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Newsletter for  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 09/07

#### Masses during the Week

All Masses from Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

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| <b>Saturday:</b> | 1800 Aldeburgh*   |
| <b>Sunday:</b>   | 0915 Leiston<br>1100 Aldeburgh* (people of the parish)  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>No Mass today</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 0900 Leiston<br>1030 Leiston – Ecumenical Prayer  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 0900 Aldeburgh*   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>No Mass today</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>No Mass today</b>  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 1800 Aldeburgh*   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 0915 Leiston (People of the Parish)<br>1100 Aldeburgh*<br>1800 United Service at Fairfield Centre |

#### Livestreamlink for Mass

[https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a\\_jvwjLRDw/livestreaming](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvwjLRDw/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 – Saxmundham & Kelsale Churches Together meeting 14.30. St Alban's High School Governors' meeting 17.30, Thursday – Funeral in Cambridge 11.00 (hence no Mass). Friday – Interviews for chaplain at St Alban's, Ipswich – 09.00-16.00. Saturday – wedding at Tostock Parish Church – pm.

**Sorry that there is no Mass on Thursday or Friday** – diary gives explanation.

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

**United Service** next 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 £322.60. 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 for **Stella Maris** – formerly the Apostleship of the Sea – the world's largest Christian organisation for the welfare of seafarers.

**Retiring Collection next weekend** to support our servers at Leiston – Liam and Cameron – who are off to World Youth Day (or fortnight) in Lisbon at the end of the month.

**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 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.

### Readings for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

**First reading:** Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the ear

#### Responsorial Psalm

***I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.***

I will give you glory, O God my king,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.

***I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.***

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

***I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.***

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

***I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.***

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down.

***I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.***

**Second reading:** Romans 8:9,11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

#### Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,***

***for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children. Alleluia!***

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

#### Sunday Reflection

Our reading today is exclusively made up of the words of Jesus. The initial two verses are addressed to the Father, while in the remainder of the reading Jesus addresses his listeners. Both parts of the reading contain words of great beauty and great intimacy.

Jesus begins by praising the Father for allowing 'these things' to be known by those who, like children expectant of good things from loving parents, open their hearts and minds. In the previous passage in Matthew's gospel Jesus had condemned the refusal to repent of the lakeside towns. Despite the evidence of the mighty deeds and powerful preaching of Jesus their response was lukewarm.

Jesus rejoices in those whose hearts are open to receive and to learn. His next statement makes clear that he is the way to the Father. It is through knowing him that we come to know the Father. It is the Son alone who fully knows the Father and it is through the Son that those who are ready to receive and to learn come to know the reality of God. These words may well remind us of some of the statements in John's gospel. 'It is the only Son, who is nearest the Father's heart, who has made God known.

No one can really listen to the final words of Jesus without being moved at the compassion of God. As the reading from the prophet Zechariah illustrates, the Messiah comes not to demand and control, but humbly to offer new life and strength..

**Canon David Bagstaff:** As I told you in the email on Tuesday, David will be coming here when I retire. He is Vicar General of the Diocese, and parish priest of Bury St Edmunds. I can assure you that you will find in him a caring, open and welcoming priest, and, as I said before, I am confident that you will make him feel welcome from Day One. I will say more about him in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please be assured that he is very much looking forward to coming here.

**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, 23<sup>rd</sup> July.** You will find details on the poster in both churches

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 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,