

News from our Parish Groups | Newyddion o'n Grwpiau Plwyfol

It would be so nice to fill this page with news and stories from your parish group! Maybe you could write about a retreat you've been to recently? Or share some testimony of faith? Or tell us about something happening in St Padarn's School this term? We're a parish family, and this is a space for some family news...

Basai mor braf cael llenwi'r tudalen hwn â newyddion eich grŵp plwyf chi. Efallai gallwch chi ysgrifennu am encil rydych chi wedi bod iddo yn ddiweddar? Neu rannu dystiolaeth ffydd? Neu ddweud rhywbeth am ddigwyddiad yn Ysgol Padarn Sant y tymor hwn? Teulu plwyf ydyn ni, ac mae'r lle hwn ar gyfer rhoi newyddion teulu...

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

Welsh Martyrs Church

Piercefield Lane, Aberystwyth, SY23 1RX

Holy Cross Church

Victoria Street, Aberaeron, SA46 0DA

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Pontfaen Road, Lampeter, SA48 7BS

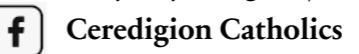
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Ceredigion Catholics

21st April 2024 / Fourth Week of Easter / Year B / Weekday Year II

Times of Holy Mass and other events Amserau'r Offeren a ddigwyddiadau eraill		Mass Intention Bwriad
<u>WM</u> Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth <u>HC</u> Holy Cross, Aberaeron		
<u>L</u> Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lampeter <u>UC</u> Aberystwyth University Faith Space		
Sun 21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter Pedwerydd Sul y Pasg <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass (<u>WM</u>) (<i>Confessions 5.15pm</i>) 8.30am Offeren yn Gymraeg Holy Mass in Welsh (<u>WM</u>) 10am Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>) 10am Holy Mass (<u>L</u>) 12.30pm Holy Mass (<u>HC</u>)	<i>Anne Mary Howells RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Mr and Mrs Thomas</i> <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i> <i>Ruth and John Pearson RIP</i>
Mon 22nd April	6pm Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>)	<i>Rosie Dantes (health) & family</i>
Tues 23rd April St George	<i>6pm Confessions 6.30pm Holy Mass (<u>UC</u>)</i>	<i>November Lists</i>
Wed 24th April	<i>9am Adoration & Confessions 10am Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>)</i>	<i>Members of St Ant Comms.</i>
Thurs 25th April St Mark	<i>9.30am Adoration & Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass (<u>HC</u>)</i> 6pm Holy Mass (<u>L</u>)	<i>Friends of the Suffering Souls</i> <i>Priest's intention</i>
Fri 26th April	<i>5pm Adoration & Confessions 6pm Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>)</i>	<i>November Lists</i>
Sat 27th April	<i>9.30am Adoration & Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>)</i>	<i>November Lists</i>
Sun 28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter Pumed Sul y Pasg	Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass (<u>WM</u>) (<i>Confessions 5.15pm</i>) 8.30am Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>) 10am Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>) 10am Holy Mass (<u>L</u>) 12.30pm Holy Mass (<u>HC</u>) 6pm Msza Święta po polsku Mass in Polish (<u>L</u>)	<i>Priest's intention</i> <i>Holy Father's intentions</i> <i>November Lists</i> <i>November Lists</i> <i>Priest's intention</i> <i>Priest's intention</i>
Mon 29th April St Catherine of Siena	6pm Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>)	<i>Rosie Dantes (health) & family</i>
Tues 30th April	<i>6pm Confessions 6.30pm Holy Mass (<u>UC</u>)</i>	<i>Victims & Survivors of Abuse</i>
Wed 1st May St Joseph the Worker	<i>9am Adoration & Confessions 10am Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>)</i>	<i>Dennis & Marlene Fecci RIP</i>
Thurs 2nd May St Athanasius	<i>9.30am Adoration & Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass (<u>HC</u>)</i>	<i>Friends of the Suffering Souls</i>
Fri 3rd May Sts Philip & James First Friday	<i>5pm Adoration & Confessions 6pm Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>)</i> 5pm Adoration & Confessions 6pm Holy Mass (<u>L</u>)	<i>Daniel Sheehan RIP</i> <i>Friends of the Suffering Souls</i>
Sat 4th May First Saturday	<i>9.30am Adoration & Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>)</i>	<i>November Lists</i>
Sun 5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter Chweched Sul y Pasg <i>Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians</i>	Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass (<u>WM</u>) (<i>Confessions 5.15pm</i>) 8.30am Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>) 10am Holy Mass (<u>WM</u>) 10am Holy Mass (<u>L</u>) 12.30pm Holy Mass (<u>HC</u>) 4.30pm Msza Święta po polsku Mass in Polish (<u>WM</u>)	<i>November Lists</i> <i>November Lists</i> <i>Deceased of the Gorman family</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Private intention (SR)</i> <i>Priest's intention</i>

Sunday Plate Collection | Casgliad y Sul: 14.4.024 TBC (A) £101.65 (L) Many thanks, diolch yn fawr!

Good Shepherd Sunday This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. The training of new priests is an essential element of our Catholic faith, so that we see a continuation of the prayer of the Holy Mass, the absolution of sins in confession, and the sacramental presence of Christ the Shepherd in our midst. How wonderful it would be to have priestly vocations from our own parishes! Please offer something in your own prayer for this great intention today. Today is also the annual collection for our diocesan Priest Training Fund which covers the costs of a man's initial formation during seminary at a cost of about £185,000, whether or not he continues to priesthood. *Diolch yn fawr iawn*, many thanks indeed for whatever you're able to give to this Fund. You can donate either in the collection at the end of Sunday Mass, on the contactless device (in Aberystwyth and Aberaeron), or by scanning the QR code inside this paragraph. You can also watch a series of videos about the priesthood filmed recently in Aberystwyth, by going to youtube.com/@DioceseofMenevia.



Vocations Message Each year the Pope writes a message for this Good Shepherd Sunday – this year he talks about the virtue of hope, as we prepare for next year's Jubilee of Hope. You can find his message by using the QR code inside this paragraph. In the letter he says: *'To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence... More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him.'*



Newsletter This week's newsletter is a double edition so there won't be one next week. You'll notice that a number of the Masses are scheduled to be offered for 'November Lists'. This is thanks to the generosity of donors in November 2023 which means we're continuing to offer Masses for the names included on the Aberystwyth/Aberaeron lists. These Masses are not date-specific, and so if you were hoping for a Mass intention this month but now see that all the slots are taken, you're welcome to ask the priest to celebrate your intention at the Masses where it says 'November Lists'.

Llongyfarchiadau | ଶ୍ରୀମଦ୍ଭଗବତ୍ | Congratulations Warm wishes and prayers to Thomas and Rosy who celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary this Sunday. We pray for all married couples in our parish and for whatever they are carrying at this time. You might like to listen to a praise and worship song by Catholic artist Sarah Kroger called '*I Choose You*', all about the choice of love in good times and in bad. You can hear it by following the QR code in this message.



Welsh Martyrs Porch The porch, or narthex, of Welsh Martyrs Church has had a facelift! Many thanks to those who've helped – the piety shop now has much more space for browsing and there's a new book library. Feel free to borrow something to use in the church and return when you're finished; if you see something on the shelf you'd like to keep, feel free – and perhaps make a donation via the machine by clicking the 'Parish' button.

Youth Group Many thanks to those who came to the new youth group which began yesterday with a walk up sunny Pendinas to blow away the cobwebs! This group is open to the young people in the parish, aimed especially at those in Year 6 to Year 11. Please pray for this intention. We're blessed to have so many young people coming to Mass in our parish, and they need our prayerful support.

National Pilgrimage The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper in Cardigan takes place on Sunday 12th May, this year led by Bishop Peter Brignall of Wrexham Diocese. Please mark the date in your diaries and do your best to come along in support!

Police Commissioner Elections These take place on Thursday 2nd May, electing representative who will oversee how crime is tackled in the area covered by Dyfed-Powys Police Force. The aim of the Police Commissioners is to cut crime and to ensure the police force is effective. Please mark the date so that your voice is heard.

Children's Liturgy There won't be Children's Liturgy during 10am Mass on Sunday 21st April or Sunday 5th May.

Tuesday 30th April This day is the *Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse*. The focus for this year's Day is for communities who have been directly affected by allegations or convictions related to abuse, when an investigation into one individual affects the community of which they are a part. This focus, chosen by our Bishops' Conference, reminds us of how the damage of abuse is wide-reaching. We pray for those in our own parish communities who currently experience abusive environments, that they have somewhere safe to speak. Have you heard of **Safe Spaces**? This charity offers a space for anyone who has been abused either by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church. Go to www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk, phone 0300 303 1056, or click the QR code within this message to find out more information.



Our Father Talk Series The next talk in the series of talks on the Our Father will be on **Wednesday 1st May** from 6.30-8.30pm in Neuadd Goffa (opposite St Anne's Church in Penparcau). Our speaker will be Professor Caroline Maybury, one of our own parishioners from Welsh Martyrs, who will speak to us on 'Writing the Kingdom' – she'll examine the words 'Thy Kingdom Come' from an iconographer's perspective, with a particular reference to beauty. This promises to be a fascinating reflection. All welcome! *For your diaries, the fourth talk will take place on Monday 20th May at the same time, 6.30pm. More details to follow.*

Sunday 5th May is the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, praying as one Church for peace in the world. We're blessed to have many Eastern Christians in our parish congregations, and we think especially of those from Ukraine who long for peace in their homeland. *Ми дякуємо вам за вашу віру* – we thank you for your faith.

Young Adults Pilgrimage CAFOD is running a two-night residential pilgrimage at the Frontier Centre near Northampton, from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July. The event is aimed at young adults aged 18-40. There will be a walk of 13 miles on the Saturday in preparation for next year's Jubilee Year, along with times for worship, meeting others and learning more of CAFOD's mission. Total cost £100 (but never let money get in the way). For more information use the QR code beside this message.

Youth Residential organised by the Youth Council of Menevia and Cardiff: July 24th-28th in St Davids, Pembrokeshire, for £250 to cover everything – we'll spend some days away walking, praying, eating and having fun. This event is for teenagers aged 14-18 from across our dioceses. If you'd like to go but don't have the funds, please get in touch.

Sick visits Are you aware of someone in the parish of Aberystwyth or Lampeter who is not receiving pastoral visits at home, who would like to? Feel free to email your parish email address to request such a visit.

Fire Marshals If you'd be willing to train as a fire marshal, to know what to do in the event of a fire during an event at Welsh Martyrs Church or Holy Cross Church, please contact aberystwyth@menevia.org.

Electrician Following a recent Health and Safety Audit in all three of our churches, there are a few electrical jobs needing some attention. If you are or you know a trained electrician with NICIEC certification, it would be nice to put the work your way. Please get in touch on your parish's email address.

First Holy Communion Please pray for Ann and Ally who will receive Jesus for the first time in holy Communion during the 10am Mass next Sunday 28th in Aberystwyth. We pray also for their families at this joyful time!

Donations If you'd like to donate to the mission of Aberystwyth parish, you can do so via the parish website or using this QR code. Many thanks for your generosity.



Food Bank Donations Collection points are in each church porch. Recent needs include:

Aberystwyth: pasta, tinned fruit, tinned custard or rice pudding, Weetabix.

Aberaeron: grateful for whatever you can give. *Diolch yn fawr! Many thanks!*