

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

Welsh Martyrs Church
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| 14 th December 2025, Week 3 of Advent - Year A Weekday Year II Psalter Week III | | | |
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| Date | Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru | Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel |
| Sun 14th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) | Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Martimez 10:30am Holy Mass Pro populo | 9:00am Holy Mass Pro populo | 11:00am Holy Mass Thanksgiving – Gloria Ologwn |
| Mon 15th December | | | |
| Tue 16th December | 10:00am Holy Mass November Dead List | | 6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation 7:00pm Holy Mass November Dead List |
| Wed 17th December | 9:00am Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass November Dead List | 6:00pm Holy Mass Gillian Bunn | |
| Thur 18th December | 6:00pm Holy Mass Caroline Maybury | | 10:00am Holy Mass Protection of Children and Teachers in the UK |
| Fri 19th December | 5:00pm Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00pm Holy Mass Mary Carnell & Family | 9:00am Adoration & Reconciliation 10:00am Holy Mass John Hatzler RIP | |
| Sat 20th December | 9:30am Adoration 10:30am Holy Mass Marguerite Ryan & Family | | |
| Sun 21st December 4 th 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 Private Intention (CP) 10:30am Holy Mass Pro populo | 9:00am Holy Mass Pro populo | 11:00am Holy Mass Maria Quigley & Family |
| Sunday Collections - Casgliad y Sul. <i>Thank you for your generosity - Diolch am eich haelioni.</i> £365.47 (Aberystwyth & Aberaeron) £207.20 (Lampeter - Llanbedr Pont Steffan) Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia CIO N° 1177272 | | | |

Christmas Cards for Sale This could be your last chance to get the Parish Christmas Cards to send to friends. Each pack contains 6 cards, comprising 2 each of three different designs. Packs are £4 and all profits will go back to the parish. Royal Mail last posting dates for 2025 are: 2nd Class on 17th December, 1st Class on 20th December.

Carol Service: This weekend is our Parish Carol Service, on Sunday 14th 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. During this event our parish raffle shall be drawn – maybe you will be a lucky winner!

Raffel Tickets The draw is this weekend. All tickets and monies MUST be returned by Sunday at 12noon.

Sowers and Reapers This weekend is the deadline to return your Sowers and Reapers envelopes. So far 11 people have returned their envelopes, out of 33 which were issued. I'm very excited to be able to tell you that the total amount is growing steadily (so far over £2000 has been returned) and I cannot wait to see what the final result will be. I'd like to offer a massive thank you to each and everyone of you who have helped to make this the most successful fundraiser I've ever been involved with! But it's not just about the money: I've been really impressed

with the way in which so many people have been creative and come together to undertake all sorts of activities. This has helped to make more links in our communities and has allowed people to let their gifts shine. The idea for the Sowers and Reapers came from the parish, and the parish has really worked hard in making this a success. In the past few weeks we've had a curry night, cross-stitch sessions, wreath making, cup-cake baking, hill walking, the making and selling of gifts such as jewellery and cards, a Nigerian stall, the manufacture of pasteurised apple juice, and many other endeavours besides. I think we can all be rightly proud at what we have achieved.

Christmas Fair A lot of hard work went into putting together this year's Christmas Fair at St Padarn's and I'm very grateful for all those who gave so much of their time – especially as illness in the community (my own included) meant people covering each other's responsibilities: a great show of teamwork as everyone came together to make the event a success. While the event wasn't as well attended compared to previous years, the fair still managed to raise £433.50. A big thank goes out to all who supported this event in any way.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo and Assisi Bishop Mark will be leading a five-day pilgrimage through the heart of Catholic Italy, walking in the footsteps of saints and encountering some of Christianity's most treasured shrines. Beginning in Pietrelcina, birthplace of Padre Pio, we'll journey through San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano's Eucharistic shrine, and the House of Loreto before spending time in Assisi, home to St Francis and St Clare. The Pilgrimage takes place from the 28th September – 2nd October, 2026. The cost is £1,275 per person sharing a twin/double room on a half-board basis. A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement of £175. To book, and for further information, please visit <https://rcadc.org/pilgrimage-to-san-giovanni-rotondo-and-assisi/>

Lampeter Parish It was a long day's work, but a big thank you is due to those who helped clear out the presbytery this week. Any confidential documents have been kept secure or destroyed, good furniture has been kept in storage, and much rubbish was deposited in a skip! If you were one of those who gave your muscles, your transport, or your storage space, or helped in any way at all, then the whole parish offers you its gratitude!

Crib Collection the Archbishop has designated two charities to benefit from any crib collection this year. They are the Aid to the Church in Need and our own Caritas Cardiff-Menevia, where the funds will go specifically to those who are working with homeless people.

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.

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

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

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

25th 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.

Carols at Christmas. From 11:30pm on Christmas Eve there will be a carol service at Welsh Martyrs which will lead directly in to Christmas Day's Midnight Mass.

Mass Times As the Michaelmas academic term draws to a close, so the campus Mass on Thursdays will be replaced with a 6pm Mass at Welsh Martyrs. Hilary term will see the Campus Mass reinstated from January 8th.

Safe Travels Some of us will be departing this week to visit family and friends over the Christmas Season. If you're heading off then travel safely, and we look forward to welcoming you home in the New Year.

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: grateful for whatever you can give,

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Lampeter: grateful for whatever you can give.

Diolch yn fawr iawn – thank you very much!