

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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24th November 2024 34th Week in Ordinary Time Year B Weekday Year II Psalter Week 2			
Date Dyddiad	Aberystwyth Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	Aberaeron Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Lampeter Llanbedr Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 24th November Christ the King Gŵyl Iesu Grist Frenin yr Hollfyd <u>National Youth Sunday</u>	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Intentions of Kathy Jenkins</i> 8.30am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Youth Mass <i>November Lists</i> 12-2pm Young Adults Brunch	9am Holy Mass <i>November Lists</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i> 6pm Polish Mass <i>Priest's intention</i>
Mon 25th November St Catherine of Alexandria			
Tue 26th November			
Wed 27th November			
Thu 28th November	6.30pm Confessions 7pm Holy Mass (on campus) <i>November Lists</i>		
Fri 29th November	5pm Adoration/Confessions 6pm Holy Mass <i>November Lists</i>		
Sat 30th November St Andrew	9.30am Adoration/Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>November Lists</i>		
Sun 1st December First Sunday of Advent Sul Cyntaf yr Adfent	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>November Lists</i> 8.30am Holy Mass <i>November Lists</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i>	9am Holy Mass <i>Louis Devlin RIP</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 12.15pm Open Parish Meeting
Sunday Plate Collection Casgliad y Sul <i>Thank you for your generosity – diolch am eich haelioni.</i> 17.11.24 £416.72 (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron) 17.11.24 £324.10 + £500.00 for works (Lampeter Llanbedr)			

Christ the King This Sunday is the final one of the liturgical year, inviting us to proclaim, *regnare Christum volumus! We want Christ to reign!* What would it look like for Jesus to reign in your life? What areas do you feel you need Jesus to reign over afresh? It's also **National Youth Sunday**: please pray for our wonderful young people.

Mission Appeal Fr Mark Odion (Missionary Society of St Paul) will lead an appeal in Aberaeron/Lampeter this Sunday; Fr Emmanuel Ogunnaike will be in Aberystwyth next Sunday. Please give what you can to their collection.

Christmas Cards Diolch yn fawr, many thanks to Evie Giles, who has created three beautiful hand-painted Christmas card designs. These are now printed and available to buy from the piety shop: a pack of six cards is £3.

Young Adults Brunch This event is on the last Sunday of each month after the 10.30am Mass in Aberystwyth, for 18-35s: food and chat, a talk and discussion (this month about 'interior life'), and a time of Eucharistic Adoration.

Walk with Me This Advent daily prayer companion is now available to buy for £1 a copy, available in each church.

Assisted Dying Bill Please pray and fast in some way on November 29th, the day of the vote, that it be defeated. Please contact your MP if you haven't already done so.

Absence Fr Matt is away this week in Paris for some formation with the ‘under-10s’ clergy of the Archdiocese. Please pray for us! If you need a priest in an emergency, please contact Canon Pius Augustine on 01239 612615.

Visiting Priests A good confession is a great spiritual preparation for Christmas! A number of visiting priests will be available in the coming weeks, as well as the normal schedule: Fr Liam Bradley on campus this Thursday, and Canon Pius Augustine in Welsh Martyrs this Friday (**with the possibility of Confessions in Malayalam**).

Soup and Study Hosted by the Vicar at St Peter’s Church in Lampeter, all welcome at 6pm on Sunday 24th November for homemade soup and a study series on the Book of Jonah.

Lampeter Parish Meeting Next Sunday 1st Dec, finishing no later than 1.30pm. Look at the noticeboard for a copy of the minutes from October 6th. Please send ideas for discussion before Thursday 28th November. All welcome.

Christmas Fayre 12pm-3pm Please mark Saturday 7th December in your diaries to support this event at St Padarn’s School, for the fundraising projects at Welsh Martyrs Church. (*Could you donate a prize for the tombola?*)

Aberaeron Foodbank is looking for donations of Christmas food and treats **no later than December 6th** please (after which the box will be removed) – you can place it in the box in the porch, or hand to Gill Pearson.

Deanery Recollection A day of input and prayer for Advent on the theme, ‘*The gift of gratitude*’, at Our Lady of the Taper in Cardigan on December 7th: tea+coffee at 10am, confessions+Mass, finishing with the Rosary at 1.30pm.

Offeren yn Gymraeg Bydd yr Offeren nesaf ar 8fed mis Rhagfyr, am 8.30yb. (*Welsh Mass on 8th Dec at 8.30am*)

Christmas Raffle Tickets are now available – please take some with you to sell to friends and neighbours! The draw will be after the Carol Service on Sunday 15th December. (*Would you be able to donate a prize for the Raffle?*)

Advent Youth Event A number of young people from our parishes are coming to an event called ‘Longing for Light’ on Saturday 14th December, aimed at 12-18 year olds. There will be talks, music, discussion, a chance to meet new friends, and plenty more. It’s £10 per person which includes the transport to St David’s College in Cardiff, the day’s activities, and lunch. Let Fr Matt know if you’d like a space on the minibus (spaces are going fast!)

Caldey Chocolate We’ve been offered the possibility of selling chocolate bars made on Caldey in our piety shop. Do you think this could work? If so, have a word with Tasha (Aberystwyth), Anne (Aberaeron) or Heather (Lampeter).

Building Works A brief update on some ongoing maintenance work in our three churches:

- Merlin Electrical have fixed some incorrect wiring on the outside ‘pillar’ lights at Welsh Martyrs;
- we’re looking at building a new confessional at Holy Cross, to replace the current unideal arrangement;
- we’re searching for scaffolding and guttering quotes to begin the works at Our Lady of Mount Carmel;
- we’re currently doing electrical testing and fire risk assessments in our churches. There are significant costs involved in bringing in contractors for this essential work of safeguarding: if you feel able to make a donation towards this, this would be much appreciated.

Christmas Mass Times These times reflect the fact we have only one priest at the moment. The Mass times will be as follows – please pass these on to friends, family and neighbours who might be waiting for your invitation!

- **7pm Vigil Mass** in Holy Cross, Aberaeron
- 9pm Carols and **9.30pm Mass** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lampeter
- 11.30pm Carols and **Midnight Mass** at Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth
- **9am Dawn Mass** at Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth
- **11am Morning Mass** at Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth

Bulbs Would you have any spring bulbs to donate that could be planted in the Aberystwyth Laudato Si Garden? If so, please have a word with Nick (Aberystwyth) or Samantha (Aberaeron). We hope to use garden-grown flowers as often as possible in church – cutting down on costs and on our carbon footprint!

SoundCloud Some of Fr Matt’s Sunday homilies are now available if you’d like to listen again or share. Go to <https://on.soundcloud.com/Tz4Ap>, where they will be uploaded as and when recorded.

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: Weetabix, porridge sachets, biscuits, tinned potatoes/peas/carrots, shower gel.

Aberaeron: please see the note in the newsletter.

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

Diolch yn fawr iawn – thank you very much!