

# 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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<b>19<sup>th</sup> January 2025   2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Ordinary Time   Year C   Weekday Year I   Psalter Week 2</b>			
<b>Date   Dyddiad</b>	<b>Aberystwyth</b> Welsh Martyrs Merthyron Cymru	<b>Aberaeron</b> Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	<b>Lampeter   Llanbedr</b> Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> January</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 2	5.15pm Confessions <b>Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i>  <b>8.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i> 10am Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Deceased of the John family</i>  <u>5pm Christian Unity Service at Capel y Morfa, Aberystwyth</u>	<b>9am Holy Mass</b> <i>Rafael &amp; Judiel Pasia and family</i>	<b>11am Holy Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>8am Holy Mass</b> <i>Fabia Dcruz</i>		
<b>Tue 21<sup>st</sup> January</b> St Agnes			
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>			
<b>Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>			
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> St Francis de Sales			
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> Conversion of St Paul	9.30am Adoration/Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Dave Padfield</i>		
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> January</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 3  <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	5.15pm Confessions <b>Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Paul Gillard RIP</i>  <b>8.30am Offeren yn Gymraeg   Mass in Welsh</b> <i>People of the Parish</i> 10am Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Jenkins family</i>  <u>12-2pm Young Adults Brunch</u>	<b>9am Holy Mass</b> <i>Michael White RIP</i>	<b>11am Holy Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i>
<b>Sunday Plate Collection   Casgliad y Sul</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity – diolch am eich haelioni.</i> 12.1.25 <b>£481.96</b> (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron) <b>£170.80</b> (Lampeter   Llanbedr)			

**Parish Moves** I announced last weekend that I've been asked to move from our parishes, to take up a new full-time role across the Archdiocese, as 'Director of Priestly Vocations and Youth Mission'. This move will take place in a month, such that February 2<sup>nd</sup> will be my final Sunday in Aberaeron and Lampeter, and February 9<sup>th</sup> in Aberystwyth. Your new parish priest will be Fr Liam Bradley, currently based in St Clears in chaplaincy work; he will be assisted by Fr Malachy Orjebale, currently in the parish of Grangetown. Fr Malachy's arrival date is dependent on his own replacement receiving a work visa. I'm relying very much on your prayers in this time of transition for us all. The 10.30am Mass on the final Sunday in Aberystwyth will be a family Mass.

**Supply** Many thanks to Fr Ross Patterson who will help with our Sunday Masses for the next three weekends.

**Absence** Fr Matt will be away on Christmas break from Monday to Friday this week – if you need a priest for an emergency sick call, please contact Fr Gerald Isiguzo in Llandrindod Wells on 01597 822353 (or 07376 459370).

**Jubilee Year** Each of the churches have now received their Jubilee Year banners, in English and in Welsh. Feel free to follow the QR code on the banners to find out more information about the Jubilee Year.

**Christmas Crib offerings** You'll notice in Welsh Martyrs and Our Lady of Mount Carmel churches, that the crib is still up! This isn't a mistake – the old Christmas season ran for 40 days, from Christmas Day until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, when Jesus was brought to the Temple as an infant (also called Candlemas). In honour of this ancient timing, the cribs remain as a focus for our prayer. I forgot to leave a basket next to the crib in Lampeter and Aberystwyth over Christmas, such that there was no opportunity to raise money for the funds we were asked to support, which this year is for charities working to support the Holy Land, and youth ministry in our Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia. If you'd like to make a contribution, please put your money in an envelope labelled 'Christmas crib', or use the button on the devices. Many thanks for your ongoing generosity.

**Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity** The annual octave of prayer for this important intention began on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, and runs through to the feast of the Conversion of St Paul next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. Please find opportunity to pray this week for deeper unity among Christians. Please feel welcome to attend the Aberystwyth United Service of Prayer at Capel y Morfa this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**Laudato Si Garden** Nick and the team are looking for help with redeveloping the prayer area by the statue of Our Lady, including laying down new decking. If you're free, able and willing, this will happen on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1pm to 5pm. Please contact Nick for more details on 07455 431177.

**Sunday Missals** Four parishioners in Lampeter ordered new Sunday Missals, which have now arrived and are in the sacristy awaiting payment and collection – please make yourself known to Fr Matt or the supply priest.

**Magnificat** Those with a subscription to Magnificat, please collect the February copy from Welsh Martyrs sacristy.

**Young Adults Brunch** This monthly group meets next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 12pm-2pm, for some food, formation and prayer, aimed at young adults 18-35. Please feel welcome to come along.

**Leprosy Day Collection** Next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January is World Leprosy Day; there will be a second collection at all Masses for the work of Lepra – you can find out more at [www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk). Many thanks for whatever you can give.

**Fr Matt's Farewell Party** This will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at the Penparcau Hub, following the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome – for catering purposes it's important to have a sense of how many might be attending, so there will be attendance lists available at all the Aberystwyth Masses from this weekend onwards, and also lists for those who are able to bring some food to share. Please contact Madeleine for more information on 07866 626519. If you attend Mass in Aberaeron or Lampeter and would like to attend this event, please contact Madeleine directly.

**Bereavement Support Group** We have previously discussed forming a bereavement support group in our parishes, made up of people willing to visit individuals or families who have been recently bereaved, to offer support and accompaniment. This kind of support can be invaluable to people who have lost a loved one, and it might just be that this is a ministry you'd love to join. The Archdiocese is offering a training day from 9.30am to 3pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February in Llanrumney, Cardiff, the cost of which will be paid by the parish for any participants wishing to attend. The idea is that the training received on that day will feed directly into new parish groups. If this interests you, feel free to contact Fr Matt, or you can book directly at [flc@rcadc.org](mailto:flc@rcadc.org), or 02920 379483.

**Caldey Island Chocolate** We now stock milk or dark chocolate bars – at £3 each or 4 for £10, they're dear, but it's great to offer some financial support to the work of the Caldey community. You can pay either by cash, or on the button labelled 'Chocolate | Siocled' on the contactless devices.

**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:** plant-based milk, tinned tuna, spaghetti rings, tinned fruit/custard/rice pudding, women's deodorant.

**Aberaeron:** grateful for whatever you can give

**Lampeter:** grateful for whatever you can give.

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