

# Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

## Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

### Welsh Martyrs Church

Cae Dan Yr Haidd,  
Aberystwyth, SY23 1ST  
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### Holy Cross Church

Victoria Street,  
Aberaeron, SA46 0DA  
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Lampeter, SA48 7BS  
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7 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, Week 2 of Advent - Year A Weekday Year II Psalter Week II			
Date	Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> December</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass</b> Tomos & Margarida <b>10:30am Holy Mass</b> Pro populo	<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b> Friends of the Suffering Souls	<b>11:00am Holy Mass</b> Pro populo
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> December</b> The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>9:45am Holy Mass</b> at St Padarn's School Pro populo <b>7:00pm Holy Mass</b> Fredrick, John & Annie Scotsun	<b>6:00pm Holy Mass</b> Sam Rhydderch	<b>10:00am Holy Mass</b> Pro populo
<b>Tue 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>			
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9:00am Adoration <b>10:00am Holy Mass</b> November Dead List	<b>6:00pm Holy Mass</b> Johnny Devlin RIP	
<b>Thur 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	UNIVERSITY CAMPUS – CAMPWS Y BRIFYSGOL 6:30pm Reconciliation <b>7:00pm Holy Mass</b> Darren Doughty RIP		<b>10:00am Holy Mass</b> Abducted Children and Teachers in Nigeria
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	5:00pm Adoration & Reconciliation <b>6:00pm Holy Mass</b> Margarida Trias	9:00am Adoration & Reconciliation <b>10:00pm Holy Mass</b> November Dead List	
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> December</b> St Lucy	9:30am Adoration <b>10:30am Holy Mass</b> Pat Callanan and Family		
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> December</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass <b>Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass</b> November Dead List <b>Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass</b> Martinez <b>10:30am Holy Mass</b> Pro populo	<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b> Pro populo	<b>11:00am Holy Mass</b> Thanksgiving – Gloria Ologwn
Sunday Collections - Casgliad y Sul. <i>Thank you for your generosity - Diolch am eich haelioni.</i> £576.82 (Aberystwyth & Aberaeron) £142.20 (Lampeter - Llambedr 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youth@rcadc.org)



**Sowers and Reapers** Congratulations to all those who took part in organising, or who attended any events, in conjunction with our Sowers and Reapers fundraising. This weekend was the last day of activities, and now it's time to return your envelopes (and to see how the capital has grown!). Maybe all you can do is return your £30, but I know some will be bringing back a lot more. There will be a prize for the person who has gained the most... but to find out who that is, we will have to wait until all the envelopes are back. Please do return them as soon as possible.

**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 buy a pack to share your festive greetings with family and friends. Royal Mail last posting dates for 2025 are: 2<sup>nd</sup> Class on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1<sup>st</sup> Class on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**Mass times this week** are a little bit different than normal owing to Monday being the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – which is also the day kept as a celebration for St Padarn's School. On that day there will be Masses in all of the churches of the parish, as well as the school. See above for the timetable. For those who need it, a mini-bus will do the rounds before and after the 7:00pm Mass at Welsh Martyrs. There are a few associates of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit in Welsh Martyrs Parish who meet regularly and pray the Divine Office together. On the feast day they will gather to renew their commitment to the charism of the Order. Let each of us pray for them as they pray for us.

**CathSoc University Campus Mass** This coming Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, will be the last Mass at the University before the students depart for the Christmas Holidays. Travel safely home if you are leaving us, and keep safe until you return next year. Mass for the subsequent Thursdays will take place at Welsh Martyrs Church, until January 8<sup>th</sup> when the University Mass recommences.

**Carol Services: Next weekend is our Parish Carol Service, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4:00pm.** Please do come along and use this as an opportunity to get into the festive spirit and to recognise the true meaning of Christmas. On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a Carol & Memorial Service at 6:00pm at Aberystwyth Crematorium. This might be an appropriate occasion for those who have lost a loved one, to have some space to appreciate Christmas in the midst of a bereavement.

**Advance Notice of Christmas Mass Timings** In order to help you plan for Christmas, these are the timings for Christmas Masses. 24<sup>th</sup> December – Vigil Mass: Welsh Martyrs, Penparcau 6:00pm.

25<sup>th</sup> December – Midnight Mass: Welsh Martyrs, Penparcau 00:00am; Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Lampeter 00:00am.

25<sup>th</sup> December – Dawn Mass: Welsh Martyrs, Penparcau 8:30am; Holy Cross, Aberaeron 9:00am

25<sup>th</sup> December – Day Mass: Welsh Martyrs, Penparcau 10:30am; Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Lampeter 11:00am

Fr Malachy and Fr Liam have arranged some breaks after Christmas, but not overlapping, so there will always be a priest available. As such, while there will be fewer Masses, there will still be at least one Mass in the area every day of the Christmas Octave. Timings for after the Octave and New Year will follow soon.

**Advent Vespers** Solemn Vespers continues this weekend on Sunday Evening, starting at 7:00pm for 30 mins. If you would like to pray along with the psalms, chanted in Gregorian chant, please do come along, or watch online.

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

**Pilgrimage Day to Mark the end of the Holy Year of Jubilee.** This will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Catholic Church, Meyrick Street, Dolgellau LL401LR. //perfected.foods.wildfires. There will be a Holy Hour at 12:00pm with Confessions and Bishop Peter Brignall will say Mass at 2:00pm with veneration of the relics of St John Roberts.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup> June at 11:00am.\*\*

**Lampeter Parish** Things need to be put in place to ensure that the building meets insurance standards, and is ready for refurbishment works in 2026: The house needs to be cleared of its contents, which will take place during the next couple of weeks. Are you able to help? – to do so you will need a pair of strong gloves and strong shoes, and the parish will provide a facemask from the dust. Please note that a large skip will appear in the carpark this week, and will remain until just before Christmas.

**Diocesan Newsletter** this is the link to read the current edition, <https://tinyurl.com/2bn38xdf> or, sign up to the newsletter using the diocesan website.

**Gaudete Sunday** is next week, when we light the Rose colour candle on the Advent Wreath. Perhaps you might like to dress in Rose coloured clothes for next weekend? It's just a thought!