

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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8th September 2024 | 23rd Week in Ordinary Time | Year B | Weekday Year II

Date Dyddiad	Aberystwyth Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	Aberaeron Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Lampeter Llanbedr Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 8th September 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 23	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Catherine Mary Morgan RIP</i> 8.30am Holy Mass <i>Holy souls</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Family Mass <i>Priest's intention</i>	8.40am Confessions 9am Holy Mass <i>Christine Swan RIP</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i> 6pm Polish Mass <i>Priest's intention</i>
Mon 9th September Bl. Frederic Ozanam			
Tue 10th September St Gregory the Great	6pm Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Adoration/Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Peter Price RIP</i>	
Wed 11th September St Deiniol	9am Adoration & Confessions 10am Holy Mass <i>Timothy Fenwick</i>		
Thu 12th September Holy Name of Mary			6pm Adoration/Confessions 7pm Holy Mass <i>Barbara Forbes-Jones RIP</i>
Fri 13th September St John Chrysostom	5pm Adoration/Confessions 6pm Holy Mass <i>November Lists</i>		
Sat 14th September Memorial of Our Lady	No Morning Mass		
Sun 15th September 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 24	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Holy souls</i> 8.30am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Family Mass <i>Dennis & Marlene Fecci RIP</i> 5pm Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer	8.40am Confessions 9am Holy Mass (Patronal Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross) <i>Private intention</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday Plate Collection Casgliad y Sul <i>Thank you for your generosity! Diolch am eich haelioni!</i> £573.76 (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron) £176.00 (Lampeter)			

Education Sunday This Sunday we pray for our own Catholic school in Ceredigion, Ysgol Padarn Sant. We especially pray Mrs Enid Brophy and her staff, and all the pupils past and present. There is a letter in the porch written by Bishop Marcus Stock, lead Bishop for Catholic Education – feel free to take a copy. He says, ‘*Placing all our trust in God’s grace, we pray that Catholic education will continue to make Christ known across our lands.*’

Sunday BBQ (Aberystwyth) Please stay after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday 8th September for a fundraising BBQ. Lunch will be £5 per adult and £10 for a family – contact Madeleine to buy a ticket (07866 626519).

Patronal Feast Day (Aberaeron) The feast of the Holy Cross falls next Saturday 14th September. Fr Matt will be away at the National Eucharistic Congress that day in Oscott, and so our feast day celebrations will be transferred to next **Sunday 15th September**. There will be tea and cake following the Mass – please stay to celebrate!

Supply A warm welcome back to Fr Greg Beckett who will supply in Aberystwyth on Sunday this weekend.

Mission Red Box Thank You and Appeal Next weekend we will welcome Fr Dermot Byrne to Aberystwyth to give a 'Red Box Appeal'. Some of you already have a Red Box – it's a way of collecting coins to support the mission in the Church throughout the world, especially where the Church is young and in need. This is done through the Pope's official charity for mission called *Missio*. If you don't already have a Red Box at home, please do consider taking one next week, or signing up to give a Direct Debit. Fr Dermot will share more details next weekend.

Posh and Pre-Loved Fashion Fundraiser Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September, 12pm-3pm at St Padarn's School. New and nearly new men's, ladies' and children's clothes and accessories at fabulous prices. There will also be a Community Wardrobe where you can swap your own pre-loved item for another (even a pair of socks!) Tea, coffee and biscuits provided throughout. For more information speak to Liz, Bethan or Jacky, or go to our Ceredigion Catholics Facebook page.

Moneyboxes We've had two collection boxes recently installed under the holy water fonts in Welsh Martyrs Church – these collect for the **St Vincent de Paul Society** (aka SVP), which seeks to help those in need in our community, and for our **Laudato Si Garden Project**, which grows an abundance of fresh vegetables in the church grounds which is then donated to various groups in Aberystwyth. Any loose change (or more!) much appreciated.

First Holy Communion This Tuesday 10th is the final preparation session for the children (and parents) preparing to receive their first holy Communion next month. Please keep these families in your prayers!

CHANGE OF DATE Parish Meeting (Lampeter) Thank you for so much interest in this upcoming meeting about different aspects of our parish life – for various reasons the date needs to be changed, and so we'll meet instead on **Sunday 6th October**, after the 11am Mass. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes – hopefully as many as possible can be there. Could we make it into a shared lunch? All welcome, whether to speak or simply to listen. If you'd like to submit a topic for discussion ahead of the meeting, please email Fr Matt before *Thursday 3rd October*. No new topics will be added on the day.

SVP Awareness Month Did you know that in the period of April 2023 to March 2024, members of the SVP Aberystwyth Conference spent 174 hours visiting people in the area or speaking on the phone, and spent 775 hours giving all sorts of practical assistance to people: providing food (either shopping or hot meals), helping people settle into new accommodation, giving sleeping bags to rough sleepers, and warm clothes and bedding to children in need, and helping people get to church. Please keep the SVP in your prayers.

SVP Celebration Mass SVP Cardiff Central Council invite you to celebrate the life and work of St Vincent de Paul on his feast day, Friday 27th September, with 12.45pm Mass at Cardiff Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Mark. Refreshments in the Mostyn Room after Mass – *croeso cynnes i bawb*, everyone is very welcome.

'Magnificat' You may have come across this great little monthly companion, with daily readings, reflections, artwork, and a brief Morning and Evening Prayer. The publishers are offering a discount if ordered before Sept 10th (the price will increase after this). If you order through the parish, you pay just £3.75/month. If you prefer to organise your own subscription, this is £49.00/year. Let Fr Matt know if you'd be interested in a parish subscription.

Pilgrimage to Rome Join Archbishop Mark to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope – 16-20 June 2025 for £1030pp (sharing), including return flights (Bristol), transfers, half board and entrances. You'll see the Catacombs and attend Corpus Christi Mass and Eucharistic Procession with the Pope. Book at www.pilgrimagepeople.org (select 'Book' from the toolbar, 'Italy' from the drop-down menu, then 'Cardiff and Menevia'). A deposit of £300 is required by 13th September. For more information email office@pilgrimagepeople.org.

Mobile Phones Please ensure your mobile phone is switched to silent/vibrate or switched off, before Mass begins, to save distracting others during the celebration. Many thanks.

Donations If you'd like to make a donation to the mission of the 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: Weetabix, tinned meatballs, tinned sweetcorn, tinned fruit, deodorant.

Aberaeron: grateful for whatever you can give.

Lampeter: strong 'Bags for Life', pasta, sugar, tea, small jars of coffee.

Diolch yn fawr iawn – thank you very much!