

## Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh (and All Saints, Leiston)

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### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th October 2023

#### Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

<b>Saturday:</b>	1800 Aldeburgh*
<b>Sunday (29th)</b>	0915 Leiston People of the Parish 1100 Aldeburgh* Don & Beryl Edwards RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass today</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	0900 Leiston Lita Barbosa RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	1000 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish 1900 Leiston
<b>Thursday</b>	0900 Leiston
<b>Friday</b>	0900 Aldeburgh*
<b>Saturday</b>	1800 Aldeburgh* Gerry Gray RIP and John de Boer RIP
<b>Sunday (5th)</b>	0915 Leiston People of the Parish 1100 Aldeburgh*

#### Livestreamlink for Mass

[https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a\\_jvjpgLRDw/livestreaming](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjpgLRDw/livestreaming)

**Welcome to anyone who is visiting us this weekend.** Coffee etc is served after the Leiston Mass – Come and join us in the hall.

On Wednesday we celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints**. It is a holyday of obligation with the Aldeburgh Mass at 10.00am and Leiston at 7pm.

On Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> November) we keep **All Souls' Day**, with the parish Mass being at 9am in Leiston. On this day, and throughout the month of November, we remember our departed loved ones and deceased members of our parish and all those who have no one to remember them in prayer. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

What a tragic and sad three weeks this has been for the world, as we have watched the news in the growing Israel and Gaza conflict. Our prayer for peace and an easing of tensions in the Middle East is so important and to remember those on both sides who have already died and for all those who are mourning the loss of their loved ones, as well as those still being held in hostage and for those displaced. We also pray that humanitarian aid may urgently get through to

avoid an even greater disaster, as well as to remember those seeking peace through diplomatic paths.

**Confirmation:** It has been decided to postpone the bishop's visit for Confirmations to next year. It will probably be June, but I will confirm the date as soon as possible. Several names were given to Fr Tony, but some of these may have got lost, so would those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please resubmit their names (or submit for the first time) as soon as possible – either by email, or in writing. Normally Confirmation is for those in Year Nine or above, but Year Eight is possible, but no younger, please. We also need a couple of Catechists to prepare our young people for the Sacrament. Any offers to help?

**First Communion Programme for 2024.** Please let me have names of those who are at the stage of making their First Confession and Communion next year. Year 3 and upwards.

**Feasts during the Week:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints Day; Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls Day; Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> – St Charles Borromeo (memorial).

**We need a volunteer** to represent the parish at the Bishop's Council of Laity on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November to be held at Poringland, Norwich, starting at 10.30 for 11.00am. Let me know if you can do this. Thanks.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your collections over the past two months. 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: 'St Peter's Catholic Church Parish Account' 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. If you have a problem trying to set up direct debit, please get in touch.

**New altar servers:** We are still looking to recruit!!

**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.

**DAY OF RENEWAL IN THE HOLY SPIRIT:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at St Mark's Church, Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich, IP2 0QQ. Begins 10.00am with Mass and ends 4.30pm. Speaker: Fr Simon Penhalagan.

**RISE UP!** A special event for young people (Year 7 upwards). Live music; inspiring talks; powerful prayer times; special guests and ending with a vigil Mass followed by refreshments. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm-8pm at St. John' Cathedral, Norwich. For further information and to book a place go to: [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

I'm looking to shorten some curtains. Does anyone know someone who may be able to help?

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick and housebound in the parish and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Have a blessed week. Fr David

**Readings for the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year**

**First reading**                      **Exodus 22:20-26**

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this:

“‘You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“‘If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“‘If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.’”

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**Responsorial Psalm**            **Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51**

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise,  
when I call I am saved from my foes.

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me,  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed.

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

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**Second reading**                      **1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that

you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

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

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**Gospel**                                      **Matthew 22:34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’