

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

Welsh Martyrs Church
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29 th November 2025, Week 1 of Advent - Year A Weekday Year II Psalter Week I			
Date	Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 30th November 1 st Sunday of Advent	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass November Dead List Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Anna Maria Shelley 10:30am Holy Mass Pro populo	9:00am Holy Mass Louis Devlin RIP	11:00am Holy Mass Pro populo
Mon 1st December			
Tue 2nd December	10:00am Holy Mass Fredrick, John & Annie Scotsun RIP		6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation 7:00pm Holy Mass Thanksgiving (T&F)
Wed 3rd December St Francis Xavier	9:00am Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass with St Padarn's School Eugene D'Rozario RIP	6:00pm Holy Mass Victor Beilinski RIP	
Thur 4th December	UNIVERSITY CAMPUS – CAMPWS Y BRIFYSGOL 6:30pm Reconciliation 7:00pm Holy Mass November Dead List		10:00am Holy Mass Charlie Kirk RIP
Fri 5th December	5:00pm Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00pm Holy Mass Maria and Floyd	9:00am Adoration & Reconciliation 10:00pm Holy Mass November Dead List	
Sat 6th December St Nicholas	Deanery Mass at Haverfordwest 12:15am Holy Mass John Hatzer RIP		
Sun 7th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass November Dead List Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Tomos & Margarida 10:30am Holy Mass Pro populo	9:00am Holy Mass Friends of the Suffering Souls	11:00am Holy Mass Pro populo
Sunday Collections - Casgliad y Sul. <i>Thank you for your generosity - Diolch am eich haelioni.</i> £---.-- (Aberystwyth & Aberaeron) £125.90 (Lampeter - Llanbedr Pont Steffan) Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia CIO N° 1177272			

Emmaus Encounter: Advent Retreat The diocese is organising a day retreat for 18-35yr olds on 13th December at Our Lady and St Michael's Church, Abergavenny. Cost for the day is £10, includes lunch and is from 10:00am to 5:00pm. To book a place at the event you must register using the QR code or this link: <https://rcadc.org/emmaus-encounter-advent-retreat/> For more information, please email Fr Matt on youth@rcadc.org



Emmaus Youth Mission: Youth Retreat. This took place last weekend at Cardiff, and over 90 attended, including several from our parish. I'm told the event was a great success - keep you eyes open here for the next youth event!

Postponed Blessing of Graves Owing to illness, this didn't happen last weekend at Aberystwyth. Fr Liam will honour this commitment by doing the blessing of graves this Sunday, 30th November. Aberystwyth Cemetery (Llanbadarn Rod, Aberystwyth) at 3:00pm. Cefnllan Cemetery (Cefn Llan, Llanbadarn Fawr) at 4:00pm.

Advent Deanery Day of Recollection UPDATE - 6th December, at HAVERFORDWEST PARISH. All the parishes of the deanery will get together for this annual advent day, and all are encouraged to attend. ** Please note the change of location** St David and St Patrick's Church, Fountain Row, Haverfordwest SA611SX. [///roses.feel.point](http://roses.feel.point). Please join with the deanery clergy for a talk, Mass, Confessions, Rosary and Holy Hour, with a break for lunch. Some light refreshments are provided, but you may like to bring something as well. The day will start with a welcoming Tea and Coffee from 10:00am, with the first talk at 10:30am. This Advent's theme is the titles of Our Lady.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE – Welsh Martyrs Parish have produced their own Christmas Cards to support parish fundraising. Each pack contains 6 cards, comprising 2 each of three different designs. Packs are £4 and all profits will go back to the parish. Please do consider buying a pack (or three) after Mass to share your festive greetings with family and friends.

Advent Vespers During the Sundays of Advent, Welsh Martyrs Church will celebrate Solemn Vespers on Sunday Evenings. This will start at 7:00pm on the First Sunday of Advent – which is today, the 30th November! Thereafter Vespers will be at 7:00pm on the following three Sundays. If you would like to pray along with the psalms, chanted in Gregorian chant, please do come along.

Lampeter Parish Christian Aid Concert An ecumenical concert will be held to support Christian Aid at St Peter's Church at Lampeter on Friday 12th December at 7:00pm. There are no tickets, but a donation will be requested to support the work of Christian Aid.

Christmas Fair The Christmas Fair will take place at St Padarn's School on December 6th from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Please do make every effort to visit the fair, to have fun, get in to the Christmas Spirit and to support the parish.

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Preparation Is your child in Year 3 or above and looking to make their First Holy Communion next summer? If so, then you will need to express your interest for the preparation sessions, which will start on January 10th. The sessions will take place at Welsh Martyrs Church on Saturday afternoon, before the Vigil Mass and will take place every fortnight (but not in school holidays). As well as regular gatherings for the children, there will be some sessions for parents too. Full details on how to enrol and a timetable will be provided, when you give an email address. **The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Saturday 20th June at 11:00am.**

Lampeter Parish Every parish in the diocese should have a Parish Safeguarding representative and a Parish Financial Committee. This isn't as well developed in Lampeter as it could be. Michael has been doing some great work in helping with the parish finances, and we now need to develop a group to meet approximately twice a year. If anyone would be willing to help support the parish, either as a committee member or safeguarding representative, please do let either Fr Malachy or Fr Liam know.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Monday 8th December. While this is not a holy day of obligation, it is a day on which people like to attend Mass. It's also traditionally been celebrated as the school feast day because the school was founded by a religious order, The Daughters of the Holy Spirit, who kept this day as their main feast. As such, next week Fr Liam and Fr Malachy will not have Monday as their day off and there will be the opportunity to go to Mass in our churches and school. On this day the Daughters of the Holy Spirit Associates will also renew their commitment. Finalised timings (and bus timetable) will be published next week.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the programme followed by adults who are looking at become full members of our Catholic parish, and we have participants in both Lampeter and Aberystwyth. Some members are looking to be Baptised, called Catechumens. Others have already been Baptised in other Christian communities, and now desire to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. This weekend many of them in Aberystwyth will be presented to the parish at the 10:30am Mass, and we welcome you all with joy. We hope you feel very much at home in this parish community and supported by our prayers.

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend our parish safeguarding day. Some of the content may have been challenging, but I think the sessions were a great benefit to us all – not just those who attended, but to the wider parish community.

Diocesan Newsletter – Some have said they didn't realise there was one!! Here's this link to read the current edition, <https://tinyurl.com/2bn38xdf> Or, sign up to the newsletter using the diocesan website.