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Newsletter for
Easter Sunday 09/04

Masses during the Week

All Masses from Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday: 2030 Aldeburgh – The Easter Vigil
Sunday: 0915 Leiston (Ailsa Miller +)
1100 Aldeburgh* (People of the parish)
Monday **No Mass today**
Tuesday 0900 Leiston
Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh*
Thursday 0900 Leiston
Friday 0900 Aldeburgh*
Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh
Sunday 0915 Leiston (People of the Parish)
1100 Aldeburgh *

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvwgLRDw/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 Week and the Triduum: Thanks to everyone involved in helping to make our Triduum celebrations so special – musicians, servers, readers, sacristans, flower arrangers and everyone who supported us over the three days.

Happy Easter to you all! The collection at all weekend masses is the traditional Easter Offering to the clergy of a parish. It can be Gift-Aided if you are a tax collector and use one of the specially designated Gift Aid envelopes for Christmas and Easter that are available in both churches.

Holy Communion Under Both Kinds on Holy Thursday seemed to go quite smoothly, with the vast majority of communicants receiving from the chalice. So, we should return to two chalices at our weekend masses.

Money Matters: Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection which came to £325.56 We're grateful for the generous weekly standing orders. In the meantime, we continue to appreciate and rely on all who pay by standing order and we still 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.

Seven Last Words: my thanks to the quartet for a lovely rendering of Haydn's 'Seven Last Words' and to all who supported us from the local churches and beyond. We took a collection at the end of the evening for the people of Ukraine, which has gone via the Disasters Emergency Committee, representing fifteen major charities (including Cafod). The collection totalled £205, for which many thanks.

Lenten Soup Lunches: £205 was also – coincidentally – the sum raised over the Seven Wednesday lunches. This money has been given to the Leiston Food Bank, which has ever-increasing requests for support. I'm grateful to the variety of people who made wonderful soup – though I was only able manage the first and last of the lunches. Thanks also to other Christians in Leiston who supported us so well.

The SVP Collection at Holy Thursday's evening Mass raised the wonderful total of £345.25, and the members of our SVP Conference have asked me to express their thanks for your generosity.

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, Anne Alban, Derek Randall, Veronica Bayley, Peg Regan, Ailsa Miller, Angela Brunning, and Una Blissett. Pray for Ailsa Miller and all who died recently and for Eva Morrison, Gerard Haskayne Maybury Beverley Fellowes, Charlie Lewis, and all whose anniversaries occur this week.

Parish Pilgrimage to Puglia: For the last few years – with the exception of lockdown/pandemic, we have had a more or less annual parish pilgrimage organised by David Jennings. Following our pilgrimage to Rome last September, we plan to go to Puglia this year. The proposed dates are Monday, 16th October to Friday, 20th. David has been in touch with those who have been before, but if you are interested and haven't travelled with us on previous pilgrimages, do let me know and I will give you the necessary information.

Is there anyone who is able to give a lift to the 1100 mass to two ladies, each living in Aldeburgh, who were isolated during lockdown, longing to return to Mass, but unable to do so without a lift. Please have a word if you can help – even if it is not every single week. It would be so much appreciated.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: this will take place on the first May Bank Holiday Monday – 1st May. It will begin at 12noon with the Regina Caeli and the Crowning of the Statue in Friday Market – outside the parish church in the village. It will be followed by a Rosary Procession to the Basilica, led by the parish of King's Lynn. At 14.00 there will be a service of reconciliation in the basilica, followed by confessions there and around the crosses outside. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass at 15.00 celebrated by Bishop Peter Collins in the Chapel of Reconciliation (the Basilica). Please see the posters in both churches.

A new website is currently under construction, thanks to the kindness of Kevin and Jane Gale. I've seen the early stages, and am very happy, and we hope to have it up and

running very soon. It is almost certain that a new website address will be needed since, those who have tried of late have been directed to a Croatian website instead

Readings for Easter Sunday (Year A)

First reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.

Responsorial Psalm

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad

Second reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Sunday Reflection

Each one of our four canonical gospels – the four which are accepted by the Church as being authentic – ends with stories of the discovery of the empty tomb and accounts of the appearances of the risen Jesus. Throughout the first week of the Easter period the gospel at Mass is taken from this material. Today we read John's account of the discovery of the empty tomb. The account gives a prominent role to Mary Magdalene, who becomes known by Christians as 'the apostle to the apostles'. Mary of Magdala was first to go to the tomb, before the dawn when it was still dark, and discovered it empty. Jesus was missing – the master who had understood her and cured her, the prophet she had followed faithfully until his death. Who would she follow now? So her lament to the disciples was: *They've taken my Lord from the grave and we don't know where they have put him.* Her lament could express the experience that many Christians are living through today: What have they done with the Risen Jesus? Where have they put him – the Lord in whom we believe: is it a Christ full of the promise of life or a Jesus whose memory keeps fading little by little in our hearts?

In order to meet the Risen One we need above all to journey within. If we don't meet him inside ourselves, we won't meet him anywhere. Later, John describes Mary going about looking for information. But when she does see Jesus, she's so blinded by grief and tears that she does not recognize him; she thinks he's the gardener. Jesus just asks her a question: *Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?*

Maybe we too need to ask ourselves something similar: Why is our faith so sad and low-key? What are Christians today looking for? What do we yearn for? Are we going around looking for a Jesus that we need in order to feel full of life in our communities? When Mary doesn't recognize Jesus, he calls her by her name, with the same tenderness in his voice as when they were walking through Galilee: Mary! She turns around quickly: Rabbuni! Master!

Mary meets the Risen One when she feels herself personally called by him. That's the core of resurrection faith. Jesus shows himself full of life to us when we feel ourselves called by our own name and we hear the invitation that he makes to each one of us. That's when our faith grows. Our faith in the living Christ won't be revived only by the Easter accounts alone. We won't properly meet him if we don't seek a living, personal contact with him. A combination of the love of Jesus known through the Gospel and sought personally in the depths of our hearts, can best lead us to meet the Risen One.