

# 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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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025   4<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time   Year C   Weekday Year I   Psalter Week 4</b>			
<b>Date   Dyddiad</b>	<b>Aberystwyth</b> Welsh Martyrs Merthyron Cymru	<b>Aberaeron</b> Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	<b>Lampeter   Llanbed</b> Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> Presentation of the Lord Dygwyl Cyflwyno'r Arglwydd	5.15pm Confessions <b>Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>8.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i> 10am Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Alphonse Gnana Prakasam RIP</i>	<b>9am Holy Mass</b> <i>Gaby Staite RIP</i>  <b>Farewell party following Mass</b>	<b>11.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Rosa Maria Méndez RIP</i>  <b>Farewell party following Mass</b>
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> St Blaise	<b>6pm Holy Mass (with blessing of throats)</b> <i>Peter &amp; Enid Brophy, family/friends</i>		
<b>Tue 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>			6pm Adoration/Confessions <b>7pm Holy Mass (with blessing of throats)</b> <i>Ints of Hilda Ociones</i>
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> February</b> St Agatha	9am Adoration/Confessions <b>10am Holy Mass</b> <i>Margaret Caldwell RIP</i>  <u>6.30pm Taste+See: Natural Law and Two Great Commandments</u>		
<b>Thu 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> St Paul Miki & Comps.	6.30pm Confessions <b>7pm Holy Mass (on campus)</b> <i>University students</i>	9.30am Adoration/Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Holy souls</i>	
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>First Friday</i>	5pm Adoration/Confessions <b>6pm Holy Mass</b> <i>Gerry and Michael Cooke RIP</i>		
<b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> February</b> St Josephine Bakhia	9.30am Adoration/Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Joseph Sheridan RIP</i>		
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> February</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 5	5.15pm Confessions <b>Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>8.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Thanksgiving</i> 10am Confessions <b>10.30am Family Mass</b> <i>Private intention</i>  <b>Farewell party following Mass</b>	<b>9am Holy Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i>	<b>11am Holy Mass</b> <i>Holy souls</i>
<b>Sunday Plate Collection   Casgliad y Sul</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity – diolch am eich haelioni.</i> 26.1.25 <b>£681.57</b> (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron) <b>£96.50</b> (Lampeter   Llanbed)			

**Presentation of the Lord** Also called Candlemas, this celebration marks 40 days since Christmas, and the moment that Mary and Joseph would, as Jewish parents, have taken Jesus to be presented in the Temple, to offer thanksgiving and praise for a new child. Since the Temple was a place of sacrifice, this feast invites us to see how **thanksgiving** and **sacrifice** go hand-in-hand in the spiritual life. As we bless the candles for use in the year to come, may we ourselves be 'candles' in the middle of the world, radiating the flame of the Holy Spirit in us.

**Of your charity** Please pray for the eternal repose of **Gaby Staite**, a dear parishioner of Holy Cross Church, who died in recent days. We pray for Roger and for the family, as they come to terms with their loss. We continue to pray for the repose of **Eleanor Morris**, and for the comfort of her family. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**Lepra** Many thanks: we raised £322.09 in Aberystwyth/Aberaeron, and £45.75 in Lampeter, for this important work.

**Noticeboard** Many thanks to the generous donor who made possible a new noticeboard outside Holy Cross Church in Aberaeron, and to Andy for securing it in place. Please God it will be a great invitation for visitors and for people of the town who perhaps didn't know we were there!

**Blessing of Throats** This traditional blessing on the feast of St Blaise will take place at the end of 6pm Mass on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February in Welsh Martyrs, and at the end of 7pm Mass in Lampeter on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**Farewell** Many thanks to Fr Ross Patterson for supplying in Aberystwyth this weekend, in Aberaeron and Lampeter next weekend, and for his willingness to continue offering supply after Fr Liam's arrival, until Fr Malachy is able to join him permanently. There's a farewell party for Fr Matt in Aberaeron after the 9am Mass, and in Lampeter after the **11.30am** Mass. Next week there is a family Mass at 10.30am in Aberystwyth, after which there will be a farewell party in Penparcau Hub (please contact Madeleine if you intend to come, for catering purposes, on 07866 626519).

**CathSoc Farewell** If you're a student at the university and you'd like to join a farewell meal for Fr Matt this coming Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, please have a word with Luke or a member of the committee for more details.

**Palm Crosses** Please return your palm crosses to church in the next couple of weeks, so that they can be burned ready for the ash to be used on Ash Wednesday (which this year is March 5<sup>th</sup>). Crosses can be left in the sacristy.

**Stamps** St Padarn's School is able to make use of used stamps from envelopes that you receive, by donating them to the Royal National Institute of Blind People, who can make money from them. Simply cut the stamp from the envelope, leaving a little paper border around it, keep safe, and hand in to church or school. We are currently collecting – please bring in any used stamps you have by February 9<sup>th</sup> so that they can be given to the school.

**Lost Property** Please have a look on the table at the front door of Welsh Martyrs Church, and take anything belonging to you: all items will be taken away after February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Blessed Carlo Acutis** It's a great honour for us that the relics of Blessed Carlo will be visiting our Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia in the month of February. Carlo is due to be canonised as a saint by Pope Francis during the Jubilee for Teenagers this April, which will make him the first 'millennial' saint. He is a great patron of the young, and a patron for the right use of the internet. If you'd like to make a pilgrimage to view and pray with these relics, the dates and locations are: 14<sup>th</sup> February in St David's Cathedral, Cardiff; 15<sup>th</sup> February in Belmont Abbey; 16<sup>th</sup> February at St Joseph's Co-Cathedral, Swansea; and later that same day in Sacred Heart, Morriston. The 10am Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark, and Fr Matt will be preaching at the Mass. Do consider making a pilgrimage, seeking Blessed Carlo's prayers for your intentions, as well as the work of developing youth ministry across the Archdiocese. Full details can be found on [www.rcadc.org](http://www.rcadc.org), and on the poster at the front door.

**Flame 2025** This one-day event is the largest Catholic youth gathering in the UK, and takes place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the OVO Arena, Wembley. The Archdiocese have reserved a number of tickets for those in Year 9 to Year 13. Would you like to come along? For more details, email [youth@rcadc.org](mailto:youth@rcadc.org), scan the QR code on the poster in the porch, or visit [www.cymfed.org.uk/flame](http://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame).

**Daily Missals** The Catholic Truth Society (CTS) have announced that daily Missals with the new translation of the readings are now available for pre-order, with a publication date of the end of April: either the **Weekday Missal** for £55.00 (with everything from Monday to Saturday, but nothing for Sunday); or the **Daily Missal** for £69.99 (every day of the week). The 'Daily Missal' is about 1000 pages longer than the 'Weekday Missal', so it's quite a large book. Please email the parish office by February 7<sup>th</sup> to pre-order through the parish, or visit [www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org).

**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:** tinned chilli/curry, tinned fruit, coffee, biscuits.

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

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

*Diolch yn fawr iawn – thank you very much!*