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Newsletter for  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 06/08

#### Masses during the Week

All Masses from Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

**Saturday:** 1800 Aldeburgh\*  
**Sunday:** 0915 Leiston (People of the parish)  
1100 Aldeburgh\*  
**Monday** **No Mass today**  
**Tuesday** 0900 Leiston  
**Wednesday** 0900 Aldeburgh\*  
**Thursday** 0900 Leiston  
1100 Leiston – funeral of Jenny Tuohy  
**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\\_jvjwglRDw/livestreaming](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 greetings to your own parish communities.

**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.

**The Funeral Service for Jenny Tuohy** will take place at All Saints', Leiston at 11.00 on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August. Please remember Jenny and her widowed husband, Nick, in your prayers.

**Fr Tony's Diary:** Monday – lunch with Aldeburgh clergy. Tuesday – Holiday at Home – Fairfield Centre – lunchtime. Safeguarding meeting – pm. Thursday 1100 – funeral service for Jenny Tuohy. Friday - meeting with clergy welfare officer – 1100. Saturday HMP Warren Hill and Hollesley Bay – Mass at 09.00 and 10.30.

**Feasts during the Week:** Wednesday – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein). Thursday – St Laurence. Friday – St Clare. Saturday – St Jane Frances de Chantal.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your collection last weekend, which totalled £225.86. 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.

**New altar servers:** we were so lucky this year to have eight children making their first holy communion, and hope that some of you would like to become altar servers. We've started asking in Leiston and have four volunteers – so let's hear it from the Aldeburgh end!

**Please remember in your prayers,** Helen Standon, Joseph O'Mahoney, 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 Jenny Tuohy all who died recently, and for Pam McKibbin and all whose anniversaries occur this week.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>-Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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, and on the website

**Food Bank;** we make regular contributions to our local food bank in Leiston, and your donations of the kind of food that is a proper contribution to a balanced diet, together with toiletries, is much appreciated.

**Fr Tony's retirement.** If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift for Fr Tony, there are special gift aid envelopes for cash in both churches 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. This collection will close on Sunday 13 August.

**Photos of Liam and Cameron Charleston** will hopefully appear on the website. The World Youth Day contingent from our own diocese are currently spending a week in the northern Portuguese city of Viano do Castelo, before moving south the Lisbon.

**Catholic Listening and Prayer Ministry** The Diocesan ministry of listening and prayer offers a series of sessions with trained people of faith to listen and pray with you and suggest where you could go to get further help if necessary. To make an initial appointment, please leave a message at 01603 957653. Calls are confidential and someone will get back to you within 48 hours. Please be aware this is NOT a crisis line.

**Aldeburgh Carnival Service** takes place on the Moot Green on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August at 18.00. This replaces our usual monthly United Service, but this year it coincides with my being in Lourdes with the diocesan pilgrimage. So, please do your level best to try and support it. It is a great gathering of visitors and locals, and there will be interviews with those connected with the Carnival & music by Ipswich Salvation Army Band

**Readings for the Transfiguration of the Lord Year A**

**First reading:** Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched  
thrones were set in place  
and one of great age took his seat.  
His robe was white as snow,  
the hair of his head as pure as wool.  
His throne was a blaze of flames,  
its wheels were a burning fire.  
A stream of fire poured out,  
issuing from his presence.  
A thousand thousand waited on him,  
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.  
A court was held  
and the books were opened.  
I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became  
his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

**Responsorial Psalm**

***The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.***

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right.

***The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.***

The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.

***The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.***

For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth,  
exalted far above all spirits.

***The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.***

**Second reading:** 2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the

power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***This is my Son, the Beloved:***

***he enjoys my favour.***

***Listen to him.***

***Alleluia!***

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**Sunday Reflection:**

Since it is a feast of the Lord, the Transfiguration takes precedence over the ordinary Sunday celebration whenever 6<sup>th</sup> August falls on a Sunday. But the Gospel of the Transfiguration is read, as it is every year on the Second Sunday of Lent, when we recall the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem.

In the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, all of whom recount the incident, it is found just as Jesus is beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested, tried, tortured and executed. The Transfiguration provides a glimpse of something beyond the apparent tragedy of the cross. Jesus is at prayer and it is at this moment that the disciples witness a transformation. Both his face and his garments are miraculously changed, suggesting something beyond our experience.

The vision seen by the three disciples is further enriched by the presence of Moses and Elijah, who can be understood as bearing witness to Jesus. It is they who along with so many prophets and holy people have prepared for the coming of the Messiah.

The cloud and the voice are also part of the experience. As on so many occasions in the Old Testament they speak of the presence of God. The climax comes when God speaks, calling Jesus his beloved Son and commanding the disciples to 'listen'.

As Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem, courageously facing whatever will meet him there, the disciples are encouraged to follow his way. They may well face suffering and even death, but the way of Jesus truly leads to life. The event so struck the three disciples that they never forgot it, and it became a valuable part of the gospel witness to Jesus, assuring all faithful disciples of future glory.

Many of us will experience in our life those 'mountain-top-moments' when we're taken beyond daunting times and situations to the assurance of better days to come.

