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Newsletter for
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 02/07

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 0900 Leiston
1030 Leiston – Ecumenical Prayer
Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh*
Thursday **No Mass today**
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_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. This should now be the normal practice in most churches by now. Following a bout of Covid, I shall use a separate chalice for the time being.

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. Although I shan't be here then, we'll try to arrange an initial meeting in July before the end of term.

Leiston Churches Together: about a year ago at one of our regular meetings it was decided that, once a quarter, we would gather in one another's church for a time of prayer together. It's our turn this week, and I hope that you will join me at All Saints as we welcome our fellow Christians from the town. It would also be much appreciated if someone would be willing to make coffee after the time of prayer (no more than half an hour). Many thanks. Tony

Fr Tony's Diary: Tuesday – prayer with Leiston Churches Together. Wednesday – Assembly, Aldeburgh Primary

School.Thursday 1030 – Meeting of Diocesan Schools Commission at Cambridge. Saturday – ordinations at the Cathedral – am.

Money Matters: Thank you for your collection last weekend, which totalled £389.30. 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.

Retiring Collection next Sunday for **Stella Maris** – formerly the Apostleship of the Sea – the world's largest Christian organisation for the welfare of seafarers.

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, Shane Dawson and Peg Regan. Pray for all who died recently, and for John McNeillis, Betty Newton, 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

World Youth Day: our two altar servers at Leiston, twins, Liam and Cameron Charleston will be part of a sixty strong group of young people from our diocese who will be going to the World Youth Day in Lisbon with Pope Francis, later this month. The Pope has recently said that he can hardly wait! But their time away will include some days in a parish in Northern Portugal, and the WYD itself is actually more than a day long because the group will be spending some time in Portugal's beautiful capital city. Since I've been here, I am not sure whether we have had any young parishioners who have gone to World Youth Day, but it is customary in the parishes from which the pilgrims come to take a collection to help defray the not inconsiderable costs involved. So we will do that on the weekend of Sunday, 16th July. I'm sure you will want to support them, and we look forward to hearing about it when they return.

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. Please continue to be generous in both churches.

Readings for 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
by your favour it is that our might is exalted;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Sunday Reflection

Today's gospel verses are the concluding words of what in Matthew's Gospel is known as the Missionary Discourse, the second of his major 'speeches' in this gospel. He challenges his disciples and us too to put no other person before our faith in him. For Christians there are new family ties, which, though not undermining our love of those dear to us, give us a broader perspective and a considerable challenge.

The cross is mentioned for the first time in Matthew's gospel, not the cross of Jesus, but the difficult burden that each one must bear in imitation of him. We are called to give our lives as Christ himself will give his life.

But the embrace of missionary discipleship offers us new joys. Those who offer a welcome to the disciples of Christ forge a relationship with Jesus, and with 'the one who sent him'. Friendships are transformed and offer us a wider and everlasting scope. How we treat others in this life, particularly 'the little ones' will bring us close to Jesus and to the one who sent him.

The first reading tells us how the prophet Elisha, centuries before Christ, received generous hospitality from a woman of Shunem. Her kindness is rewarded in an extraordinary way.

Clare Priory Craft Fair 8th & 9th July, Sat and Sun 10.00 - 17.00. Free park and ride off A1092. Adults £5, Seniors £4, Accompanied under 16s free. Registered Assistance Dogs only. Details from www.clarepriory.org.uk

CAFOD: update on the conflict in Sudan. Violent 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>

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/Rps9bs85BII>

Attendance Lists It would be helpful to have an indication of likely numbers at the party so, if you're planning to be there, please could you add your name and the number of people in your group to the list at the back of each church. Many thanks.

Celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Pilgrimage in Walsingham on Sunday, 23rd July. You will find details on the poster in both churches

Fr Tony's retirement party Just a reminder that this will be on Saturday 22 July, 7.15-9.30 pm at the parish church hall, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh IP15 5DU. 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 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.

Spiritual bouquet As well as a farewell gift for Fr Tony, we are arranging a spiritual bouquet. This takes the form of a card which tells someone about prayers or Masses etc that will be offered for them and their intentions. If you would like to take part, there will be paper slips at the back of both churches. All you need do is write on the slip your contribution to the spiritual bouquet eg. five Our Fathers, a decade of the rosary, a Mass etc. There's no need to add your name, as all the contributions to the bouquet will be collected together and written in the card. Alternatively, you can email your contribution to fathertonymsparty@gmail.com. Any questions may also be sent to this email address, or contact Lucy Rowan-Robinson.