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The Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ 11/06

Masses during the Week

All Masses from Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday: 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday: 0915 Leiston (People of the parish)
1100 Aldeburgh* (Elizabeth Donovan+)
Monday **No Mass today**
Tuesday **No Mass today**
Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh*
Thursday **No Mass today**
Friday **No Mass today**
Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*(Charles de Boer+)
Sunday 0915 Leiston (People of the Parish)
1100 Aldeburgh*
1800 United Service at the Fairfield
Centre.

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwglRDw/livestreaming

Welcome to anyone who is visiting us this weekend. Please feel at home among the people of this corner of the Lord's vineyard and take our Easter greetings to your own parish communities.

Holy Communion Under Both Kinds: in both churches, please continue to come forward – left hand side first, beginning at the back – but queue in the middle, and, if you are receiving under both kinds, please go to the minister who is free – in other words don't simply approach the one on your own side. This should now be the normal practice in most churches from today.

Fr Tony's Diary: Monday – Day Off. Tuesday: am Funeral of Peter Warrington at St John's Cathedral. Wednesday = Aldeburgh Fraternal. Thursday-Sunday – Compostella.

Money Matters: Thank you for your collection last weekend, which totalled £262.67. We're also grateful for the generous weekly standing orders, which currently amount to about £690 per week. And we continue to encourage you to set up one, if you haven't yet done so. In these days when not everyone has returned to mass, it is all the more necessary that we can be assured of a regular income, irrespective of Mass attendance. The only details you need are these: Sort Code 20-98-07: a/c number: 90777048. **And for Gift Aid purposes, the Charity number for the diocese is 278742.** Thank you for your continued generosity. The parish account is: St Peter's Catholic Church Parish Account': Registered Charity: No 278742'. If you have a problem trying to set up direct debit, please get in touch.

Retiring Collection next Sunday for the Bishops' Conference pro-life charities.

Please remember in your prayers, Liz O'Connor, Bernie McComish, Alex Vachell, Phil Harris, Giovanna Cimenti, Margaret Stubbs, Heather Mabey, Maureen Dawson, Brigid Simpson, Dominic Dobson, Fr Brendan Moffatt, Annie Morris, Kate Hoare, Helen McGuire, Merle Frew, Anne Alban, Derek Randall, Shane Dawson and Peg Regan. Pray for Angela Brunning, Joana Tavares Cruz, and all who died recently, and for Mary Heron, Elizabeth Donovan, Charles de Boer Walter Parry, and all whose anniversaries occur this week. Keep in your prayers our eight children who will be making their first communion on Sunday, 25th June

Fr Tony's retirement party Just a reminder that this will be on Saturday 22 July, 7.15-9.30 pm at the parish church hall, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh IP15 5DU. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift for Fr Tony, there will be special gift aid envelopes for cash in both churches after Mass for this purpose. Alternatively, you can donate by BACS using Sort Code 20-98-07 and Account number 90777048 but please make sure to use the reference **FTRG** for these donations.

Attendance Lists It would be helpful to have an indication of likely numbers at the party so, if you're planning to be there, please could you add your name and the number of people in your group to the list at the back of each church. Many thanks.

Spiritual bouquet As well as a farewell gift for Fr Tony, we are arranging a spiritual bouquet. This takes the form of a card which tells someone about prayers or Masses etc that will be offered for them and their intentions. If you would like to take part, there will be paper slips at the back of both churches. All you need do is write on the slip your contribution to the spiritual bouquet eg. five Our Fathers, a decade of the rosary, a Mass etc. There's no need to add your name, as all the contributions to the bouquet will be collected together and written in the card. Alternatively, you can email your contribution to fathertonysparty@gmail.com. Any questions may also be sent to this email address, or contact Lucy Rowan-Robinson.

An Update on my Retirement: The grand clear out is now underway – its both cathartic and traumatic!

I shall be away from Wednesday evening till Sunday on the annual mini-retreat with Head teachers. We will be in Compostella, and I am very grateful to Fr Chris Dobson for providing the weekend masses, and for those who kindly volunteered to collect him from his home in Hacheston following a recent spell in hospital.

Celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Pilgrimage in Walsingham on Sunday, 23rd July. You will find details on the poster in both churches.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Our next pilgrimage to Lourdes as a diocese and as part of the wider Catholic Association family will take place from **Friday 18th-Friday 25th August**. This will be our first fully medically supported pilgrimage since the Covid 19 pandemic and we are greatly looking forwards to being in Lourdes again. Bishop Peter will be leading us on the pilgrimage, and indeed leading the whole Catholic Association Pilgrimage. We hope to top 100

East Anglian pilgrims, and I hope to be there as usual. Details can be found on the poster in the church porch, on your emails, and on the website

United Service at the Fairfield Centre next Sunday evening at 1800. It's the turn of the Anglicans to lead and I hope you will join me (provided the flight from Compostela is on time!

Readings for Corpus Christi Year A

First reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Sunday Reflection

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, which We normally call Corpus Christi provides a special occasion to consider the gift of the Holy Eucharist, the gift given by Christ to the Church on the night before he died.

The gospel is taken from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, a lengthy chapter which presents the Multiplication of the loaves and the walking on the water, followed by the words of Jesus and the intervention of the Jews concerning the meaning of the first of these two signs. The verses in today's reading come towards the end of the chapter, when the words of Jesus clearly focus on the Eucharist.

In the Eucharist we receive repeatedly the once and for all gift of the Bread of Life. As Jesus implies, it is unlike anything which preceded it, unlike the bread our ancestors ate. This bread is the pledge of God's gift of life, and is best understood in the context of the paschal mystery – the death of Christ and his self-giving or sacrifice to lead us to life.

Perhaps the feast may also be an occasion for us to question ourselves about the reverence we show to the Eucharist. The Church encourages us to prepare by prayer to receive both word and sacrament, to observe a one-hour fast before communion, to approach the table of the Lord reverently, to spend time giving thanks for that extraordinary sacrament, and to show a particular respect and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in our churches.

Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish on the evening of October 31st – so be careful with half-term plans, please. Several names were given to me some months ago, but I'd be grateful if those who are still interested would let me know once again. Normally Confirmation is for those in Year Nine or above, but Year Eight is possible, but no younger, please. Although I shan't

be here then, we'll try to arrange an initial meeting in July before the end of term.

Large Print Newsletters: as an experiment, and without prior warning, I printed a few copies of the newsletter on A3 for those who would welcome a larger type. We'll see how it goes and to what extent it meets a real need.

Feasts this week: Tuesday – St Anthony of Padua; Friday – Sacred Heart of Jesus; Saturday – Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The name of a new Rector of the Shrine at Walsingham is due to be announced soon. He succeeds Bishop Philip Moger, now auxiliary in Southwark