

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

Welsh Martyrs Church
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Holy Cross Church
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23 rd March 2025 3 rd Week of Lent Year C Weekday Year I Psalter Week III			
Date	Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 23rd March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass <i>Priest's Intention</i> 10:30am Holy Mass <i>Thresiamma Xavier</i>	9:00am Holy Mass <i>Johnny Devlin RIP</i>	11:00am Holy Mass <i>Pro populo</i>
Mon 24th March	11:00am Funeral Mass of Iestyn Daniel. N.B. at Llanbadarn Chruach		
Tue 25th March The Annunciation of the Lord	9:00am Holy Mass <i>Matthew Xavier</i>		6:00pm Reconciliation 6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Mass <i>Mgr Michael Lewis RIP</i>
Wed 26th March	9:00am Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass <i>November Dead List</i>		
Thu 27th March	UNIVERSITY CAMPUS – CAMPWS Y BRIFYSGOL 6:30pm Reconciliation 7:00pm Holy Mass <i>Rose Elizabeth Diuan RIP</i>	9:30am Reconciliation 10:00am Stations of the Cross 10:30am Mass <i>Sick and Deceased Clergy</i>	
Fri 28th March	5:00pm Reconciliation 5:30pm Stations of the Cross 6:00pm Holy Mass <i>November Dead List</i> 6:45pm Adoration		
Sat 29th March	9:30am Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass <i>AMD</i>		
Sun 30th March 4 th Sunday of Lent Latare Sunday	5:00pm – 5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass <i>Pro Populo</i> 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>
Sunday Collection - Casgliad y Sul <i>Thank you for your generosity - Diolch am eich haelioni.</i> £420.86 loose plate, (Aberystwyth & Aberaeron) £184.20 (Lampeter - Llanbedr Pont Steffan)			

Funerals Iestyn Daniel's funeral Mass will take place at St Padarn's Church, Llanbadarn Fawr (Llanbadarn Church) on 24th March at 11:00am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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. Of course, having returned home to the place of your

birth and baptism, you would also make sure to see you mother (and father) too, or perhaps to lay flowers on her grave. 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.

Spring Forward (and fall back). Don't forget that the clocks go forward next weekend – 1:00am on Sunday 30th March will become 2:00am.

Altar Servers – Save the Date The Holy Week and Easter Liturgies are very beautiful but can be complicated. There will be a rehearsal of the Triduum celebrations for Altar servers on the afternoon/evening of Wednesday 16th April. If you would like to serve Mass during the Triduum, please do make sure you can come to the rehearsal. More information to follow soon.

Station Mass It is customary for a bishop to visit each of his deaneries and to celebrate the 'Station Mass' during the season of Lent – a tradition which has been longstanding within our former diocese. As the new diocese is now so much bigger, the bishop is continuing this tradition but will visit all the deaneries within the Lenten and Easter seasons. Our deanery of Our Lady of the Taper will host Archbishop Mark on Tuesday 29th May – the Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord.

Chrism Mass During Holy Week the Bishop blesses the sacramental oil which will be used across the diocese for the following year. The three oils – oil of catechumens, oil of the infirm, and oil of Chrism – are taken from this Mass and brought to each of the parishes. The Chrism Mass is also the occasion when the clergy renew their ordination promises, and when the bishop preaches to them directly. 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 Welsh Martyrs Church – the evacuation took place in 1min45sec, well inside the 3min limit. The only observation to make is that the meeting point at the lower part of the footbath would hinder emergency access, if required. Additionally, some congregated behind the church. Please note, the meeting point shall be the further from the church, towards Cae Dan Yr Haidd. 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.

Assisted suicide legislation Bishop John Sherrington, lead Bishop for life issues at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has placed a recording online explaining the objection to the proposed legislation passing through parliament seeking to legalise assisted suicide. Ahead of the Bill's Third Reading and vote, likely to take place in late April or early May, Bishop Sherrington insists all is not lost and that there's still time to contact your MP to ask them to oppose assisted suicide becoming law. His words can be heard on the Bishops' Conference Website. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

24 hours with the Lord As part of the Holy Year celebrations, Pope Francis has asked that churches in each diocese hold 24 hours of continuous adoration and confessions from Friday 28th March until Saturday 29th March. Here in mid Wales we may not have the population to sustain a full 24 hours of confessions and adoration, but might I encourage everyone in the parish to consider investing 1 hour of prayer this coming Friday after Mass, or by coming to adoration on Saturday mornings – thereby uniting ourselves with this world-wide initiative?

Congratulations and prayerful support Luke Jarvis, one of our university students, has been quietly considering his path in life and reflecting on where God might be directing him. I'm pleased to say that he has recently been accepted by Birmingham Diocese to commence his journey towards the priesthood. From the coming autumn Luke will be a seminarian at the Royal English College of St Alban at Valladolid (Spain). Luke, you will be in our prayers as you seriously consider you vocation, and commence formation for priesthood.

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!