

Another update on suggested Sunday Mass times!

Many thanks to everyone who's been in touch – diolch yn fawr i chi gyd. This has been such a helpful moment for me to learn more about our parishes, and more about what's on your hearts. I hope you've found it helpful too.

A couple of weeks ago I based this conversation on the principle that one priest should, in the event of the other's absence, be able to celebrate all the Sunday Masses. I've been really helped by your feedback to see that, while that principle is appropriate for churches that are reasonably close to one another (for example in an urban area), the reality of our parish family is that there are two priests here for a reason, and that the are we cover means we're justified in thinking always in terms of two priests covering things. For that reason, I've laid aside this initial principle, and so I present instead a new set of Mass times that overlap with each other. This means that in periods of holiday leave or illness, I'll do my best to find supply from another parish to cover the priest who is away. The new suggested schedule is as follows, with my reasoning below it (the changes from last week are in **bold text**):

- Saturday **6pm**: Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth (with confessions at 5.15pm)
- Sunday **8.30am**: Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth (once a month in Welsh)
- Sunday **10.30am**: Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth
- Sunday **9am**: Holy Cross, Aberaeron (with confessions at 8.40am)
- Sunday **11am**: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lampeter

The vigil Mass reverts to its current time in Aberystwyth.

The first Mass of Sunday in Aberystwyth returns to **8.30am**, and the second Mass moves to **10.30am**. Last week I suggested 9am and 11am – but I've been told that some nurses begin their shift at 12noon in Bronglais hospital, and so there isn't sufficient time to get from 11am Mass to their shift. We still need two hours between the morning Masses to ease the strain on the car park, so that people aren't leaving and arriving at the same time. Therefore I've suggested 8.30am and 10.30am. The 10.30am Mass would have the Children's Liturgy (when leaders are available and in term-time), and would also have the minibus service.

The Mass in Aberaeron moves to Sunday morning at 9am. While no time is perfect for everyone, this earlier time is the resounding preference from parishioners at Holy Cross, compared with the current time of 12.30pm.

The Mass in Lampeter moves to Sunday morning at 11am, and enables the priest not always to be heading off for another Mass, which is a really important way of us getting to know one another. I recognise this is an hour later than currently, but I think the pros outweigh the cons.

You're welcome to get in touch with any fresh feedback (even to say you agree!) Next Sunday I'll announce the new set of Sunday Mass times.

Please note that there will be no changes to Mass times until at least June 29th/30th.

God bless you

Fr Matt

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 **Ceredigion Catholics**

19th May 2024 | 7th Week in Ordinary Time | Year B | Weekday Year II

Times of Holy Mass and other events Amserau'r Offeren a ddigwyddiadau eraill WM Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth HC Holy Cross, Aberaeron L Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lampeter UC Aberystwyth University Faith Space		Mass Intention Bwriad
Sun 19th May Pentecost Sunday Y Sulgwyn	Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass (WM) (<i>Confessions 5.15pm</i>) 8.30am Holy Mass (WM) 10am Holy Mass (WM) 10am Holy Mass (L) 12.30pm Holy Mass (HC) (<i>Confessions 12.10pm</i>)	People of the Parish November Lists Adam Hughes Openness to the Holy Spirit November Lists
Mon 20th May Mary, Mother of the Church	6pm Holy Mass (WM) 6.45pm Our Father Talk Series (Neuadd Goffa)	Anna Suchy
Tues 21st May	9.15am Mass of the Holy Spirit (St Padarn's School) 6pm Confessions 6.30pm Holy Mass (UC)	School Building Project November Lists
Wed 22nd May St Rita of Cascia	9am Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 10am Holy Mass (WM)	Joseph and Sarah Evans RIP
Thurs 23rd May Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9.30am Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass (HC) 6pm Holy Mass (L) May Procession of Our Lady following evening Mass	November Lists November Lists
Fri 24th May	5pm Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 6pm Holy Mass (WM)	Edward Arthur Dinan RIP
Sat 25th May Memorial of Our Lady	9.30am Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass (WM)	November Lists
Sun 26th May The Most Holy Trinity Sul y Drindod World Children's Day	Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass (WM) (<i>Confessions 5.15pm</i>) 8.30am Holy Mass (WM) 10am Family Mass (WM) 10am Holy Mass (L) 12.30pm Holy Mass (HC) (<i>Confessions 12.10pm</i>) 4.30pm May Procession of Our Lady (WM) 6pm Msza Święta po polsku Mass in Polish (L)	Mario Subacchi RIP Mr MC Emmanuel RIP Priest's intention People of the Parish November Lists Priest's intention
Sunday Plate Collection Casgliad y Sul: 12.5.2024 £494.64 (A) £181.45 (L) Many thanks for your generosity, diolch yn fawr am eich haelioni!		

Pentecost This Sunday is the feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gave power, desire and freshness to the apostles, to go to the world around them and proclaim that Jesus the Lord, was the Lord of the whole world. The newfound energy inside of them led all but one of them to give their lives for the Good News of Jesus. Our mission 2000 years later is no different! We too are called to receive the Holy Spirit, to speak of him to the world around us, and to make the person of Jesus the rock on whom we build our lives. What might the Holy Spirit be wanting to do in and through you? Invite him this Pentecost, perhaps by using this prayer – *Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle within them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of that same Spirit, we may be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Llongyfarchiadau Congratulations to Adam Hughes who will be baptised and confirmed during the 10am Mass in Aberystwyth this Sunday. Thank you God that our parish family is always growing!

Ysgol Padarn Sant Llongyfarchiadau, warm congratulations, to Enid Brophy and her staff, on the announcement from Welsh Government this week that they have committed to the building of a brand new school! This is wonderful news for our parish, and for the many children who'll be able to learn in an environment that's fresh and purpose-built for the new Curriculum for Wales and the new Religious Education Directory. We've been told to expect the school to be completed in six to seven years from now. Please keep this intention in your prayers.

Of your charity Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mike Pearson** from Holy Cross Church, who died on Friday morning. Please pray also for his family at this painful time. Funeral arrangements will be confirmed in next weekend's newsletter. *May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Our Father Talk Series The next talk in the series will be on the words, 'Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven', this coming Monday 20th May at Neuadd Goffa. The session will be led by Sr Angela Murray, an Ursuline sister living in Cardigan, following the 6pm Mass at Welsh Martyrs (so around 6.45pm until 8.15pm). All welcome!

Marian Procession We'll honour Our Lady with a May procession in **Lampeter this Thursday 23rd May** after the 6pm Mass, and in **Aberystwyth next Sunday 26th May** at 5pm. All welcome!

Holy Cross Garden We're planning to freshen up the garden at Holy Cross Church. Have you got ideas for how we can add plants or do a makeover of the beds? In the front we could add some companion plants for the roses, such as lavender, lilies, parsley, daisies and marigolds; at the back we hope to start a new herb bed. Donations of plants and herbs will be gratefully received! Anyone interested in helping in any way with the garden this year, please see Tricia Price. We'll have a planting party with refreshments provided after Sunday Mass on 26th May!

Kingdom Building Team This team has grown organically in recent months in Aberystwyth parish, as we aim to help parishioners discover their God-given spiritual gifts – also called 'charisms'. What are the charisms, anyway? And what do they look like in people's lives? You're warmly invited to a Kingdom Building evening on Tuesday 4th June to pray together, to discover more about what God might be wanting to do in your life, and to chat with others.

Men's Night The next recollection will be Thursday 6th June at Welsh Martyrs, 6.15pm-7.45pm, followed by some food in a local pub. All men welcome!

CathSoc Committee Our thanks and best wishes to Torin, Evie and Josh, as they hand over the work of leading the university's Catholic Society. Thanks for another great year! Please pray for Luke, Renata and George, as they take the reins for the coming academic year.

Say Something in Welsh This group is running a deal at the moment for anyone who'd like to gain a bit of confidence using Welsh – you can sign up for 6 months for just £20, plus an extra 6 months for free if you make significant progress in the first half of the year! Use the QR code to the right of the message to sign up.



New Lectionary The translation of the scripture readings that we hear at Mass is changing in a few months' time. The translation we have at the moment is called the Jerusalem Bible, but is generally considered to emphasise 'conversational style' over 'faithfulness to the original texts.' The Bishops Conferences of the English-speaking world have decided to change the translation we hear at Mass to the **English Standard Version**, which is considered to be more faithful to the original texts while remaining very 'listenable'. That might mean some of the readings we're used to hearing will sound quite different – but it's a nice opportunity to refresh our relationship with the Word of God. This change will take place at the start of Advent this year. Parishes now need to order new versions, beautifully bound by the Catholic Truth Society – we'll need the four different volumes for each church, plus a Book of the Gospels and some smaller study editions (for use in school or for study groups). Would you like to sponsor one of these books, perhaps to be dedicated in memory of a loved one? If so please email Fr Matt for more details.

Compost Idea The Laudato Si garden project is in desperate need of more compost! **Could you help?** We'll give you a roll of compostable bags, you fill them up with your veg peelings etc (please, only compostable items), and then you bring them to Welsh Martyrs to put in the green bin *designated for this purpose only!* We'd be so grateful. If you want to help but you attend the church in Aberaeron or Lampeter, please have a word with us to arrange a way to make it work.

Ceredigion Young People's Bursary 2024 Are you aged 11-25 and living in Ceredigion? Do you have a personal goal you want to achieve? Up to £1500 is available for young people aiming to reach their target. Please email gwion.bowen@ceredigion.gov.uk for an application form – all you need to do is say a bit about yourself and what you want to do with the money! Successful candidates will be chosen in July, and the deadline for applications is midnight on July 22nd.

Job Advert Catholic education in Pembrokeshire has changed recently. The four primary schools have been organised into two Federations of Catholic Schools, each to be looked after by one Executive Head and Governing Body. The federations are now Milford Haven-Fishguard; and Haverfordwest-Tenby. This latter one, the Mary Immaculate and St Teilo's Catholic Primary Schools Federation, is recruiting to appoint a permanent Catholic Executive Headteacher for September 2024. Closing date for applications is 10th June 2024. Contact Paul White at education@menevia.org.uk.

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.

SPUC Vacancies The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is looking to appoint a Parliamentary Officer and a Telemarketing and Fundraising Officer. For more information, visit spuc.org.uk/joinourteam.

Stella Maris This charity, formerly 'Apostleship of the Sea', invites parishioners to an online webinar to report back on how they've been using the funds raised on Sea Sunday, which occurs every July – you'll hear how these funds have impacted the lives of seafarers, fishers and their families, and hear from Stella Maris's CEO and its chaplains. To register, visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024.

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: tinned tuna/curry/soup/fruit/custard, size 4+ nappies.

Aberaeron: grateful for whatever you can give.

Diolch yn fawr! Many thanks!