

# Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

## Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

**Welsh Martyrs Church**  
Piercefield Lane,  
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**Holy Cross Church**  
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9 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent Year C Weekday Year I Psalter Week I			
Date	Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>8:30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Pro populo</i> 10:00am Reconciliation <b>10:30am Holy Mass</b> <i>John Rhydderch RIP</i>	<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b> <i>November Dead List</i>	<b>11:00am Holy Mass</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>10:30am Funeral Mass</b> <i>Johnny Devlin RIP</i>	
<b>Tue 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>			6:00pm Reconciliation 6:30pm Stations of the Cross <b>7:00pm Mass</b> <i>Philomena Callanan</i>
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9:00am Adoration <b>10:00pm Holy Mass</b> <i>Iestyn Daniel RIP</i>		
<b>Thu 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	UNIVERSITY CAMPUS – CAMPWS Y BRIFYSGOL 6:30pm Reconciliation <b>7:00pm Holy Mass</b> <i>Joyce Tyler RIP</i>	9:30am Reconciliation 10:00 Stations of the Cross <b>10:30am Mass</b> <i>Lisa Guy</i>	
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	5:00pm Reconciliation 5:30pm Stations of the Cross <b>6:00pm Mass</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>		
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9:30am Adoration <b>10:30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>		
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> March</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	5:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Pro Populo</i> <b>Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass</b> <i>For the needs of J.</i> <b>10:30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Bronglais Hospital</i>	<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b> <i>November Dead List</i>	<b>11:00am Holy Mass</b> <i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday Collection - Casgliad y Sul <i>Thank you for your generosity - Diolch am eich haelioni.</i> £261.02 loose plate, (Aberystwyth & Aberaeron) £246.05 (Lampeter - Llanbedr Pont Steffan)			

**Funeral** The funeral Mass of Mr John (Johnny) Devlin will take place at Holy Cross Church, Aberaeron on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am. His remains will then be taken to the Midlands, where Mass will be celebrated in his home parish prior to burial. ♦ Luccia Deremont’s funeral service will take place at Aberystwyth Crematorium on 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30am. ♦ Elizabeth Huxtable’s Funeral Mass will be at Holy Cross Church on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2:00pm with a committal at the crematorium at 4:00pm. ♦ Iestyn Daniel’s funeral Mass will take place at St Padarn’s Church, Llanbadarn Fawr (Llanbadarn Church) on 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am.

**Stations of the Cross** The Stations of the Cross are a popular Lenten devotion and will take place in each church during the weeks of Lent – Welsh Martyrs, Friday 5:30pm. Holy Cross, Thursday 10:00am. Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Tuesday 6:30pm.

**Lenten Day with Archbishop Stack “The Word of God in Human Language”** Our deanery Lenten gathering will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the National Shrine, Cardigan, starting with coffee at 10:00am for the first session to

commence at 10:30am. Archbishop Stack will be taking about his work as one of the team who prepared the new lectionary while he reflects on the book of Genesis. This day is aimed at everyone, but for those who have a ministry of reading it might be useful to have the insights as to how the archbishop's work has influenced how we hear God's word in our parishes today. The day will include Mass before a shared lunch, so please bring some food along. The day is free but you may like to make a donation.

**Penitential Service** The readings at Mass on Ash Wednesday started with the line "Return to me with all your heart". What better way to prepare for Easter by returning to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation? On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 5:30pm I'm going to give a talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation(Confession) – How does it work? How do I prepare? What should I say? How can I get the most from the experience? What if I just keep saying the same things each time? I would like us to look at how we can celebrate this sacrament in an authentic way. After the talk at 6:30pm we will have a visiting priest join us (Fr John Browne) for a reconciliation service at which each person will have the chance to go to confession. You are welcome to come to both the talk and reconciliation service, or to come to one or the other.

**Come and See at Whitland** The nuns of the Cistercians of the Strict Observance (Trappists) are holding a 'come and see' weekend for any lady who might be considering monastic life. It takes place at Holy Cross Abbey, Whitland from the 30<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June If you are interested please visit <https://www.hcawhitland.co.uk> or email the sisters at [comeandseehca@gmail.com](mailto:comeandseehca@gmail.com) They will also repeat the experience from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August.

**First Holy Communion Preparation** Preparation classes for the children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist will commence on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The classes will be held every Monday evening 4:00pm - 5:45pm during term time, until the beginning of July. The preparation classes will be held at St Padarn's Primary School. The classes will be led by a team of catechists and each catechist has a diocesan approved DBS. A programme of dates will be emailed out to the parents/carers of the children enrolled on the course. There will be an expectation to regularly attend the classes and attend a Mass on a Saturday night or on a Sunday. A baptism certificate must be produced by Easter for a candidate to continue with the preparation classes. The baptism certificates for children baptised in the Parish of Welsh Martyrs have been seen and noted. If your child was baptised elsewhere and you cannot find your baptism certificate, please do make contact with that parish and ask their priest to provide you with a certificate.

There will be a catechists meeting at St Padarn's School at 4:00pm – 5:00pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any queries, please contact Enid Brophy at St Padarn's School.

**Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)** is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at [csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey](http://csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey) and where you'll also find further information about the survey. The survey will close on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**Rite of Election** Four members of our parish community are traveling to Swansea this weekend to meet Archbishop Mark O'Toole at the Rite of Election at Swansea Cathedral. This liturgy is a formal acknowledgment by the Church of their journey towards sharing in the fullness of our Catholic faith. As Andrew, George, Jack and Lucy prepare to be received in to the Church during the Easter season, please do keep them in your prayers.

**Family Fast Day** during the Lenten season CAFOD organize the family fast day which this year is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. We are asked, either individually or as a family, to abstain from some item of food and to donate the money saved to CAFOD. This is to benefit those living in poorer parts of the world. Envelopes are available to use in which your donated money can be brought back to the church.

**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,

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*Diolch yn fawr iawn – thank you very much!*