

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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15th September 2024 | 24th 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 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 Adoration & 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>
Mon 16th September Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	10am Holy Mass <i>Maria Brannigan</i>		
Tue 17th September St Hildegard of Bingen	No Evening Mass	9.30am Adoration/Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Donor's intention</i>	
Wed 18th September	9am Adoration & Confessions 10am Holy Mass <i>Donor's intention</i>		
Thu 19th September	9.45am Holy Mass with St Padarn's School (at WMC) <i>School Community</i>		6pm Adoration/Confessions 7pm Holy Mass <i>Donor's intention</i>
Fri 20th September St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companion	5pm Adoration/Confessions 6pm Holy Mass <i>Donor's intention</i> 6.45-8.15pm Men's Night		
Sat 21st September St Matthew	9.30am Adoration/Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Donor's intention</i>		
Sun 22nd September 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 25	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Kathleen King RIP</i> 8.30am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Family Mass <i>Thanksgiving for Theo & Freya</i>	8.40am Confessions 9am Holy Mass <i>Christine Walsh RIP</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i> 6pm Polish Mass <i>Priest's intention</i>
Sunday Plate Collection Casgliad y Sul <i>Thank you for your generosity! Diolch am eich haelioni!</i> £571.29 (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron) £149.35 (Lampeter)			

New Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia As of Thursday 12th September, the Pope announced that the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia are now unified into the new 'Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia'. This change took effect immediately, and so the whole of South Wales and Herefordshire is now one diocese. This will have significant and permanent effects on how we work together into the future. We will hear a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Mark at all Masses this weekend. Please keep our new Archdiocese in your prayers at this time.

Patronal Feast Day (Aberaeron) The feast of the Holy Cross on 14th September is transferred to this Sunday in Aberaeron. Please stay afterwards for a brew and a piece of cake!

Mission Red Box Thank You and Appeal This weekend we welcome Fr Dermot Byrne to Aberystwyth to give a 'Red Box Appeal'. He is not here to collect money, but rather to encourage us to sign up for a 'Red Box' – some of you already have one of these, a way of collecting spare change for *Missio*, a charity that supports the mission in the Church throughout the world. You can sign up for a Red Box or a Direct Debit this Sunday. Please pray for the work of *Missio* and the Mill Hill Missionaries – you can find out more at www.missio.org.uk.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday Formerly called 'Home Mission Sunday', we raise funds through a **second collection** this weekend for the missionary initiatives of our Bishops Conference. We pray that many more souls will hear a proclamation of the Gospel in our lands, in language they understand and in places they recognise. (Please note this second collection is entirely separate to the Appeal being made by Fr Dermot for Red Boxes).

'Adoremus' Eucharistic Congress Hundreds of delegates from across the UK gathered yesterday for the National Eucharistic Congress at Oscott College in Birmingham, celebrating our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Each parish has been asked to hold a time of Eucharistic Adoration this weekend – and so there will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour at 5pm in Welsh Martyrs, ending with evening prayer at 6pm. All very welcome.

Kneelers (Aberystwyth) Thanks be to God, this week the kneelers will start to be replaced at Welsh Martyrs Church. Thank you for your generosity which has made this possible. We're also grateful that a Catholic company from Saundersfoot quoted nearly 50% less than our original quote. The plan is for the first half to be removed and returned by next Saturday 21st; and the second batch to be removed and returned by Saturday 28th.

Marian Chapel (Aberystwyth) There is a delay on the delivery of the new votive candle stand for Our Lady's chapel, so its opening has had to be pushed back. Our birthday present to her will be a belated one this year!

BBQ Fundraiser Many thanks to those who organised the BBQ last Sunday, despite the pouring rain! This event raised £152.00 for our fundraising efforts in Aberystwyth.

Men's Night Friday 20th Sept, with a time of prayer and reflection from 6.45-8.15pm, then a social at Athro Lounge.

Posh and Pre-Loved Fashion Fundraiser Sat 21st & Sun 22nd Sept, 12pm-3pm at St Padarn's School. New and nearly new men's, ladies' and children's clothes and accessories at fabulous prices; also 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.

International Older Persons Day 2024 This day falls on September 30th, and there is a get together from 9am-4pm in the Council Chambers at Penmorfa, Aberaeron – 'Join us in building an age-friendly Ceredigion'. If you'd like more information or to attend, email Anne Watkins from Lampeter parish on annewatkins2010@hotmail.co.uk.

Parish Meeting (Lampeter) We look forward to meeting after 11am Mass on Sunday 6th October to chat about different aspects of our parish. All welcome, and all ideas too – but please contact Fr Matt before Thursday 3rd October if you would like your topic to be included on the agenda (no new topics will be added on the day).

'Taste and See' A new programme for anyone who'd like to learn about the Catholic faith. All welcome – the sessions will form part of the formation for those interested in becoming Catholic next Easter, but please feel welcome to come if you're already a practising Catholic, and by all means welcome anyone you know with an interest in learning more. Participants are asked to register for the whole programme. Sessions begin on Wednesday 2nd October, and take place every three weeks. More details available to anyone interested.

SVP Awareness Month Last year SVP in Menevia raised £4000 towards the construction of St Vincent School in South Sudan, which now provides education and training for some of the poorest children in Africa. The sum was raised through the annual 'Matthew Mulcahy Sponsored Walk', which this year (Sept 29th in Swansea) will raise money to support baby-feeding centres there – details and sponsor forms available at the back of Welsh Martyrs.

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: 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!