

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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12th January 2025 First Week of Ordinary Time Year C Weekday Year I Psalter Week 1			
Date Dyddiad	Aberystwyth Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	Aberaeron Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Lampeter Llanbed Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 12th January Baptism of the Lord Gŵyl Bedydd Crist	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Caroline Maybury</i> 8.30am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Velterio & Irma Caffarelli RIP</i>	9am Holy Mass <i>Thomas O'Regan RIP</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i> 4pm Polish Mass <i>Priest's intention</i>
Mon 13th January St Hilary	8am Holy Mass <i>Stuart Fecci RIP</i>		
Tue 14th January			6pm Adoration/Confessions 7pm Holy Mass <i>Fr Jimmy Sebastian</i>
Wed 15th January	9am Adoration/Confessions 10am Holy Mass <i>Glynys Durston RIP</i>		
Thu 16th January	6.30pm Holy Mass <i>Private intention</i>	9.30am Adoration/Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Fr Jimmy Sebastian</i>	
Fri 17th January St Antony, Abbot	5pm Adoration/Confessions 6pm Holy Mass <i>Maria Quigley and family</i>		
Sat 18th January Memorial of Our Lady <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i>	9.30am Adoration/Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Dave Padfield</i>		
Sun 19th January 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 2	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Priest's intention</i> 8.30am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Deceased of the John family</i> 5pm Christian Unity Service at <u>Capel y Morfa, Aberystwyth</u>	9am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>Rafael & Judiel Pasia & family</i>
Sunday Plate Collection Casgliad y Sul <i>Thank you for your generosity – diolch am eich haelioni.</i> 5.1.25 £510.80 (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron) £166.56 (Lampeter Llanbed)			

Baptism of the Lord This feast day brings a close to the season of Christmas – what a joy it's been. Let's spend some of this feast day calling to mind the different ways we have felt God near us this Christmas – maybe through the presence of others, maybe through the liturgical celebrations, maybe through something unexpected. Jesus is *Emmanuel*, God-with-us – we ask him to remain with us through the coming year.

Supply Many thanks to Canon Michael Smith who will offer Mass in Aberaeron and Lampeter this Sunday.

Taste and See All welcome, both to discover for yourself the riches of our Catholic faith, and to offer some accompaniment to those among us preparing for baptism into the faith this Easter. This week's session will be on Wednesday 15th January from 6.30-8.30pm, in the kitchen of Welsh Martyrs Church – the topic is **The Eucharist**.

Of your charity Please pray for the eternal repose of **Paul Gillard** who died recently, and whose funeral takes place at the Crematorium later this month. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Elna and Eline Llongyfarchiadau – congratulations – അഭിനന്ദനങ്ങൾ to the two sisters Eline and Elna this weekend – Eline was baptised, and Elna received her first holy Communion. Please pray for them as they begin these new chapters in their relationship with Jesus.

House Blessings If you'd like to have the place where you live blessed at the beginning of this new year, please have a word with Fr Matt to arrange a date – this is a beautiful way of opening our homes up to the grace of God, and the start of a new calendar year is a natural moment to renew this blessing if you've had it done before.

Chalk Last week we blessed chalk at each Mass, to invite you to take a piece home and inscribe an Epiphany blessing on the front door of your house. If you didn't get any chalk, or you lost the instructions, just let Fr Matt or the on-duty sacristan know. As well as praying that your home be a place where Jesus is welcome in all those who visit this year, it's also a conversation starter when people ask what you've written on your front door!

Deanery Meeting Please pray for the priests of our deanery of Our Lady of the Taper, who meet in Fishguard on Monday for our regular meeting to discuss things from around the deanery. As well being a parish family, we're also part of a deanery family, and a wider diocesan family – and what unites us is our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, who died to set us free from sin, and rose from death to give us new life. May we be faithful witnesses to that new life and joy wherever we find ourselves this coming week.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity This annual week of prayer begins next Saturday 18th January, and is a wonderful opportunity to pray for all our brothers and sisters who proclaim Jesus as Lord. We pray for deeper unity among ourselves, in our own parish communities and diocese; for visible unity among Catholics on different sides of the political spectrum; and for all Christians worldwide, that we might come to celebrate the same sacraments under one shepherd. Please do your best to attend the United Service at Capel y Morfa next Sunday 19th at 5pm.

Chocolate Bars We now stock Caldey Island chocolate bars! You can choose either milk or dark chocolate, and bars cost £3 each, or four for £10: payment can be made either by cash into the piety shop, or on the payment device under the button labelled 'Chocolate | Siocled'. They make a lovely Sunday treat for the family or a little present for someone you're visiting.

Teenagers' Pilgrimage to Rome The Cardiff-Menevia Youth Council has launched an exciting opportunity to bring a small number of teenagers aged 12-17 to Rome this April, to experience the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint. The dates are April 24th-27th 2025, with a day in Assisi and a day in Rome, and the cost is £949pp. This week is the final call for names to be put forward, so please contact Fr Matt if you're interested.

First Holy Communion 2025 If you would like your child to receive first holy Communion in summer 2025, please register your interest by emailing either aberystwyth@menevia.org or lampeter@menevia.org (depending on your parish), with your child's name and age. More details will be given in due course once we have a sense of numbers.

Bronglais Hospital If you or someone you know is staying in Bronglais Hospital for any length of time, and would like a visit, please let Fr Matt know.

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: breakfast cereal, tinned ravioli/meatballs/curry, tinned fruit/custard/rice pudding, biscuits, women's deodorant.

Aberaeron: grateful for whatever you can give

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