

**Diocesan News | Newyddion Esgobaethol**

**Proposed Diocesan Unification** The ‘Open Listening Sessions’ have now come to an end, during which Archbishop Mark sought feedback on the proposed unification of the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia. He has now submitted his own reflections and conclusions to Pope Francis, and a summary of the findings has now been published, which you can see below – should you wish to read more detail, please contact your parish office.

- Across both dioceses, the total number of people who engaged in these listening sessions was 605 – 79% of them voted in favour of unification; 9% voted against; 13% abstained. Within these figures:
  - 65% of **lay faithful** in Menevia voted in favour; 18% voted against; 18% abstained
  - 89% of **lay faithful** in Cardiff voted in favour; 2% voted against; 9% abstained
    - Together, 77% of lay faithful across both dioceses voted in favour, and 10% voted against
  - 69% of **clergy** in Menevia voted in favour; 9% voted against; 22% abstained
  - 97% of **clergy** in Cardiff voted in favour; 3% abstained
    - Together, 84% of clergy across both dioceses voted in favour, and 4% voted against
  - 98% of **religious** across both dioceses voted favour, and 2% abstained
  - Of 22 written submissions, 41% voted in favour, 28% voted against, and 32% abstained
- Key themes that occurred during the sessions were collated and grouped under eleven headings
  - **Administration:** eg. the effect of centralisation, the pooling of resources, strength in unity
  - **Geography:** eg. difficulties in collaboration, sharing ideas and good practice, care of rural communities
  - **The Church:** eg. the extent to which for some people ‘Church = local parish’ rather than the diocese, also the discussion about whether an Auxiliary Bishop is a possibility
  - **Communications:** eg. social media, online meeting spaces, need to improve communication and dissemination of information
  - **Parishes/Deaneries:** eg. the need to make parishes more welcoming, sharing of events and ideas across parishes, amalgamation and sharing is hard on small parishes who can lose their identity
  - **Laity:** eg. more involvement of women in leadership structures, formation of the laity, lack of engagement among certain parish groups
  - **Priests/Vocations:** eg. better promotion of vocations, care of sick and retired priests, the nature and importance of priestly fraternity
  - **Youth:** eg. how to retain young people at Mass, the need to engage with teenagers better, an awareness that today’s young people don’t generally join groups in the same way
  - **Promoting Faith/Evangelisation:** eg. revitalisation of our faith locally/nationally, discussion of reasons for people lapsing
  - **Schools:** eg. greater collaboration between parish priests and headteachers, students as role models
  - **Outward Facing/Interreligious:** eg. visible displays of faith (like window crib sets), serving the community in charity and service

**Diocesan Pilgrimage** Join Archbishop Mark O’Toole on a day pilgrimage to St Davids on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The day will consist of a guided tour of the Cathedral, a one-mile-walk to St Non’s for Eucharistic Adoration and a tour of the newly-renovated Retreat Centre. If you’re thinking of going, please contact the parish office.

**Calendar of Upcoming Events | Calendr o Ddigwyddiadau i Ddod**

- 16 July: **10.45am** Gazebo Club visit to Llanbadarn Church
- 16 July: **6pm** Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lampeter (transport available)
- 19 July: **after 6pm Mass** Healing Night
- 20 July: **1pm-5pm** Laudato Si Garden Open Day
- 23 July: Gazebo Club trip to Llanllyr Garden, Talsarn
- 24-28 July: Menevia and Cardiff Youth Council pilgrimage to St Davids (14-18 year olds)
- 28 July: **5pm** Farewell BBQ for Fr Greg
- 2 August: **6.40-8.15pm** ‘Morning Star’ Women’s Retreat night
- 7 September: Diocesan pilgrimage to St Non’s, Pembrokeshire

**Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter  
Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan**

**Welsh Martyrs Church** Piercefield Lane, Aberystwyth, SY23 1RX  
**Holy Cross Church** Victoria Street, Aberaeron, SA46 0DA  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel** Pontfaen Road, Lampeter, SA48 7BS

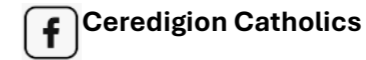
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14 <sup>th</sup> July 2024   15 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time   Year B   Weekday Year II			
Date   Dyddiad	Aberystwyth Welsh Martyrs Merthyron Cymru	Aberaeron Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Lampeter   Llambed Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 15  <i>Sea Sunday</i>	<b>Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Patricia Sheehan RIP</i>  <b>8.30am Offeren yn Gymraeg (Mass in Welsh)</b> <i>Donal Greaney RIP</i> 10am Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	8.40am Confessions <b>9am Holy Mass</b> <i>November Lists</i>	<b>11am Holy Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i> <b>6pm Mass (Polish)</b> <i>Priest's intention</i>
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> St Bonaventure	<b>6pm Holy Mass</b> <i>John Frank Dinan RIP</i>		
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July</b> Our Lady of Mount Carmel			<b>6pm Festive Mass</b> <i>Dennis &amp; Marlene Fecci RIP</i> 7pm Party
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9am Adoration/Confessions <b>10am Holy Mass</b> <i>Jackie Rowbotham RIP</i>		
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>7.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Enid Greaney RIP</i>		6pm Adoration/Confessions <b>7pm Holy Mass</b> <i>November Lists</i>
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30am Leavers Mass at St Padarn's School</b> (all welcome) <i>St Padarn's Staff and Pupils</i> 5pm Adoration/Confessions <b>6pm Holy Mass</b> <i>Caroline Stow</i> 6.45pm Healing Night		
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> Memorial of Our Lady	1pm-5pm Laudato Si Garden Open Day	9.30am Adoration/Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>November Lists</i>	
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 16	<b>Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Michael Reilly RIP</i>  <b>8.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Barbara Moore RIP</i> 10am Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i>	8.40am Confessions <b>9am Holy Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i>	<b>11am Holy Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday Plate Collection   Casgliad y Sul</b> £487.40 (Aberystwyth) £360.50 (Lampeter) <i>Diolch yn fawr am eich haelioni – many thanks for your generosity!</i>			

## **General News | Newyddion Cyffredinol**

**Clergy Moves** We keep Fr Greg in our prayers as he prepares to move to the parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Llanelli at the end of this month. Please mark **July 28<sup>th</sup>** in your diary for a farewell BBQ at Welsh Martyrs Church. We're sorry to see Fr Greg go, but he goes with our prayer and our thanks. Fr Dennis Opoku has now arrived in Aberystwyth and is looking forward to meeting everyone at Sunday Mass over the next couple of weekends.

**Ordination Anniversary** We give thanks to God as Fr Greg celebrates his first anniversary of ordination, this coming Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July. *Ad multos annos!*

**Sea Sunday** This weekend there's a second collection after each Mass for the work of *Stella Maris*, the name of the apostolate that cares practically and spiritually for those who work at sea. For example, they offer chaplaincy and ship visiting in ports across the world, to seafarers who may spend many months at a time at sea. They also run initiatives asking for knitted hats, gloves and scarves, to bring on board to the workers. Many thanks for any financial gift you can give this weekend to help.

**Electronic Newsletter** If you'd like to receive this newsletter to your email inbox, please email the parish office.

**Musicians** Do you play an instrument? Or do you sing? Could this be a gift you could offer your parish to assist with musical worship at Sunday Mass or for other events? Please email the parish office if so!

**Hospital Visits** If you're in **hospital** for any length of time and would like to receive Holy Communion, please tell the on-duty nurse that you'd like the Catholic chaplain to visit. This is the surest way for the message to reach Fr Matt. If you or a loved one would like to receive the sacraments **at home** because of ill health, please get in touch with the parish office and we'd be glad to arrange a priest to visit.

**Online Bible Study** The St Ignatius study group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7am on Zoom, and warmly invite new members to join, using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8676477085>. For the rest of July they will look at St Matthew's Gospel, Proverbs, Ezra, Haggai and Zechariah, using Fr Mike Schmitz's Bible in a Year podcast as a starting point. The group will pause during August and reconvene on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**25 Years of the Senedd** This Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, we marked 25 years of devolved power to the Welsh Assembly, now called the Senedd. We continue to pray for our elected local leaders, that the decisions they make for Wales in particular, be rooted in a love for truth, honesty, the infinite dignity of every human life, and a love for freedom of religion. It is a grace that we are free to express our Catholic faith – many around the world are persecuted for this, and so we pray for their strength in the face of grave opposition. May we be inspired by their great faith. On this occasion Archbishop Mark has said: *“On this 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we give thanks for the service of the Senedd's staff, past and present – security guards, researchers, guides, events teams, translators, committee clerks, hospitality staff, Members of the Senedd and their teams. All have dedicated themselves to serving the Welsh Parliament. This service to the Senedd, and through its democratic processes to the Welsh people, is deeply appreciated and valued by all of us.”*

**Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru | National Eisteddfod of Wales** Each year there is a Mass in Welsh at the location of the National Eisteddfod. This year the Mass will be celebrated at St Dyfrig's Church, Treforest, at 6pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August, with light refreshments afterwards. Bishop Edwin Regan will preside, and Fr Gildas Parry O.Praem will preach. There are bilingual books available – please do make an effort to attend if possible.

**New Lectionary Translation** If you'd like to learn more about the new translation of the readings that we'll be hearing from Advent onwards (and perhaps a little earlier than that), feel free to take a leaflet from the porch entitled 'The New Lectionary Explained'.

**Legacy** Have you ever considered including the mission of your parish in your will? Anything you could give would be hugely appreciated. For more details, please speak to Fr Matt.

**March for Life UK** This annual event falls on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, with the theme, 'Abortion Isn't Healthcare'. It begins at the Emmanuel Centre, London, from 10.30am, with the march beginning from there later in the day. If you'd like to attend and would like to be put in touch with someone regarding transport, please contact the parish office.

## **News from Welsh Martyrs Church | Newyddion o Eglwys Merthyron Cymru**

**Transport to Lampeter** If you'd like to join the celebrations in Lampeter for the parish feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, and would like to share transport, please contact Madeleine (07866 626519).

**Jubilee Storehouse Food Bank** Our local food bank is situated at St Anne's Church in Penparcau, and is looking for volunteers to help with this project: they need people to **distribute food parcels** on Thursdays from 10am to 2pm (training will be given), and others to offer **telephone duty** from home to deal with food parcel requests, any time to suit you Monday to Friday. Contact [jubileestorehouse@broaberystwyth.co.uk](mailto:jubileestorehouse@broaberystwyth.co.uk) if you're interested in volunteering.

**60+ Gazebo Club** Three events for your diaries (please contact Madeleine for more info on 07866 626519):

- **Tue 16<sup>th</sup> July** for a visit to Llanbadarn Church – beginning with coffee at 10.45am, a guided tour of the church for about 90 minutes, and then lunch in the Black Lion across the road
- **Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> July** for a visit to Llanllyr Garden near Talsarn – more info to follow

**Healing Night** Join us on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July after the 6pm Mass, for an evening of prayer, formation, healing, opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration. Thanks to the parish healing team for preparing this event.

**Laudato Si Garden Open Day** Come along on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July for a fun-packed day in the Laudato Si Garden – music, stories, tea and cake, nature walks, and more – **from 1pm to 5pm**, £3 waged/£2 unwaged entry fee, with all funds going to support the work of this wonderful social project. Please pray for nice weather!

- **Update:** please note there will be a 'quiet area' in the garden that day, for those who'd like to enjoy some contemplation/reflection time in the beautiful garden surroundings. Feel free to bring a chair or blanket with you if you're interested in that

**Groundskeeping** Many thanks to our garden team for the newly laid white stones next to the paths at Welsh Martyrs Church – the colour complements the building so well! However the chippings are loose and larger than the previous stones – so if they get kicked on to the path they can become a hazard. **Please ask your children not to play with the stones.** Please also do not walk across the area with chippings by the front door, but instead walk around (the pot plants act as a reminder that it is not a walkway). Keeping our grounds beautiful and safe is a team effort!

**Rosary Intercession Group** Would you like to meet to pray regularly for the needs of our parishes? Come along most Fridays after the 6pm Mass in Aberystwyth, and join some others in praying the Holy Rosary for these intentions. For more information have a word with Gina.

**Quiz Night** Many thanks to those who supported the recent quiz night, which raised a wonderful £504.00 for the parish Project Fund.

**Volunteers for Tea and Coffee** It's great to see so many after Sunday Mass for coffee and a chat! We have very few people on the rota for this important sign of welcome. Could you help out once a month?

## **News from Holy Cross | Newyddion o Eglwys y Groes Sanctaidd**

**Weekday Mass** Apologies for the inconvenience – the only possible slot for a weekday Mass in Aberaeron in the coming week was Saturday morning, and so the usual morning Mass in Aberystwyth is transferred to Holy Cross.

## **News from Our Lady of Mount Carmel | Newyddion o Eglwys Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel**

**Parish Feast Day** Please do your best to be there on Tuesday evening as we give thanks to God for our parish and honour our mother Mary under her title of 'Our Lady of Mount Carmel'. Please see the poster in the porch and the list of suggested food items to bring along. Could you bring a plate of something to add to the party? Holy Mass at 6pm followed by a buffet in the hall. Croeso i bawb – all welcome! Contact Mary on 07814 937951 for more information.

**Donations** If you'd like to donate to the mission of Aberystwyth parish, you can do so via the parish website or using this QR code. Many thanks for your generosity.



**Food Bank Donations** Collection points are in each church porch. Recent needs include:

**Aberystwyth:** tinned tuna, spaghetti, tinned ham or corned beef, tinned curry, cereal bars, deodorant.

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

**Lampeter:** tins of meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, cereal, jam, tea, coffee, sugar, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toilet rolls.