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Newsletter for
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25/06

Masses during the Week

All Masses from Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday:	1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday:	0915 Leiston (John McNeillis +) First Communion Mass 1100 Aldeburgh* (people of the parish) First Communion Mass
Monday	No Mass today
Tuesday	0900 Leiston
Wednesday	No Mass today
Thursday	1000 Aldeburgh*
<i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	1900 Leiston
Friday	No Mass today
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.

This weekend, eight children in our parish will be making their First Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers, asking the Lord to bring them closer to him in the years that lie ahead. My special thanks go to Lucy Rowan-Robinson, our catechist who has opened her heart and home to the children over the last few months.

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.

Feasts this week: Monday – Dedication of the Cathedral. Wednesday – St Irenaeus. Thursday – St Peter and Paul.

Friday – First Martyrs of Rome. Saturday – St Oliver Plunkett.

Fr Tony's Diary: Monday – Requiem Mass for Archbishop Peter Smith at Cathedral. Tuesday/Wednesday – to St Mary's Ascot for retreat. Friday – funeral Mass at St the Cathedral. Because of masses elsewhere, there won't be a mass in the parish on Monday, Wednesday or Friday – apologies.

Money Matters: Thank you for your collection last weekend, which totalled £285.26, with a further £194.15 to Pro-Life Charities. 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.

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.

An Update on my Retirement: The grand clear out is now underway – its both cathartic and traumatic! I have the skip for a few more days!

The changeover week for our moves will be in the week beginning, 18th September, so my last Sunday here will be 17th September. News of my replacement will be made known as soon as we are in a position to go public!

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, on your emails, and on the website

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.

St Vincent de Paul National Pilgrimage to Walsingham and Sacrament for the Sick, led by Bishop Peter, Sunday 2nd July. Mass 13.30, Sacrament for the sick 15.15 and Benediction 16.00. Everyone is invited.

Apologies for disruption of end of week masses. I had a short bout of COVID – felt under the weather for a couple

of days, but temperature and testing now back to normal.
Thanks for your concern and prayers, but all is well!

Readings for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me "Terror from every side!"
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends watched for my
downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him and take our revenge!
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered
the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm

In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

Second reading: Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin
death, and thus death has spread through the whole human
race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world
long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no
one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death
reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin,
unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.
Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself
considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through
one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that

divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ,
came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived
among us: to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For
everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and
everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you
in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers,
proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill
the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul
in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet
not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing.
Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is
no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of
sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men,
I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in
heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of
men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Sunday Reflection

We continue reading what is called the Missionary Discourse
of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus encourages the apostles
to speak out and foresees the persecution of the
missionaries. He urges the disciples to remember the
providential love of God. In words reminiscent of the Sermon
on the Mount, he points to the Father's care even for the
well-being of sparrows.

At the same time he recognises that great courage is
necessary to preach the gospel. It is not easy to shout the
truth from the housetops. It is not easy to declare oneself for
Christ in the presence of those who ridicule and mock
religion. The gospel reading invites us to ponder on the
thousands of Christians who have spoken up for their faith
at the risk of losing their lives, not only in distant centuries
but also in our own day.

The first reading considers the words of Jeremiah who was
persecuted for preaching the truth of God. He speaks of his
distress, but also of his trust in the Lord who will protect him.
The prophetic mission of Jeremiah and his fidelity amid
suffering help us to understand the mission and suffering of
Christ.

Our passage from the Letter to the Romans is of great
significance. St Paul explains that while our first parents
opened the gates for sin to enter the world, the actions of
Jesus Christ brought the free gift of life and salvation.

Ss Peter and Paul falls on Thursday of this week and is a
holyday of obligation. Please note the usual holyday Mass
times for both churches.

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>

besent to this email address, or contact Lucy Rowan-Robinson.

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.

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.

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