 4pm.

As has become traditional in recent years, a string quartet will be performing Haydn's Seven Last Words from the Cross at Aldeburgh on the Monday of Holy Week, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 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.

**Book the date**

**Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers: Mass with Anointing at the Cathedral** - Bishop Peter warmly invites all those who are sick and those who are involved in health care in any capacity to a special Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral on **Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April at 11:30am**. In place of the annual Mass held around the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, this Mass will give opportunity for the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, and in the Jubilee Year will be enriched by a celebration of the contribution made by the many doctors, nurses, pharmacists, orderlies, and others across

the Diocese who live out their Christian vocation in care of others.

**Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> May:** Come and experience your faith in a dynamic way at the Ignite Festival! The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>. See [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk) for more information. Book before March 30<sup>th</sup> for Early Bird Price!

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £331.71p. 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.**

**The CAFOD collection amounted to £301.00p**

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

*Fr David*

### Readings for Third Sunday of Lent (c)

#### First reading

**Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15**

In those days: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, 'I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.' When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' And he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.'

Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I Am Who I Am.' And he said, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.'

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8, 11. R8a

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious.*

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious.*

The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives full justice to all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses,  
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious.*

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious.*

#### Second reading

**1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 4:17**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.  
Repent, says the Lord,  
for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

#### Gospel

**Luke 13:1-9**

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, 'Do you think that

these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'

And he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, "Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'