

UPDATE on suggested Sunday Mass times

You'll have a note of everything that was written about the suggested Sunday Mass times in last week's newsletter, and so what is written here is **new information**. If you didn't see last week's information and you'd like to, simply get in touch and I'll be glad to email you a copy.

A key component in this process is your prayer and your feedback – many, many thanks to those who have contacted me in person or by email to share your thoughts. It makes me sad that I'm not able to meet everyone's preference – that's a reflection of the new reality we find ourselves in of multiple churches over a large area. However I've taken your comments on board and wish to suggest a new configuration. What follows, **replaces the suggestion of last week's newsletter**. This is an organic process, and the purpose of giving your feedback is so that we arrive at the best all-round decision by May 26th – you can assume that everything you read until then is still worthy of discussion. So, even if you've already been in touch with me, I'm grateful for any new feedback you may have about the following (the changes from last week are in **bold text**):

- Saturday **4.30pm**: Holy Cross, Aberaeron
- Saturday **6.30pm**: **Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth**
- Sunday 9am: Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth
- Sunday 11am: Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth
- Sunday **5.30pm**: **Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lampeter**

You'll notice that the Mass in Aberaeron has moved on by 30 minutes – this is because of bus timetables that mean a 4pm start is too early. Many thanks to the person who made me aware of this.

You'll notice too that the second Vigil Mass has reverted to Aberystwyth (albeit 30 minutes later than it currently starts).

You'll notice that the Sunday evening Mass has moved to Lampeter – this is based on feedback that if the parish of Lampeter has only one Mass, then a Mass *on the Lord's Day of Sunday* is preferable to a Mass that anticipates it on Saturday. I recognise that a Sunday morning Mass is preferable for many, and perhaps easier to access for those who travel a distance, or who don't wish to travel in the dark in winter time. But since the model we're looking for is to enable one priest to celebrate all the Masses when that's necessary, it's simply not possible to schedule this Mass for Sunday morning based on the current needs and size constraints of Welsh Martyrs Church.

I invite your comments on the above – no comment is too big or too small to share with me.

Please note that there will be no changes to Mass times until at least June 29th/30th.

God bless you
Fr Matt

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12th May 2024 | Seventh Week of Easter | Year B | Weekday Year II

Times of Holy Mass and other events Amserau'r Offeren a ddigwyddiadau eraill WM Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth HC Holy Cross, Aberaeron L Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lampeter UC Aberystwyth University Faith Space		Mass Intention Bwriad
Sun 12th May Seventh Sunday of Easter Seithfed Sul y Pasg <i>World Communications Day</i>	Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass (WM) (<i>Confessions 5.15pm</i>) 8.30am Offeren yn Gymraeg Holy Mass in Welsh (WM) 10am Holy Mass (WM) 10am Holy Mass (L) 12.30pm Holy Mass (HC) 6pm Msza Świąta po polsku Mass in Polish (L)	<i>Thanksgiving (Gillian Bunn)</i> <i>Dewi Gwynne RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>November Lists</i> <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i> <i>Priest's intention</i>
Mon 13th May Our Lady of Fatima	6pm Holy Mass (WM)	<i>Sr Carmel Hamill</i>
Tues 14th May St Matthias	<i>6pm Confessions</i> 6.30pm Holy Mass (UC)	<i>Students taking exams</i>
Wed 15th May	<i>9am Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions</i> 10am Holy Mass (WM)	<i>Joseph and Sarah Evans RIP</i>
Thurs 16th May	<i>9.30am Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions</i> 10.30am Holy Mass (HC) <i>6pm Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions</i> 7pm Holy Mass (L)	<i>November Lists</i> <i>John Guerin RIP</i>
Fri 17th May	<i>5pm Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions</i> 6pm Holy Mass (WM)	<i>Thanksgiving (for Shay)</i>
Sat 18th May	<i>9.30am Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions</i> 10.30am Holy Mass (WM)	<i>Rachel Evans RIP</i>
Sun 19th May Pentecost Sunday Y Sulgwyn	Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass (WM) (<i>Confessions 5.15pm</i>) 8.30am Holy Mass in Welsh (WM) 10am Holy Mass (WM) 10am Holy Mass (L) 12.30pm Holy Mass (HC)	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>November Lists</i> <i>Adam Hughes</i> <i>Openness to the Holy Spirit</i> <i>November Lists</i>
Sunday Plate Collection Casgliad y Sul: 28.4.2024 £514.77 (A) 5.5.2024 £502.11 (A) £117.05 <i>Many thanks for your generosity, diolch yn fawr am eich haelioni!</i>		

Pentecost Novena The word ‘novena’ meaning nine days of prayer, originally came from the experience of Our Lady and the apostles locked in the upper room between the Lord’s Ascension and the day of Pentecost – their nine days of prayer have been taken as a model of prayer for disciples when praying about a particular intention. It’s a really good thing to make something of this novena. Maybe you could consider each day one of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**. Come Holy Spirit, come! After each Mass this week we’ll sing a hymn to invite the Holy Spirit into our hearts and into our parish life.

Pilgrimage to Cardigan There are a few seats left on the minibus to Cardigan for the annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Taper this Sunday 12th May – please contact Madeleine (07866 626519) if you’d like a seat (£10 each).

Pentecost Next Sunday is the feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Many people refer to this as the ‘birthday of the Church’, since without the power of the Holy Spirit we remain dormant and tempted to look inwards. To recall how the apostles spoke in many different languages on that first Pentecost, we’ll pray the bidding prayers in the different languages of our parish – would you be happy to read a bidding prayer in your mother tongue next Sunday? Please get in touch. We look forward to the baptism of Adam Hughes during the 10am Mass in Aberystwyth.

Priest Training Fund The second collection in Lampeter raised £25.05 towards this fund – many thanks to those who have given to this fund, which sponsors the formation of our future priests. Next Sunday 19th May, some of the diocesan staff will be running in the Cardiff Bay 10K, raising money for the fund. If you didn’t have a chance to give to the second collection, and you’d like to sponsor the runners, you can do so at app.goodhub.com/meneviafollowtheflame.

World Communications Day This year’s theme is ‘Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication’. Pope Francis has written about artificial intelligence, recently, saying that ‘this time in history... risks becoming rich in technology and poor in humanity’. Let’s pray that our parishes be rich in humanity! And that we can make use the means of technology to serve the Gospel. **There is a second collection** for the work of communications in the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales.

‘**Praise to the Lord**’ *New Wineskins* invites you to a morning of Prayer, Praise and Healing in St Dyfrig’s Church, Pontypridd, on Saturday 18th May from 10am-12noon. The day will include a talk, time for praise and worship and Eucharistic Adoration, healing prayer ministry and time to chat over tea and coffee.

Our Father Talk Series The next talk in the series will be on the words, ‘Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven’. The session will be led by Sr Angela Murray, an Ursuline sister living in Cardigan, on Monday 20th May in Neuadd Goffa, following the 6pm Mass at Welsh Martyrs (therefore a likely start of around 6.45pm).

Marian Procession To honour Our Lady in her month of May, we’ll have a Rosary procession with her image in **Lampeter on Thursday 23rd May** after the 6pm Mass, and in **Aberystwyth on Sunday 26th May** at 5pm. All welcome!

Holy Cross Garden We’re planning to freshen up the garden at Holy Cross Church. Have you got ideas for how we can add plants or do a makeover of the beds? In the front we could add some companion plants for the roses, such as lavender, lilies, parsley, daisies and marigolds; at the back we hope to start a new herb bed. Donations of plants and herbs will be gratefully received! Anyone interested in helping in any way with the garden this year, please see Tricia Price. We’ll have a planting party with refreshments provided after Sunday Mass on 26th May!

Kingdom Building Team This team has grown organically in recent months in Aberystwyth parish, as we aim to help parishioners discover their God-given spiritual gifts – also called ‘charisms’. What are the charisms, anyway? And what do they look like in people’s lives? You’re warmly invited to a Kingdom Building evening on Tuesday 4th June to pray together, to discover more about what God might be wanting to do in your life, and to chat with others.

Men’s Recollection Due to a clash of dates there won’t be a men’s group meeting in May; the next event will be on Thursday 6th June at Welsh Martyrs. All men welcome!

New Lectionary The translation of the scripture readings that we hear at Mass is changing in a few months’ time. The translation we have at the moment is called the Jerusalem Bible, but is generally considered to emphasise ‘conversational style’ over ‘faithfulness to the original texts’. The Bishops Conferences of the English-speaking world have decided to change the translation we hear at Mass to the **English Standard Version**, which is considered to be more faithful to the original texts while remaining very ‘listenable’. That might mean some of the readings we’re used to hearing will sound quite different – but it’s a nice opportunity to refresh our relationship with the Word of God. This change will take place at the start of Advent this year. Parishes now need to order new versions, beautifully bound by the Catholic Truth Society. The lectionary will be published in four volumes, meaning we’ll need four of the large ‘Ambo editions’ for each of our three churches, and a Book of the Gospels for each church too. We may also need smaller study editions of each volume. Would you be happy to sponsor one of these books, perhaps to be dedicated in memory of a loved one? If so please email Fr Matt for more details.

Aberystwyth Parish Website The temporary parish site is now live, where you can find all the information you need while the new one is in preparation. Many thanks to those who’ve got us to this point! You can continue to use the same web address as advertised above (www.parishofaberystwyth.org.uk).

Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government’s Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion – essentially this would legalise DIY abortion right up to birth, for any reason at all. This Bill will be debated this coming Wednesday 15th May – so please **pray** for the defeat of these amendments, for the protection of unborn children, and for mothers in need right now; please also **contact** your MP urgently, asking him or her to oppose these extreme proposals. You can do this easily by going to www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments.

Ceredigion Young People’s Bursary 2024 Are you aged 11-25 and living in Ceredigion? Do you have a personal goal you want to achieve? Up to £1500 is available for young people aiming to reach their target. Please email gwion.bowen@ceredigion.gov.uk for an application form – all you need to do is say a bit about yourself and what you want to do with the money! Successful candidates will be chosen in July, and the deadline for applications is midnight on July 22nd.

Job Advert Catholic education in Pembrokeshire has changed recently. The four primary schools have been organised into two Federations of Catholic Schools, each to be looked after by one Executive Head and Governing Body. The federations are now Milford Haven-Fishguard; and Haverfordwest-Tenby. This latter one, the Mary Immaculate and St Teilo’s Catholic Primary Schools Federation, is recruiting to appoint a permanent Catholic Executive Headteacher for September 2024. Closing date for applications is 10th June 2024. Contact Paul White at education@menevia.org.uk.

Youth Residential organised by the Youth Council of Menevia and Cardiff: July 24th-28th in St Davids, Pembrokeshire, for £250 to cover everything – we’ll spend some days away walking, praying, eating and having fun. This event is for teenagers aged 14-18 from across our dioceses. If you’d like to go but don’t have the funds, please get in touch.

Donations If you’d like to donate to the mission of Aberystwyth parish, you can do so via the parish website or using this QR code. Many thanks for your generosity.



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

Aberystwyth: tinned tuna/curry/soup/fruit/custard, size 4+ nappies.

Aberaeron: grateful for whatever you can give.

Diolch yn fawr! Many thanks!