

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

Welsh Martyrs Church
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30 th March 2025 4 th Week of Lent Lætare Sunday Year C Weekday Year I Psalter Week IV			
Date	Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 30th March Lætare Sunday "Mothering Sunday"	Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass <i>Marie Clare Costly</i> 10:30am Holy Mass <i>Carol Stagg RIP</i>	9:00am Holy Mass <i>Johnny Devlin RIP</i>	11:00am Holy Mass <i>Pro populo</i>
Mon 31st March			
Tue 1st April			6:00pm Reconciliation 6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Mass <i>Thomas Xavier</i>
Wed 2nd April	9:00am Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass <i>Frances Verrecchia</i>		
Thu 3rd April	UNIVERSITY CAMPUS – CAMPWS Y BRIFYSGOL 6:30pm Reconciliation 7:00pm Holy Mass <i>November Dead List</i>	9:30am Reconciliation 10:00am Stations of the Cross 10:30am Mass <i>Defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill</i>	
Fri 4th April	5:00pm Reconciliation 5:30pm Stations of the Cross 6:00pm Holy Mass <i>Mary Brennan RIP</i>		
Sat 5th April	9:30am Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass <i>Roman Zelesny RIP</i>		
Sun 6th April 5 th Sunday of Lent	5:00pm – 5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass <i>Pro Populo</i> Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass <i>End of abortion</i> 10:30am Holy Mass <i>Truss Family</i>	9:00am Holy Mass <i>Pro Populo (of Lampeter parish)</i>	11:00am Holy Mass <i>Anne Lester in Thanksgiving</i>
Sunday Collection - Casgliad y Sul <i>Thank you for your generosity - Diolch am eich haelioni.</i> £498.72 loose plate, (Aberystwyth & Aberaeron) £171.70 (Lampeter - Llanbedr Pont Steffan)			

Mothering Sunday The fourth Sunday of Lent, known as Lætare Sunday, was traditionally the day one would return to one's 'mother church' i.e. the church of your Baptism. In modern times this day has become 'Mothers' Day' and is a celebration of Motherhood. At the end of the Sunday Masses there will be the blessing of mothers, and prayers for our mothers who may have gone to their eternal reward.

Easter Family Fun Day Easter Monday (Easter Bank Holiday) 21st April from 12:00 noon until 3:00pm at St Padarn's School, Llanbadarn Road. Following the great success of last year's event, the family fun day is back! There's something for everyone: Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bonnet Making and Parade, Toy and Craft Stalls, Face Painting, Biscuit Decorating, Hot Food & Drinks, Cake Stall, Tombola, Raffels and much more beside. Entry is free so do please come along to support parish projects. The organisers are also looking for donations for the Tombola and Raffle – do you have anything you could contribute? Please leave any donations in the kitchen clearly marked 'Easter Event' and if you would like to help in any way please contact Jacky Seymour on 07554 118 435.

Divine Mercy Sunday The Sunday in the Octave of Easter, 27th April, is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. This is the day of specific devotion to the Divine Mercy – that is, the vision of Christ Most Merciful, who appeared to Saint Sr Faustina Kowlaska. At 3:00pm the Chaplet of Divine Mercy shall be prayed in Welsh Martyrs Church and everyone is welcome to attend. A plenary indulgence is associated with this celebration: For those who have been to confession, received holy communion, offered a prayer for the intentions of the pope and have prayed the Lord's prayer and the creed, the indulgence is given upon celebrating the chaplet.

Eucharistic Miracles and The Shroud of Turin Presentations Some time ago Mike Pietrzyk gave a talk on the Shroud of Turin at Welsh Martyrs Church – and I'm told the event was a great success. Mike is returning to Wales and he's coming back to the parish to give a new presentation on eucharistic miracles. He's also going to repeat the Shroud of Turin talk for those who may have missed it. Please save these dates in your diary and invite others to come along:

- Friday 9th May, Welsh Martyrs Aberystwyth, Eucharistic Miracles, 6:00pm, followed by evening Mass.
- Saturday 10th May, Holy Cross Aberaeron, Eucharistic Miracles, 11:00am.
- Sunday 11th May, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lampeter, Shroud of Turin, 6:00pm.

Chrism Mass During Holy Week the bishop blesses the sacramental oil which will be used across the diocese for the following year. This year the Chrism Mass will be at St Joseph's Cathedral at 11:30am on Tuesday 15th April (on alternate years the Chrism Mass shall alternate locations with and be celebrated at St David's Cathedral Cardiff).

Thank you Thank you to all who took part in last week's fire drill at Holy Cross, Aberaeron and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Lampeter. The evacuations took place in 1min24sec and 1min28sec respectively, well inside the 3min limit. The only observation to make is that no one at Aberaeron used the rear fire exit, despite it being a closer door for some (and noting that it opens close to the gathering area at the rear of the church). Signs are now in place in all three churches on how to behave in the event of a real emergency. Please do look at these important notices.

Jubilee for Healthcare Workers At St David's Cathedral Cardiff and at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Morrison, Swansea, on Saturday 5th April. The year of Jubilee will be celebrated especially for healthcare workers. The Mass at Cardiff Cathedral will be celebrated at 11:00am by Fr Peter Davies lead chaplain of Cardiff and the Vale Health Board and at Morrision by Canon Jason Jones, Chaplain to Morrision Hospital.

Welsh National Pilgrimage/Pererindod Genedlaethol Cymru i Cysegrfan Genedlaethol Cymru, Mair o Aberteifi to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan. This will take place on Sunday 25th May 2025. This annual event is led this year by Archbishop Mark O'Toole. From 1:30pm there will be an opportunity for confessions. The Rosary Procession starts at 2:30pm and is followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Benediction and blessing of the sick takes place at 5:15pm. For more information please call Canon Pius Augustine on 01239 612615.

Jubilee Resources for Families CELEBRATE have compiled a new resource for families, including those with additional needs. There are short creative activities that families can choose from to enable them to draw close to Jesus, our hope, and to enable them to share that love with others. To download the resource for free, go to <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebrate-prayer-resources> and click on 'Jubilee for All'.

Pastoral Letter Next weekend, Archbishop Mark O'Toole has instructed the clergy to present his pastoral letter concerning legislation on the topic of assisted suicide.

Donations If you'd like to donate to the mission of Aberystwyth parish, you can use this QR code. Many thanks for your generosity.



Food Bank Collection points are in each church porch. Recent needs include:

Aberystwyth: grateful for whatever you can give,
Aberaeron: grateful for whatever you can give,
Lampeter: grateful for whatever you can give.
Diolch yn fawr iawn – thank you very much!