

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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3rd November 2024 31st Week in Ordinary Time Year B Weekday Year II			
Date Dyddiad	Aberystwyth Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	Aberaeron Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Lampeter Llanbedr Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 3rd November 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 31	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Holy Father's intentions</i> 8.30am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>November Lists</i>	8.40am Confessions 9am Holy Mass <i>David Morgan RIP</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i> <u>12.30pm Blessing of Graves</u>
Mon 4th November St Charles Borromeo			
Tue 5th November			6pm Adoration/Confessions 7pm Holy Mass <i>November Lists</i>
Wed 6th November St Illtud	9am Adoration & Confessions 10am Holy Mass <i>Eleanor Glasby RIP</i>		
Thu 7th November	6.30pm Confessions 7pm Holy Mass (on campus) <i>Priest's intention</i>	9.30am Adoration/Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>November Lists</i>	
Fri 8th November All Saints of Wales	2pm Requiem Mass <i>Dennis Grogan RIP</i> 5pm Adoration/Confessions 6pm Holy Mass <i>Derek and Gillian Bunn</i>		
Sat 9th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9.30am Adoration/Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Br David Chadwick</i>		
Sun 10th November 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 32	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>November Lists</i> 8.30am Requiem Mass <i>For the Dead of War</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Robin Jenks & Peter Fowler RIP</i> 3pm Blessing of Graves	8.40am Confessions 9am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	11am Requiem Mass <i>For the Dead of War</i> 6pm Polish Mass <i>Priest's intention</i>
Sunday Plate Collection Casgliad y Sul <i>Thank you for your generosity! Diolch am eich haelioni!</i> TBC (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron) TBC (Lampeter)			

Supply Many thanks to Canon Michael Smith who will cover in Aberaeron and Lampeter this weekend. He will also lead the blessing of graves at 12.30pm in Lampeter (speak to Anne Watkins if you'd like a particular grave blessed). Croeso nôl, welcome back to Fr William Johnstone, who covers while Fr Matt makes his annual retreat this week.

Of your charity Please pray for **Dennis Grogan**, whose funeral is on Friday 8th November at 2pm in Welsh Martyrs.

Sick and Retired Clergy Many thanks for whatever you can give to **this Sunday's collection** to support our sick and retired clergy.

November Lists You're not too late to write down the names of those you'd like to be remembered in all the Masses titled 'November Lists' in the table above. This is a precious opportunity to pray for our loved ones who have gone before us. Please hand your list to the priest, or post through the presbytery letterbox.

Blessing of Graves This takes place in Aberystwyth next Sunday 10th at 3pm, **beginning in Plascrug Cemetery.**

Remembrance Sunday Each parish is permitted to replace one Sunday Mass with a Requiem Mass 'for the dead of war'. This will take place at 8.30am in Welsh Martyrs, and at 11am in Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Bawso We welcome Asadinma Ugochi Nwosu from the charity 'Bawso' next weekend in Aberystwyth. She will introduce herself briefly at the end of each Sunday Mass, and she will invite women from the parish to join her for a talk on Tuesday 12th November at 6pm in the kitchen of Welsh Martyrs. The work of Bawso focuses on supporting black and minority ethnic domestic abuse victims, with expertise in dealing with female genital mutilation, honour-based violence, human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

Taste and See No session this week – the next meeting will be from 6.00-8.00pm on Wednesday 13th November.

Teams of Our Lady For those of you who heard Mary and Robert speak about 'Teams' in Aberystwyth last Sunday, please consider if this is something you feel would work for you in your marriage or engagement. Have a word with Fr Matt if so. This is a good example of something that requires leadership from the lay faithful for it to take off.

Biryani Thanks to Jisha and Jiju for the lovely biryani last Sunday, which raised **£382.17** for our fundraising projects.

Safeguarding A reminder to parents and caregivers, that children need to be accompanied if they want to go to the toilet during Mass in Aberystwyth, since this involves leaving the main body of the church and going towards the front door. Please also ensure that your children don't play in the car park at any time, since it's in constant use on a Sunday morning. Many thanks.

Historical Lecture Professor Lloyd Bowen will give a presentation on the small and portable Welsh Bible of 1630, which began the campaign of general Bible reading: 6pm on Tues 12th Nov in the Special Collections reading room, Lampeter University Library. Email r.gooding@uwtsd.ac.uk for a seat, or tdobson@brookes.ac.uk to attend online.

Advent Youth Event St David's College, Cardiff, Sat 14th December, for 12-year-olds right up to Sixth Formers. A day of music, prayer, new friends, activities, talks, and discussions, led by Archbishop Mark. Mark it in the diary!

Dilexit Nos Pope Francis has recently written a new encyclical letter *On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*. It makes for very beautiful and straightforward spiritual reading. Maybe it's something you'd like to read as we prepare our hearts for Advent and Christmas? It's easily found online by googling the title.

Rosary in a Year You might recall 'Bible in a Year' and 'Catechism in a Year' podcasts led by Fr Mike Schmitz. *Ascension Presents* are releasing a new podcast for 2025 – going deeper in the prayer of the Rosary, each day for a whole year. Each episode will be 10-15mins, led by Fr Mark-Mary Ames CFR. Google it and have a look...

Dates for your diary

- 5.30pm **13th November**, Welsh Martyrs: 'Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Person', as requested by Cardinal Vincent Nichols for us to share an hour of prayer to pray for the dignity of human life, especially in light of the bill to legalise assisted suicide
- 7.30pm **14th November**, Faith Space: the second in a series of two talks by James January-McCann, this second talk looking at the history of the Catholic faith in Wales post-Reformation
- 7pm **28th November**, Morlan Centre: the Mayor's Christmas Concert, raising funds for HAHAV and RNLI
- 12.15pm **1st December**, Our Lady of Mount Carmel: our second open parish meeting, to continue the conversation from October's meeting – items for the agenda to be received by 28th November
- **7th December**, St Padarn's School: Christmas Fayre to raise funds for Aberystwyth parish projects

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: Weetabix, baked beans and sausages, tinned fruit, shower gel/shampoo, deodorant.

Aberaeron: grateful for whatever you can give.

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

Diolch yn fawr iawn – thank you very much!