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Newsletter for  
Fifth Sunday in Lent 26/03

**Masses during the Week**

**All Masses from Aldeburgh are live-streamed\***

<b>Saturday</b>	1800 Aldeburgh* (people of the parish)
<b>Sunday</b>	0915 Leiston (Suzanne & Maurice) 1100 Aldeburgh* (Paul McComish+)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass today</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	0900 Leiston
<b>Wednesday</b>	0900 Aldeburgh*
<b>Thursday</b>	0900 Leiston
<b>Friday</b>	0900 Aldeburgh*
<b>Saturday</b>	1800 Aldeburgh*
<b>Sunday</b>	0915 Leiston (Keith Nixon+) 1100 Aldeburgh*

**Livestreamlink for Mass**

**[https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a\\_jvwgLRDw/livestreaming](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvwgLRDw/livestreaming)**

**Welcome to anyone who is visiting us this weekend.** And a Happy Mothering Sunday to all mums! Hope you're spoilt by the rest of the family!

**British Summer Time:** A reminder that the clocks go forward this weekend. Those at the Saturday evening mass needn't worry, nor need anyone with a smartphone or digital clock, but don't leave yourself with a nasty surprise on Sunday morning!

**Maurice and Suzanne Bennell** are celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary this weekend, and the 0915 Mass will be offered for their intentions. Everyone is invited to the hall after mass at Leiston.

**Paul McComish's ashes** will be buried after the 1100 mass this weekend.

**Fr Tony's Diary:** Tuesday: Leiston Churches Together meeting 1030; Penitential Service Felixstowe, 1400. Wednesday, Finance Committee Meeting 0930, at Leiston. Saturday, Mass at HMP Warren Hill and Hollesley Bay – 0900 and 1030

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection which came to £216.50. We're grateful for the generous weekly standing orders. In the meantime, we continue to appreciate and rely on all who pay by standing order and we still 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.

**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, Una Blissett, Anne Alban, Derek Randall, Veronica Bayley, Peg Regan, Ailsa Miller, Angela Brunning, and all who are sick or in isolation; and all who died recently and for Dorothy Goodchild, Beatrice Ruth Jamieson, Jenny Ogilvie, and all whose anniversaries occur this week.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Puglia:** For the last few years – with the exception of lockdown/pandemic, we have had a more or less annual parish pilgrimage organised by David Jennings. Following our pilgrimage to Rome last September, we plan to go to Puglia this year. The proposed dates are Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October to Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>. David has been in touch with those who have been before, but if you are interested and haven't travelled with us on previous pilgrimages, do let me know and I will give you the necessary information.

**Lent Lunches – Soup and roll – tea and coffee** will be held each Wednesday in Lent at All Saints, Leiston at 12 noon. This is part of our contribution to what Christians Together in Leiston are doing in this season.

**The Lent Book – 'The Falling of Dusk'** seems to be going down well for those who are reading it. Towards the end of Lent we'll have a book club meeting – open to all who are interested – at Annie Morris's house to share our thoughts and discuss the book. Probably in Holy Week.

**Holy Communion Under Both Kinds** will be re-introduced on Holy Thursday. I have shared a reflection on the restoration of the practice on my talk this week (Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>) on Fr Tony's Home Channel. Just a few things to note:

- Though encouraged for many years, the option to receive from the chalice remains with the communicant.
- It is a fuller sign of the Lord's command to eat and drink.
- The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have studied the medical concerns and are happy to go ahead.
- Anglicans restored the chalice about a year ago, and there don't appear to have been any problems.
- I am more than happy to consume any Precious Blood remaining in the chalice, should extraordinary ministers of communion feel uneasy about doing so.

**Seven Last Words.** On Monday of Holy Week at 1900 in Our Lady and St Peter we shall, as has been the custom since before I came to Aldeburgh be having a performance of Haydn's 'Seven Last Words' with readings to accompany each of the words from Timothy Radcliffe OP's book of meditations.

**Would anyone be able to offer a lift to the 1100 masses to two people – both of whom live in Aldeburgh, but have no transport.**

**Copies of St Matthew's account of the Passion** are available in the sacristy of both churches for those who will be reading. Please take a copy home to practice. For each Mass we need a male voice, a female voice, and either male or female for the narrator's part

### **Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)**

**First reading:** Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

***With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.***

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

***With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.***

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you.

***With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.***

My soul is waiting for the Lord.  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.)

***With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.***

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

***With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption***

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

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, 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. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; 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.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour, You alone are King of Glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour, You alone are King of Glory**

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by;

but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart,

'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.