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Newsletter for
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Masses during the Week

All Masses from Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday: 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday: 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh* (People of the parish)
Monday No Mass today
Tuesday No Mass today
Wednesday No Mass today
Thursday No Mass today
Friday 1130 Aldeburgh* (Mass for Winnie and Gerry Gavigan, followed by interment of ashes.)
Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday 0915 Leiston
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 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.

Fr Tony's Diary: Sunday-Wednesday – on holiday. Thursday – Diocesan Trustees Meeting 1000. Saturday – Mass at HMP Warren Hill and Hollesley Bay -0900 and 1030.

Welcome to Fr Chris Dobson, who is kindly covering the masses this weekend while I am in Devon for my niece's wedding. I shall be taking a few days off after the weekend – post-Easter break, but will be back late on Wednesday. Unfortunately, there won't be a mass on Thursday because the diocesan trustees meet at 1000.

Mass on Friday will be at 1130, and will be offered for the response of the souls of Gerry and Winnie Gavigan, both of whom died during lockdown. Because it wasn't possible to have a funeral mass at the time, this mass will be the family and the parish's memorial for them, prior to the burial of their ashes after mass.

Veronica Bayley RIP: Veronica had been ill for some time, and died peacefully on Tuesday, 25th April, surrounded by her family. Her funeral service will be on Wednesday, 18th

Mary at 13.30 at All Saints, Leiston, followed by burial at Aldringham

Una Blissett RIP. Una's funeral Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady and St Peter, at 12.30 on Monday, 15th May.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering last Sunday of £223.65 We're also 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.

Retiring collection for Priests' Training Fund. Last week's retiring collection brought in the wonderful total of £509.57 – thank you so much for your generosity which will help defray the seminary fees for our students in training for the diocese.

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, Peg Regan, Angela Brunning, and Bob Lloyd. Pray for Una Blissett, Veronica Bayley and all who died recently and for Gerry Gavigan, Bob Taylor 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.

Marriage Celebration Mass: Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to join him at the annual Marriage Celebration Mass on Saturday June 3rd at 11.30 at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist. All married couples and their families are welcome! Those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries (one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter, or individual years from 60 years onwards) will receive a certificate from the Bishop. If you would like to register for a certificate please visit the website <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/> or contact the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, Dr Antonia Braithwaite, on mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk.

A new website is currently under construction, thanks to the kindness of Kevin and Jane Gale. But it is up and running and we will try and complete it as soon as possible. In the meantime, the address can be found at the beginning of the newsletter, and the newsletter itself can be accessed. If you have any suggestions of anything you would like to be included, please let me know. There won't be much done in the next few days while I am away!

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

First reading: Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,

so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

Sunday Reflection

The account of the last evening of Jesus with his

disciples in the gospel of John includes several speeches, punctuated from time to time by interventions from his disciples. It is most appropriate that these passages are read during the second half of the Easter season as we approach the feast of the Ascension and the return of Jesus to his Father. His first words in today's passage are words of reassurance which contrast strongly with his earlier prediction of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial. Thomas asks about the way to the place where Jesus is going. 'I am the way, the truth and the life' says Jesus. The words of Jesus in John's gospel constantly underline that in him truth and life are to be found. Philip, on the other hand, is impatient to see the Father. Jesus' reply echoes the constant teaching of the gospel that 'the only Son has made God known. Both the answer to our searching and the satisfaction of our longing are found in Christ. To know Jesus is to know the Father. To see Jesus is to see the Father.

Easter Prayer to Our Lady instead of 'Hail Mary'

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!

For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!

Has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!