

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

(With All Saints, Seaward Avenue, Leiston,
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

22nd March 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (22nd)	0915 Leiston Roger Clark RIP 1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Monday	No Mass today
Tuesday	No Mass today
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh* 1100 Funeral Mass at Leiston for Margaret (Peg) Regan RIP
Thursday	1800 Leiston
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (29th)	0915 Leiston Peg Regan RIP 1100 Aldeburgh*

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwglRDw/livestreaming

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

Tea/coffee is served in the hall after the Sunday Mass at Leiston. All welcome.

Sorry, there is no Mass on Tuesday this week, as I will be taking a Funeral Mass at St Mary's, Ipswich.

This Wednesday we celebrate The Annunciation of the Lord.

Masses next weekend will be slightly longer because of the blessing of palms and the Passion reading.

Food bank collection this weekend, 21st/22nd March: Please place your items in the porch and they will be taken to our local food bank. Many thanks.

Lenten Conversations We have the final one on Thursday evening at Leiston starting at 1830, following Mass at 1800:

The theme this week is: 'God chooses the Poor', led by Christine Quinn and Michael Turnball. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross this week will be at Aldeburgh on Friday at 12noon.

A string quartet will be performing Haydn's Seven Last Words from the Cross at Aldeburgh on the Monday of Holy Week, 30th March at 7pm. Each movement has programmatic details within the music, ending with a dramatic portrayal of the earthquake. There will be meditative readings alternating with the music. All are welcome and the performance lasts about an hour. Suggested donation £10.

Holy Week Services. The Maundy Thursday evening Mass will be at Aldeburgh at 7pm; Good Friday 3pm Service will be at Leiston, and the Easter Vigil with the First Mass of Easter will be on the Saturday evening at 8.00pm at Aldeburgh. The Easter Sunday Masses will be Leiston at 9.15am and Aldeburgh at 11.00am.

There is a list at the back of church for Eucharistic Ministers and for the foot washing (Maundy Thursday). Please sign up. Readers for the Services at Aldeburgh are being co-ordinated by Helen. Feel free to make contact if you would like to read. Those reading the Passion next Weekend, may like to collect a copy from Fr David, so that they can look over the text.

World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea If you are interested in going on this amazing pilgrimage, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth. Places are limited! You need to be 18 by the summer of 2027.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £329.45p. We are also grateful for the generous weekly Standing Orders, which currently amount to about £640 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 of the year.

Every blessing for the coming week. Fr David

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

First reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 130(129):1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. R7bc**

*With the Lord there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the sound of my pleadings.

*With the Lord there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.*

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

But with you is found forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

*With the Lord there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.*

I long for you, O Lord,
my soul longs for his word.
My soul awaits the Lord
more than watchmen for daybreak.

*With the Lord there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.*

More than watchmen for daybreak,
let Israel hope for the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.

It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

*With the Lord there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.*

Second reading**Romans 8:8-11**

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Gospel Acclamation**John 11:25a, 26**

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Everyone who believes in me shall never die.
Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Gospel**John 11:1-45**

At that time: A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.' After saying these things, he said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.' Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the

stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.