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Newsletter for  
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16/07

#### Masses during the Week

All Masses from Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

**Saturday:** 1800 Aldeburgh\*  
**Sunday:** 0915 Leiston  
1100 Aldeburgh\* (people of the parish)  
1800 United Service at Fairfield Centre  
**Monday** No Mass today  
**Tuesday** 0900 Leiston  
**Wednesday** No Mass today  
**Thursday** 0900 Leiston  
**Friday** No Mass today  
**Saturday** 1800 Aldeburgh\* Mary Shorter\*  
**Sunday** 0915 Leiston (Diamond Wedding –  
Ian and Jane Linden  
1100 Aldeburgh\* (Jesse Webb).

#### Livestreamlink for Mass

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

**Fr Tony's Diary:** Monday pm Farewell for CEO of St John the Baptist MAT in Norwich. Tuesday – am Historic Churches Committee am. Ministry to Priests overnight stay – Clare Priory. Wednesday – meeting HMP Highpoint 1030 and meeting in Norwich at 1600.

**My thanks** to Fr Don for covering the Saturday evening Mass while I am at a wedding in Tostock.

**United Service** today (Sunday) at the Fairfield Centre at 18.00. It's the turn of the Baptists to lead. Please try and give us your support as Christians in Aldeburgh gather together to pray.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your collection last weekend, which totalled £283.50, and for the Stella Maris collection £329.05 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** this weekend to help our two Leiston Servers, Liam and Cameron – two of the sixty young people from the diocese representing us later in the month at the World Youth Day in Lisbon.

**New altar servers:** we were so lucky this year to have eight children making their first holy communion, and hope that some of you would like to become altar servers. We've started asking in Leiston and have four volunteers – so let's hear it from the Aldeburgh end!

**Please remember in your prayers,** Helen Standon, Joseph O'Mahoney, 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 Robert Baillieu, Ruby, Anne And Clive Baillieu, Mary Eaton, Tony Mathias 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 18<sup>th</sup>-Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

**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.

**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>

**Celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Pilgrimage in Walsingham on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July.** You will find details on the poster in both church

### Readings for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

**First reading:** Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

***Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.***

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain.

***Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.***

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows;  
you level it, soften it with showers;  
you bless its growth.

***Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.***

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

***Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.***

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

***Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.***

**Second reading:** Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

#### Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!***

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,  
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,  
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,  
for fear they should see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their heart,  
and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

#### Sunday Reflection

One of the interesting features of Matthew's gospel is that it contains five extensive discourses of Jesus, the first of which is the section we refer to as 'the Sermon on the Mount'. Matthew seems to have compiled these speeches

to indicate that Jesus is a teacher greater than Moses. As Moses inspired the first five books of the Bible, known as the Pentateuch, Jesus leaves us in five speeches the new law of the gospel. Although set out as five 'speeches' it is fair to assume that they represent words that Jesus spoke at different times, and not necessarily in the order set out in the text.

The central discourse in chapter thirteen is a case in point. It is a collection of the parables of Jesus, of which the parable of the sower is the first. It's all about hearing, about really listening, about responding and about bearing fruit.

Later in the chapter Jesus explains that the seed represents the word of the kingdom and that it falls into different situations and suffers various fates. The obvious question is what kind of reception are we providing for God's word. The challenge is to produce a hundredfold which in agricultural terms would be a fantastic, indeed impossible task.

**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.

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**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 [fathertonysparty@gmail.com](mailto:fathertonysparty@gmail.com). Any questions may also be sent 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