

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

Welsh Martyrs Church

Holy Cross Church

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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25th August 2024 | 21st Week in Ordinary Time | Year B | Weekday Year II

Date Dyddiad	Aberystwyth Welsh Martyrs Merthyron Cymru	Aberaeron Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Lampeter Llanbedr Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 25th August 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 21	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Aldo and Emilia Feroldi RIP</i> 8.30am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Sandra Taylor RIP</i>	8.40am Confessions 9am Holy Mass <i>Pauline Irons RIP</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i> 6pm Holy Mass in Polish <i>Priest's intention</i>
Mon 26th August St David Lewis	12noon Nuptial Mass <i>Aimee and Dean</i>		
Tue 27th August St Monica	6pm Holy Mass <i>Ben Morgan RIP</i>	9.30am Adoration/Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Friends of Suffering Souls</i>	
Wed 28th August St Augustine	9am Adoration & Confessions 10am Holy Mass <i>Dave Phillips RIP</i>		
Thu 29th August Passion of St John the Baptist			6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Holy Mass <i>Barbara Forbes-Jones RIP</i>
Fri 30th August	9am Adoration & Confessions 10am Holy Mass <i>Ints of Bill Donovan</i>		
Sat 31st August Memorial of Our Lady			
Sun 1st September 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 22	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Clara Lonappan RIP</i> 8.30am Offeren yn Gymraeg (Holy Mass in Welsh) <i>Elaine Hannon RIP</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	8.40am Confessions 9am Holy Mass <i>Private intention</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i>

Sunday Plate Collection | Casgliad y Sul *Thank you for your generosity! Diolch am eich haelioni!*

11th August **£453.66** 18th August **£530.57 (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron)** 11th August **£304.90** 18th August **£167.90 (Lampeter)**

Supply Many thanks to Fr Rod Teriote who will be offering supply in our parishes for the next three weekends. Fr Rod has recently arrived in the diocese as assistant priest in Sacred Heart, Morriston.

Nuptial Mass Please pray this week for Aimee Thomas and Dean Martin, who celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on Monday 26th August at Welsh Martyrs Church. May they be abundantly blessed by the love that the Lord has called them to make present. Please feel welcome to join for Mass at 12noon to surround them in prayer!

Of your charity Please pray for the eternal repose of **Grace Pugh**, whose funeral will take place in Welsh Martyrs Church at 10am on Friday 6th September. Please also pray for the repose of **Sally Cowell**, who died recently. Her funeral will take place in late September. Both Grace and Sally were fortified by the Last Rites as they prepared to be welcomed to the Father's House. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Schedule Change Please note that holy Mass on Friday 30th in Welsh Martyrs will be in the morning, and there will be no morning Mass or Confessions on Saturday. All the details are in the timetable above. As usual, the 8.30am Mass next Sunday 1st will be the monthly Welsh Mass – all are welcome: everything except the homily is in Welsh at this Mass.

‘Bread of Life Discourse’ You’ll have noticed that we’ve been listening to sixth chapter of John’s Gospel on Sundays for the last five weekends (including today). This Sunday brings our journey through that chapter to an end. What have your own reflections been on listening to Jesus’s words, that He is the **bread of life**? That he asks us to **eat his flesh** and **drink his blood**? And what about this Sunday, when Jesus allows those people who don’t take him at his word, to turn and leave? Notice he doesn’t chase after them. Rather, he turns to his twelve disciples and asks, ‘What about you, do you want to go away too?’ Listen to Peter’s response, full of faith: ‘Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.’ In what ways have you grown in adoration and wonder at the gift of the Eucharist that we have the opportunity to receive each time we go to holy Mass? In what ways would you like to continue to grow in your faith?

Time Capsule Many thanks to Nick and Conor, who successfully buried a time capsule in the grounds of Welsh Martyrs Church to mark the 50th anniversary. We hope the people of 2049 enjoy what they discover! Remember that you can own your own copy of Conor’s book, ‘A Short History of Welsh Martyrs Church’, written to celebrate its 50th anniversary, for a suggested donation of £5. Copies are available at all of our three churches (if they’ve run out, please ask Fr Matt).

Young Adults Event All young adults aged 18+ are welcome to stay after the 10.30am Mass in Aberystwyth this Sunday, for some food, friendship and formation: brunch at 12noon, a formation talk and discussion, a time of Eucharistic adoration and home at 2pm. Please pray for the fruitfulness of initiatives like this. Anything that gives life must be founded on the prayer of many faithful souls!

Clergy Moves Among various moves taking place in the autumn, please pray for Fr Paul Joseph, formerly parish priest in Aberystwyth until 2021, who will move to the parish of Maesteg and Aberkenfig at the end of October. His replacement in Haverfordwest will be a new priest to the diocese called Fr Ramesh Gundabithina.

Pilgrimage to Rome Join Archbishop Mark on pilgrimage to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, from 16-20 June 2025, for £1030pp (single supplement applies). The cost includes return flights from Bristol, transfers in Rome, half board accommodation, entrance tickets and a tour guide. The trip will include a visit to the ancient Catacombs, and also Mass and Eucharistic Procession with the Pope for the feast of Corpus Christi. You can book your place at www.pilgrimagepeople.org (select ‘Book’ from the toolbar, then ‘Italy’ from the drop-down menu, and then ‘Cardiff and Menevia’). A deposit of £300 is required by 13th September. For more information please email office@pilgrimagepeople.org.

NHS Employees If you work for the NHS at Bronglais hospital and would be interested to take part in some research around transport to work, please contact Fr Matt for more information – you would be asked to take part in an interview of between 40minutes and an hour.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lampeter) Fr Matt is available throughout the hour of Eucharistic adoration on a Thursday evening, in the sacristy – walk on to the sanctuary beside the altar and take the door on your left. In every honest confession we experience the joy and freedom of the Lord’s mercy as he unburdens us. Thanks be to God!

Counting Rota (Lampeter) We are returning to the pre-pandemic arrangement of the Sunday collection being counted in pairs at the church after the 11am Sunday Mass. If you’d be willing to join a rota for counting the Sunday collection, please have a word with Fr Matt or email lampeter@menevia.org.

Croeso | Welcome A warm word of welcome to you if you’re visiting this area on holiday. You’ve chosen well! Please know that we pray for our visitors, for your time here to be an experience of the Lord’s providence for you.

Donations If you’d like to make a donation to the mission of the 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: porridge sachets, Weetabix, biscuits, spray deodorant.

Aberaeron: grateful for whatever you can give.

Lampeter: strong ‘Bags for Life’, pasta, sugar, tea, small jars of coffee.

Diolch yn fawr iawn – thank you very much!