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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	1230 Aldeburgh* Funeral Mass for Una Blissett
Tuesday	No Mass today
Wednesday	1130 Aldeburgh* Mass for Gerry Gray Followed by interment of ashes.
Thursday	1000 Aldeburgh*
<u>Ascension Day</u>	1330 Leiston. Funeral Service for Veronica Bayley 1900 Leiston
Friday	No Mass today
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday	0915 Leiston (Teresa Maybury +) 1100 Aldeburgh * 1800 United Service at Fairfield Centre

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 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: Back to normal! Monday – Funeral Mass for Una Blissett 1130. Tuesday – Bishops' Council meeting – early start, hence no Mass. Ministry to Priests support group – pm. Wednesday – Mass for Gerry Gray at 1130. Thursday – Funeral of Veronica Bayley. Friday – Walsingham Trustees -1000 Walsingham.

Ascension Day falls on Thursday, and is a holiday of obligation. Mass times as above.

Thanks to Fr Chris Dobson, for covering Mass last weekend. I'm delighted to hear that he revealed the truth about the anointing of our new bishop at his ordination.

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 Thursday, 18th 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 £273.32 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 next Sunday 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, Anne Alban, Derek Randall, Peg Regan, Angela Brunning, and Bob Lloyd. Pray for Una Blissett, Veronica Bayley and all who died recently and for Lilian Hood, Teresa Mary Maybury and all whose anniversaries occur this week.

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.

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.

Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

First reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him; and
he rules for ever by his might.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth

Second reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God

that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Sunday Reflection

Our reading from the gospel of John contains one of several references, in the speeches of Jesus on the night before he dies, to the Advocate, The Holy Spirit. These references to the Spirit prepare us to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, which concludes the Easter season. Only in the fourth gospel is the Spirit referred to as 'the Advocate', 'the Paraclete', 'the Spirit of Truth'. Jesus stresses that the world of sin, opposed as it is to truth and goodness, does not welcome the Spirit. In fact, the world of sin is incapable of receiving the Spirit.

Later in these speeches Jesus affirms that the Spirit will remind the disciples of what he has taught and lead them into the fullness of truth.

Jesus reassures the disciples that he will not abandon them. Even though he will no longer be seen by the world, the bond between him and his disciples endures. This bond is maintained by the Spirit. This bond is the life Jesus shares with us, a bond which draws us deeper into the life of God.

The passage begins and ends with reference to the Commandments of Jesus. Living the commandments is proof of the love the disciples have for him. Jesus speaks later of his one commandment, 'love one another as I have loved you'. This Spirit inspired love, shown in

living the commandments and loving the brothers and sisters, keeps us fully alive in the new life of the risen Jesus, drawing us deeper into the life of the Father. These precious words of Jesus are like a symphony in which the different themes are played and played again in their various forms. The words of Jesus with the Eucharist and the priesthood, are treasured parting gifts of the Lord to his friends, gifts which maintain his presence in a troubled and unbelieving world.

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!

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.