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Newsletter for
Seventh Sunday of Easter 21/05

Masses during the Week

All Masses from Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday: 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday: 0915 Leiston (Teresa Maybury +)
1100 Aldeburgh* (People of the parish)
1800 United Service at Fairfield Centre
Monday No Mass today
Tuesday 0900 Leiston
Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh*
Thursday No Mass today
Friday 0900 Aldeburgh*
Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh * (People of the parish)

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvwjGLRDw/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 Safeguarding Audit – am. Wednesday – Radio Maria 20.00. Thursday – Study Day with Bishop Peter in Newmarket.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering last Sunday of £238.26 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 for the Catholic Communications Centre, the agency of the Bishops' Conference that liaises with the media.

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, Merle Frew, Anne Alban, Derek Randall, Peg Regan, and, Angela Brunning. Pray for Una Blissett, Veronica Bayley and all who died recently, and for Marie Louise Ronchetti-Blum, Albert Bennell, and all whose anniversaries occur this week.

Bob Lloyd has expressed his thanks for your prayers following his recent hip replacement. It was good to see him back with us on Ascension Day, just four weeks after the operation.

Save The Date - Father Tony's retirement party will be on Saturday 22 July, 7.15- 9.30 pm at the parish church hall, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh IP15 5DU. Catering has been arranged, so there is no need to provide food.

Fr Tony's Retirement Gift If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift for Fr Tony, there will be special gift aid envelopes for cash in both churches after Mass over the next few weeks 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.

Parish Reading Group: the next meeting is at Annie Morris's, 10.00 a.m. Friday 26 to discuss Introduction, Chapter 7 and Epilogue of *The Falling Dusk*.

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.

There are still four places left and David Jennings will be coming for a meeting with those who have booked and those who are interested on **Thursday, 8th June** at our church hall in Leiston at 19.30.

An Update on my Retirement: Many of you may know that the original plan was that I should move to a bungalow next to a new presbytery in Newmarket, which the diocese was planning to build. Without going into the details, the local planning authority have turned down the application, and so I am now in the process of flat-hunting in the area. If the search is successful, it will mean that instead of going into temporary accommodation when I leave, awaiting the completion of the building, it should be possible for me to move in when I leave in September. But I will keep you posted.

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.

Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)

First reading: Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Responsorial Psalm

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Second reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Father, the hour has come:

glorify your Son

so that your Son may glorify you;

and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him,

let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted

to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only

true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I have glorified you on earth

and finished the work that you gave me to do.

Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me

with that glory I had with you

before ever the world was.

I have made your name known

to the men you took from the world to give me.

They were yours and you gave them to me,

and they have kept your word.

Now at last they know

that all you have given me comes indeed from you;

for I have given them the teaching you gave to me,

and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you,

and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them;

I am not praying for the world

but for those you have given me,

because they belong to you:

all I have is yours and all you have is mine,

and in them I am glorified.

I am not in the world any longer,

but they are in the world,

and I am coming to you.'

Sunday Reflection

These are the opening words of the prayer that John attributes to Jesus at the Last Supper, on the night before he died. Jesus speaks of the hour to which the whole of his life has been directed. He prays that the Father will glorify him. This will happen through his death and resurrection, and the subsequent raising of Christ, with his risen humanity, to the presence of God. Through this Easter mystery eternal life is bestowed on those who believe. The work of Jesus is now complete, and he prays for those who, through his preaching, have come to know the Father's name. He distinguishes them from the world that does not know or accept him. These true disciples have realised that Jesus comes from the Father and that his teaching is true and reliable. Jesus stresses that his prayer is for those who believe, and not for the world. While Jesus is soon to leave this world, his faithful followers will remain to continue his work. They will be supported by the prayer of Christ to the Father.

Family Enrichment Conference: Raising a family as a couple or as a single-parent has always been challenging. Issues

range from spousal relationship, social media influence, challenging behaviour at home, how to pass on the Catholic Faith and many others. Everyone is invited to attend the Family Enrichment Conference on Saturday 10th June 2023 to explore these topics and to take home practical tips and encouragement from the four guest speakers. The conference will start at 11:00am at Our Lady Immaculate and Saint Etheldreda church hall in Newmarket. To book tickets and for more details, please visit <https://familyenrichmentconference.eventbrite.co.uk> or email fejune2023@gmail.com. Children's activities and lunch are free but need booking due to limited spaces. Free parking.

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!