

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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26th January 2025 3rd Week of Ordinary Time Year C Weekday Year I Psalter Week 3			
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 26th January 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 3 <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Paul Gillard RIP</i> 8.30am Offeren yn Gymraeg Mass in Welsh <i>Graham Hobbs & Siân O'Donovan RIP</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 12-2pm Young Adults Brunch	9am Holy Mass <i>Michael White RIP</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i> 6pm Polish Mass <i>Priest's intention</i>
Mon 27th January St Angela Merici	8am Holy Mass <i>All in contact with St Padarn's</i>		
Tue 28th January St Thomas Aquinas			6pm Adoration/Confessions 7pm Holy Mass <i>Barron family</i>
Wed 29th January	9am Adoration/Confessions 10am Holy Mass <i>Edwin Maybury RIP</i> <u>6.30pm Taste and See: The Human Person</u>		
Thu 30th January	6.30pm Confessions 7pm Holy Mass (on campus) <i>Priest's intention</i>	9.30am Adoration/Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Pauline Sheridan RIP</i>	
Fri 31st January St John Bosco	5pm Adoration/Confessions 6pm Holy Mass <i>Private intention</i>		
Sat 1st February Memorial of Our Lady <i>First Saturday</i>	9.30am Adoration/Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Miidong Daloeng & family/friends</i>		
Sun 2nd February Presentation of the Lord Dygwyl Cyflwyno'r Arglwydd	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 8.30am Holy Mass <i>Holy souls</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i>	9am Holy Mass <i>Stuart Fecci RIP</i>	11.30am Holy Mass <i>Thanksgiving</i>
Sunday Plate Collection Casgliad y Sul <i>Thank you for your generosity – diolch am eich haelioni.</i> 19.1.25 £517.26 (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron) £201.90 (Lampeter Llanbedr)			

Sunday of the Word of God This Sunday occurs today, and Pope Francis notes it is close in time with the week of prayer for Christian Unity (which ended on January 25th). He said, *“This is more than a temporal coincidence: [this] celebration... has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.”* May we fall in love more deeply with God’s Word, Jesus Christ, hidden in the pages of Sacred Scripture.

Of your charity Please pray for the eternal repose of **Eleanor Morris**, of Rhydyfelin, and for the comfort of her family; and for **Paul Gillard**, whose funeral takes place on Wednesday. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Leprosy Day Collection This Sunday 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. Many thanks for whatever you can give.

Rite of Welcome This Sunday 26th we celebrate the ‘Rite of Welcome’ at the beginning of the 10.30am Mass at Welsh Martyrs – this is the official moment where we welcome those who are preparing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church this Easter. Please pray especially for Andrew, Lucy, Sally and Jack.

First Holy Communion Llongyfarchiadau, warm congratulations, to Darci May Raddie Jackson, who receives Jesus in holy Communion for the first time this Sunday at the 10.30am Mass in Welsh Martyrs. May Jesus fill your heart with his peace and joy this day and every day.

Young Adults Brunch This monthly group meets this Sunday from 12pm-2pm, for some food, formation and prayer, aimed at young adults 18-35. Please feel welcome to come and to bring a friend!

Prayer request Please pray for Archbishop Mark O’Toole, who celebrates 11 years as a bishop this Tuesday 28th.

Fr Matt’s farewell A big thank you to those who’ve arranged for a farewell event in each of our three churches in the next couple of weeks. Please do join us at one or more of these events:

- **Aberaeron:** a get together in the extension following the 9am Mass on Sunday 2nd Feb
- **Lampeter:** a get together in the hall following the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 2nd Feb
- **Aberystwyth:** at the Penparcau Hub following the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 9th Feb – please let Madeleine Stocks know if you intend to come, for catering purposes (07866 626519)

Lampeter Mass time Please note that Mass on February 2nd will begin slightly later at **11.30am**, to allow for the get together in Aberaeron immediately beforehand. Many thanks for your flexibility.

Crib offerings There is still opportunity to donate a ‘crib offering’ towards the diocese’s selected funds: this year, charities supporting the Holy Land, and youth ministry in Cardiff-Menevia Archdiocese. You can donate either in the normal collection bag (but clearly labelled ‘crib collection’), or on the button on the contactless devices.

Welsh Martyrs Many thanks to Jacky and Siobhan for a winter clear-out at Welsh Martyrs. There’s a table of lost property at the front door – please take anything you see belonging to you: all items will be taken away after February 3rd. Please don’t leave items on the units in the porch, as this creates clutter in an already limited space.

Men’s Group All men invited to join a social event at Athro Lounge at 7pm this Wednesday 29th, for dinner and a chance to chat about how the group might develop. Have a word with Bob if you’d like to go along (07904 860565).

Thanks from Laudato Si Nick and the team would like to thank all those who turned up to help after last week’s appeal – the shrine of Our Lady is beginning to take shape. The team are still looking for volunteers and helpers, and currently need herbs and flowers with a ‘Marian theme’ to plant around the shrine area. If you’re able to help or contribute something towards the work, please contact Nick directly (07455 431177).

Daily Missals When the new translation of the readings was introduced in December, the publication of daily Missals was delayed in order to prioritise the larger lectionaries used in churches, and people’s Sunday Missals. The publishers have announced that daily Missals are now available for pre-order, with a prospective publication date of the end of April. There are two to choose from: the **Weekday Missal** has everything from Monday to Saturday, but nothing for Sunday, and costs £55.00. The **Daily Missal** has every day of the week, and costs £69.99. Please note that the ‘Daily Missal’ is about 1000 pages longer than the Weekday Missal, so it’s quite a large book. If you’d like to pre-order through the parish, please email the parish office by February 7th, confirming which of the two books you’d prefer. You can of course order your own copy by going to www.ctsbooks.org.

Caldey Island Chocolate We now stock milk or dark chocolate bars, for £3 each or 4 for £10. You can pay either by cash, or on the button labelled ‘Chocolate | Siocled’ on the contactless devices.

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: porridge sachets, breakfast cereal, coffee, biscuits, tinned chilli/curry.

Aberaeron: grateful for whatever you can give

Lampeter: grateful for whatever you can give.

Diolch yn fawr iawn – thank you very much!