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Newsletter for
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30/07

Masses during the Week

All Masses from Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday: 1800 Aldeburgh* (Alec Gray+)
Sunday: 0915 Leiston (People of the parish)
1100 Aldeburgh*
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_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.

Fr Tony's Diary: Tuesday: Parish Finance Committee – 0930. Zoom Meeting – Churches' Funeral Group – 1100. Wednesday – Fr David Bagstaff visiting.

Feasts during the Week: Monday – St Ignatius Loyola. Tuesday – St Alphonsus Liguori. Wednesday – St Peter Julian Eymard. Friday – St John Vianney.

Money Matters: Thank you for your collection last weekend, which totalled £342.90. 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 Alec Gray, Bernard Ryan, Kathleen Redpath 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 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, 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.

CAFOD: update on the conflict in Sudan. Violent

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.

Violin and piano Recital, Helen Stanley and Nadia Lasserson. 12.00 Aldeburgh Parish Church, Monday 31st January. In aid of Save the Children. Mozart, Schubert, Stravinsky. All welcome - around an hour.

I can't adequately express my gratitude for the lovely party which was held last Saturday night in the Parish Hall of St Peter and Paul in Aldeburgh. It was lovely to see so many people from both our churches and beyond and I am so grateful to those who beavered away behind the scenes and worked in preparation on the day. I hope I managed to express my feelings about the last eleven and a half years in this caring, loving and welcoming parish, and my gratitude for the assurance of prayers in the form of the spiritual bouquet. Fr David Bagstaff will be spending part of Wednesday with me, so that we can begin to make plans for the handover, but I will make the most of the remaining weeks with you. Tony.

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.

Readings for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12 The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Lord, how I love your law!

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

Lord, how I love your law!

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Lord, how I love your law!

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Lord, how I love your law!

Second reading: Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Sunday Reflection

The Liturgy of the Word this Sunday celebrates the treasure we receive in the teaching which comes from God. Our gospel reading, from the chapter in which Matthew has collected many parables of Jesus, offers us, once again three short, but separate parables. Two of these, the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price, provide rich images of the teaching of Jesus and what a great gift it is. The first reading from the First Book of Kings, considers how King Solomon received the gift of a discerning heart from God. Jesus teaches with a wisdom which fulfils and surpasses the wisdom of Solomon.

The final parable, the dragnet cast into the sea, has similarities to the parable of the weeds in the field, which we heard last Sunday. The harvest from the sea contains both good and bad and these will only be separated at the judgement. Once again Matthew reminds us of the 'blazing furnace' symbolising the place where God can no longer be found. The anguish of the loss of God is expressed by the image of fire, and in the phrase, 'there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth'.

The parable discourse of Jesus comes to an end with the question 'Have you understood?' The wise disciple of the kingdom of heaven treasures both what is newly discovered and what is old.

New Dawn In The Church – Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference In Walsingham From 31 July 2023 – 4 August 2023.

New Dawn in the Church is a Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference that takes place each year at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. This year the conference will take place from Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August and offers an outstanding programme of liturgy, sacraments, prayer, praise, worship, teaching, workshops, age-

appropriate ministries (creche, children and youth), fellowship, and community. We will be joined by several renowned speakers, over twenty workshops, and various exhibitors including Radio Maria England, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Genesis Mission, March for Life UK, Rachel's Vineyard, SPUC, Cenacolo, Youth 2000, Mary's Meals and more. As Liaison Bishop for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, we are delighted to announce that Bishop David Oakley of Northampton Diocese will be joining us for the entire week. Full conference details including how to register can be found at <https://www.newdawn.org.uk/new-dawn-2023/>.

Pope Francis has written a letter in the form of a beautifully crafted film, helping us understand the impact of climate change in a simple truth message. It is available on line: <https://youtu.be/Rps9bs85BI>

CAFOD: As conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please pray for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>

