

# 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>9<sup>th</sup> February 2025   5<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time   Year C   Weekday Year I   Psalter Week 1</b>			
<b>Date   Dyddiad</b>	<b>Aberystwyth</b> Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	<b>Aberaeron</b> Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	<b>Lampeter   Llanbedr</b> Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> February</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 5	5.15pm Confessions <b>Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>8.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Thanksgiving</i> 10am Confessions <b>10.30am Family Mass</b> <i>Private intention</i>  <b>Farewell party following Mass</b>	<b>9am Holy Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i>	<b>11am Holy Mass</b> <i>Gaby Staite RIP</i>  <b>6pm Polish Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i>
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> February</b> St Scholastica	<b>11.30am Requiem Mass</b> <i>Eleanor Morris RIP</i>		
<b>Tue 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> Our Lady of Lourdes	5.30pm Rosary <b>6pm Holy Mass</b> <i>Maria and Wellington, Shanen</i>		
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> February</b> St Agatha	<b>8am Holy Mass</b> <i>Rita Audrey Edward RIP</i> 6.30pm Taste and See (in Welsh Martyrs Kitchen)		
<b>Thu 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>			
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February</b> St Cyril and Methodius	5pm Adoration/Confessions <b>6pm Holy Mass</b> <i>November Lists</i>	<b>1pm Requiem Mass</b> <i>Gaby Staite RIP</i>	
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> February</b> Memorial of Our Lady	9.30am Adoration/Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>November Lists</i>		
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 6	5.15pm Confessions <b>Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i> <b>8.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>November Lists</i> 10am Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	<b>9am Holy Mass</b> <i>Holy souls</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> 2.2.25 <b>£474.54</b> (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron) <b>£196.55</b> (Lampeter   Llanbedr)			

**Departure** My sincere thanks to you, reading this, for the part you've played in the time I've spent here in Aberystwyth, Aberaeron and Lampeter. I feel that we've written a beautiful chapter together in these brief years. As a parishioner reminded me this week, this will always be my 'first parish', and so you hold a very special place in my heart. May God bless you abundantly, and may he cause to flourish the mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this part of the world. Please pray for my new work, for Fr Liam who assumes the care of our parishes this coming week, and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia. I hope we meet again!

**Youth and Vocations Work** I've heard recently that I'm to be based at St Illtyd's Church in Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil, for my new role as Director of Priestly Vocations and Youth Mission. The parish priest in Merthyr lives at another of the churches, and so the plan is for St Illtyd's to become something of a centre for youth and vocations work. The details of this will need to be ironed out, so I entrust this to your prayer. Please call in if you're passing!

**Contact** Please note that, from this Wednesday onwards, the parish email addresses [aberystwyth@menevia.org](mailto:aberystwyth@menevia.org) and [lampeter@menevia.org](mailto:lampeter@menevia.org) will be looked after by Fr Liam as the new parish priest. He will also receive calls and messages on the landline and mobile numbers at the top of this newsletter. My diocesan email address will still reach me, should you wish to be in touch – this address is [matthew.roche-saunders@menevia.org](mailto:matthew.roche-saunders@menevia.org)

**Farewells** A sincere word of thanks to those who prepared the farewell events in Aberaeron and Lampeter last weekend, and for those who have put great time and effort into preparing Welsh Martyrs Church and Penparcau Hub for the celebration after this Sunday's Mass. May you be abundantly blessed by the Lord, who is never outdone in generosity!

**Of your charity** Please pray for the repose of **Eleanor Morris**, whose funeral is in Welsh Martyrs Church on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, and **Gaby Staite**, whose funeral is in Holy Cross Church on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. We pray for their families at this time.

**Weekday Masses** Please note that Mass this Wednesday is at the earlier time of 8am, and the usual Thursday evening campus Mass is cancelled this week. It will return as normal the following Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

**Palm Crosses** Please return your palm crosses to church by next Sunday, so that they can be burned ready for the ash to be used on Ash Wednesday (which this year is March 5<sup>th</sup>). Crosses can be left in the sacristy.

**Healing Prayer** The members of the parish's Healing Prayer Team are pleased to begin offering individual prayer ministry on an 'as and when' basis to anyone who'd like it. Please chat with Chika Chukwu or John Glasby if this is something you'd like to receive, or for more information.

**Gazebo Club (60+)** The next Gazebo Club outing will be to Aberglasney on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February. The minibus will leave Welsh Martyrs Church at 10am, and return late afternoon. Please contact Madeleine if you would like to join the trip (07866 626519). There is a suggested donation of £10 towards the minibus hire, and entry to Aberglasney is an additional £10 per person. All 60+ welcome!

**First Holy Communion** If you've registered your child for classes to receive first holy Communion this summer, Enid Brophy has oversight over this programme, and you will hear more information very soon.

**Relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis** These relics will be visiting our Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia this month, ahead of his canonization as a saint by Pope Francis during the Jubilee for Teenagers this April, which will make him the first 'millennial' saint. He is a great patron of the young, and a patron for the right use of the internet. If you'd like to make a pilgrimage to view and pray with these relics, the dates and locations are: 14<sup>th</sup> February in St David's Cathedral, Cardiff; 15<sup>th</sup> February in Belmont Abbey; 16<sup>th</sup> February at St Joseph's Co-Cathedral, Swansea; and later that same day in Sacred Heart, Morriston. The 10am Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark, and Fr Matt will be preaching at the Mass. Do consider making a pilgrimage, seeking Blessed Carlo's prayers for your intentions, as well as the work of developing youth ministry across the Archdiocese. Full details can be found on [www.rcadc.org](http://www.rcadc.org), and on the poster at the front door of the church.

**Flame 2025 Youth Event** This one-day event is the largest Catholic youth gathering in the UK, and takes place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the OVO Arena, Wembley. The Archdiocese has reserved a number of tickets for those in Year 9 to Year 13. Would you like to come along? For more details, email [youth@rcadc.org](mailto:youth@rcadc.org), scan the QR code on the poster in the porch, or visit [www.cymfed.org.uk/flame](http://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame).

**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:** tinned tomatoes/sweetcorn, tinned fruit, coffee, men's deodorant..

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

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

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