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Newsletter for
Fourth Sunday of Easter 23/04

Masses during the Week

All Masses from Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday: 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday: 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh* (People of the parish)
1400 Baptism of Sebastian Southam*
Monday **No Mass today**
Tuesday 0900 Leiston
Wednesday 0900 Akdeburgh*
Thursday 0900 Leiston
Friday 0900 Aldeburgh* (Mass for the King)
Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh *

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjpgLRDw/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: Monday – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham; Tuesday – St Alban's High School Governors' meeting 1730. Wednesday – Assembly – Aldeburgh Primary School 1445; Friday – Diocesan Schools' Commission. Then away till Wednesday week.

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, 17th May 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 £361.83. 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: Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations – often called 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. There will, as is customary on this Sunday, be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund. Envelopes for this purpose are available. If you took one last week, they are out of date, so please take a new one – and put your offering in it.

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 and Angela Brunning, Pray for Una Blissett, Veronica Bayley and all who died recently and for Teresa Lloyd, Nancy Colchester, 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.

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. I shall be going for the Mass, but can't get there any earlier, and won't be returning here immediately. I could give a lift to Walsingham, but if anyone else is planning to go and offer a lift, please let me know.

Coronation of King Charles III: Prayer leaflets are available at Mass today, and we will use them at the end of Mass to pray for him and Queen Camilla. But next weekend, I shan't be here, because my niece, who had booked the date long before the Coronation date was fixed, is getting married in Devon. So I shall be away from Friday afternoon until the following Wednesday. I'm delighted to say that Fr Chris Dobson will be here for all masses next weekend, and I am sure you will, as always, make him welcome! Mass for the King and Queen will be offered on Friday morning.

For anyone who doesn't have the leaflet to hand!
Fr Tony will say a prayer. Then:

V. O Lord, save Charles, our King
R. **And hear us on the day we call upon you.**
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. **And let my cry come before you.**
V. The Lord be with you.
R. **And also with you.** *Another prayer follows*

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

First reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of yo

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

***I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!***

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life and have it to the full.

Sunday Reflection

On most of the days of the Easter season, which goes from Easter Sunday till Pentecost, the gospel passage set down to be read at Mass is from the Gospel of St John. This gospel, also known as the Fourth Gospel, contains rich teaching and new understandings of Jesus which supplement what is found in the other gospels. Our reading this Sunday is from the tenth chapter of John, in which we are presented with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

In the verses read this year there is an additional focus. While Jesus contrasts the shepherd of the sheep with the 'thief' and the 'bandit', he goes on to refer to himself as

'the gate for the sheep'. Not only does Jesus lead his people, but he is also the way through which they enter to reach life.

Jesus comes so that we may have life and have it in plenty. The Easter season is a prolonged celebration of the gift of life which we receive from the moment of our baptism, and our anticipation in our full sharing in it in the life to come.

The second reading also celebrates the new life of Baptism. The image of the shepherd is found here too, As Jesus is called 'The Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.

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!

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.