

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8th March 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	Teresa Gray RIP
Sunday (8th)	0915 Leiston	People of the Parish
	1100 Aldeburgh*	Michael Williams RIP
Monday	No Mass today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	Maura Payne FM
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Thursday	1800 Leiston	
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*	Monica Meadows FM
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	Margaret de Boer RIP
Sunday (15th)	0915 Leiston	
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish

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.

The Monthly United Prayer Gathering at Leiston/Saxmundham is on this coming Tuesday at 10.00am at Saxmundham parish church. All welcome.

Lenten Conversations We will be running three conversations this lent, starting this week. All at All Saints church, Leiston starting at 1830, following Mass at 1800.

1. 12th March. Searching For Prayer, led by Patricia Newton and Gordon Melvin.
2. 19th March. Social Media, led by Johnny Dawson. (a teenager or twentysomething would be welcome help)

3. 26th March. God chooses the Poor, led by Christine Quinn

Each will be a lively discussion and debate the more varied the ideas the more interesting they will be. If you can help with any of the sessions, please send Johnny an email john dawson@blueliner.co.uk All welcome, bring a friend.

Stations of the Cross: Friday at 12noon in Aldeburgh.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: I will be available for Confessions at Leiston on Saturday 14th March between 3 and 4pm; and then at Aldeburgh on Saturday 21st March between 3 and 4pm.

Food bank collection 21st/22nd March: Please bring whatever you can as a special collection for our local food bank. All items welcome but especially Toiletries, Nappies, pasta, rice, sources, and tinned food.

As has become traditional in recent years, 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.

Inviting Young people Year 7 to Young Adults for a special Ipswich Deanery Youth Day - 14th March held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Ipswich. The day will include Inspiring talks, prayer, games and delicious food! For more information and to download a parental consent form, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £266.50p. 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. **And for Gift Aid purposes, the Charity number for the diocese is 278742.**

Last week's CAFOD collection = £312.70p

Please remember in your prayers Barry James Stedman who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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 Third Sunday of Lent (A)

First reading

Exodus 17:3-7

In those days: The people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' And the Lord said to Moses, 'Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.' And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Second reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. John 4:42, 15

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.
Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Gospel

John 4:5-42

At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come here.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming — he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.'

Just then his disciples came back. They marvelled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you seek?' or, 'Why are you talking with her?' So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?' They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, 'Rabbi, eat.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Has anyone brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My

food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest"? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me all that I ever did.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.'