

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd August 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Alec Gray RIP
Sunday (2nd) 0915 Leiston People of the Parish
1100 Aldeburgh*

Monday No Mass today

Tuesday No Mass today

Wednesday No Mass today

Thursday No Mass today

Friday No Mass today

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Sunday (9th) 0915 Leiston

1100 Aldeburgh*

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvwgLRDw/livestreaming

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting our parish and thank you for your offertory gift, which you can 'gift aid' by using one of the envelopes at the back of church.

Refreshments served in the hall after the Sunday Mass at Leiston. All welcome.

I am very grateful to Fr Chris Dobson who is covering our Sunday Masses for these next two weekends.

As you leave Mass today, do pick up a Prayer Card to use in preparation for the Ipswich Deanery EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 6-13th September 2026.

Feast Days this week: Tuesday – St John Vianney; Thursday – The Transfiguration of the Lord; Saturday – St Dominic.

The SVP Summer Raffle is here! Multiple prizes from £100 to £5,000! SVP members will be selling tickets after Masses

in both Aldeburgh and Leiston on the weekend 29th-30th August. Please bring cash -£1 per ticket, ££5 per book. Proceeds are split equally between the national SVP office and our own SVP conference, which helps local people in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Aldeburgh Carnival United Service (led by the local churches): Sunday 16th August at 1800 down on the sea front. All welcome.

Eucharistic Congress, Ipswich (6-13th September) culminating with Sunday Mass on the 13th September at Ipswich Corn Exchange celebrated by Bishop Peter. Pick up a leaflet for more details. All are welcome.

Food bank donations: Families come under increasing pressure during the summer holidays without the support of free school meals and breakfast clubs. Please be generous in your continued donations in the box in the church porch for the food bank at Leiston. They have asked for more toiletry items especially toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet rolls, shower gel and shampoo. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Suffolk Churches annual Cycle Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 12th September. If you would like to take part, either by cycling or walking, then pick up a sponsor form, together with lists of open churches, from the back of church. 50% of your money will go to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the other 50% to our parish. The funds raised make a massive contribution to the preservation and future of the historic churches and chapels of Suffolk. If you enjoy cycling or walking, then this is a good one for you!

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 21st - 28th August 2026 You can find more information on the diocesan website <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage-21-28-august-2026/> and on the Catholic Association website: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/calourdes125> Also by contacting Deacon Huw Williams: e-mail: Huw.williams@rcdea.org.uk Mobile: 07399 163718 – please leave a message.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Faith & Light, part of the L'Arche family supporting those living with learning difficulties/special needs and their families, invite all with leaning difficulties or special needs to a join them at their pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 5th September. A light lunch is available at the Village Hall in Walsingham High Street from 12.00 noon, we walk the Holy Mile at 13.00 and celebrate Mass together in the Chapel of Reconciliation at 15.00.

Jubilee Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome (27-31st October): The cost of the pilgrimage is ££1,550 per person sharing a twin or double room, with a limited number of single rooms available for a supplement of ££220. The price includes return airfare with 10kg carry-on baggage, accommodation, transport in Italy, guiding services, gratuities and entrance fees. Please note that the itinerary is not suitable for less able travellers. There are a few remaining places available. For more information please see:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/diocese-to-celebrate-golden-jubilee-with-pilgrimage/>

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection not available at time of printing. We are also grateful for the generous weekly Standing Orders, which currently amount to about £826 per week. Have you set up a Standing Order with the parish? It's easy: 'St Peter's Catholic Church Parish Account' Sort Code 20-98-07: a/c number: 90777048. **For Gift Aid purposes, the Charity number for the diocese is 278742.**

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

Every blessing for the coming week Fr David

Readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

'Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. R cf. 16

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

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

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing.

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.

The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Second reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and Sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4b

Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth
of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' But Jesus said, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'We have only five loaves here and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left

over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.