

# 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>22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024   25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time   Year B   Weekday Year II</b>			
<b>Date   Dyddiad</b>	<b>Aberystwyth</b> Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	<b>Aberaeron</b> Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	<b>Lampeter   Llanbed</b> Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 25	5.15pm Confessions <b>Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Kathleen King RIP</i> <b>8.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i> 10am Confessions <b>10.30am Family Mass</b> <i>Thanksgiving for Theo &amp; Freya</i>	8.40am Confessions <b>9am Holy Mass</b> <i>Christine Walsh RIP</i>	<b>11am Holy Mass</b> <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i> <b>6pm Polish Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i>
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> St Pius of Pietrelcina			
<b>Tue 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>			<b>7.30pm Holy Mass</b> <i>Friends of the Suffering Souls</i>
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9am Adoration & Confessions <b>10am Holy Mass</b> <i>Mike Scanlan RIP</i>		
<b>Thu 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> Sts Cosmas & Damian	6.30pm Confessions <b>7pm Holy Mass</b> <b>@ Faith Space on Campus</b> <i>Fruitfulness of the year ahead</i>	9.30am Adoration/Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Louis Devlin RIP</i>	
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> St Vincent de Paul	5pm Adoration/Confessions <b>6pm Holy Mass</b> <i>Donor's intention</i> 6.40pm-8.30pm Healing Night		
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> Memorial of Our Lady	9.30am Adoration/Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Sally Cowell RIP</i>		
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> September</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sul Cyffredin 26	5.15pm Confessions <b>Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Holy souls</i> <b>8.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Holy souls</i> 10am Confessions <b>10.30am Family Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	8.40am Confessions <b>9am Holy Mass</b> <i>Friends of the Suffering Souls</i>	<b>11am Holy Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i> <b>6pm Polish Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i>
<b>Sunday Plate Collection   Casgliad y Sul</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity! Diolch am eich haelioni!</i> <b>£395.45</b> (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron) <b>£161.95</b> (Lampeter)			

**Feast of the Holy Cross** We had a lovely patronal feast in Aberaeron last Sunday – many thanks to all who contributed! Thanks to Canon Michael Smith who is celebrating Mass in Aberaeron and Lampeter this Sunday.

**Missio Red Boxes** Fr Dermot Byrne would like to thank Welsh Martyrs Church for the welcome and generous response to his appeal last weekend. If you didn't get a chance to collect a Red Box or Direct Debit form, speak to our *Missio* rep Paul Drew, or go to [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk). He will visit Aberaeron and Lampeter at a later date.

**Kneelers (Aberystwyth)** The first half of the kneelers have been replaced – they look and feel great! The second half have been removed and are due to be re-fitted on Thursday.

**University** Croeso nôl, welcome back to all our students! We look forward to a great year ahead. We congratulate Luke, George and Renata, who this year form the CathSoc Committee. Please pray for the fruits of this year.

**Second Collection for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday** Formerly called ‘Home Mission Sunday’, we raise funds 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.

**Posh and Pre-Loved Fashion Fundraiser** 12pm-3pm this Sunday at St Padarn’s School. New and nearly new clothes and accessories at fabulous prices; also a Community Wardrobe where you can swap your own pre-loved item for another. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided throughout. Come along to find some gems!

**Mass times this week** Please note that from now on the weekday Mass in Lampeter will be on a **Tuesday evening** (this week it’s at 7.30pm due to a clergy day near Bridgend), and the Mass in Aberaeron will be on a **Thursday morning**. We begin the campus Mass again this week, and this moves to a **Thursday evening** at the slightly later time of 6.30pm Confessions and 7pm Mass. Diolch i chi am eich dealltwriaeth – thank you for your understanding.

**Safeguarding Team** The team meets on Wednesday – if you have queries or concerns you’d like to be discussed, please email Fr Matt. This group is looking after safeguarding or health and safety issues in Lampeter parish, too.

**Healing Night** The Healing Team invites you to join them for reflection and prayer after Mass this Friday in Welsh Martyrs. There will be some talks from members of the team, some gentle music, and the opportunity (should you wish) to receive prayer ministry and to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The evening will finish by 8.30pm.

**Sally Cowell RIP** Sally’s funeral service takes place at the Crematorium next Saturday. The 10.30am Mass will be offered as a Requiem Mass for her, to which all are of course welcome.

**International Older Persons Day 2024** This day falls on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:annewatkins2010@hotmail.co.uk).

**Parish Meeting (Lampeter)** We look forward to meeting after 11am Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October to chat about different aspects of our parish. All welcome, and all ideas too – but please contact Fr Matt before Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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’** Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith? All welcome to this nine-part series from October 2<sup>nd</sup> until Easter, with sessions every three weeks on Wednesday evenings, and activities for children so parents can attend. Participants are asked to register for the series. Please email Fr Matt for more information.

**Young Adults Event: YouCAN Cymru ‘Monastery Day’** Mass, Adoration, Confession, Prayer and Fellowship on 5<sup>th</sup> October at Our Lady and St Michael’s Church in Abergavenny. The day begins at 9am and includes a weather-permitting walk in the afternoon. For more information and to book, email [rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk](mailto:rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk).

**Digwydd Oedolion Ifanc: YouCAN Cymru ‘Diwrnod Mynachlog’** Offeren, Bendithiad, Cyffes, Gweddi a Chyfeillachu ar 5fed mis Hydref yn Eglwys Ein Harglwyddes a Sant Mihangel Y Fenni. Bydd y diwrnod yn dechrau am 9yb ac fe fydd taith gerdded yn y prynhawn a bod y tywydd yn caniatáu. Am ragor o wybodaeth ac i archebu lle, e-bostiwch [rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk](mailto:rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk).

**Gazebo Club** October 9<sup>th</sup> trip to Llanerchaeron for our seniors. There are National Trust tickets available for free online, so you’d need to book your own ticket. Contact Madeleine for more details (07866 626519).

**Medjugorje** Our Lady has been said to be appearing in Medjugorje since 1981, and many conversions of faith in Jesus have occurred there. This week the Vatican has declared formally that “*the Holy Spirit is acting fruitfully for the good of the faithful in the midst of this spiritual phenomenon of Medjugorje. [All] are invited to appreciate and share the pastoral value of this spiritual proposal.*” Our Lady’s purported apparitions and messages have not been declared on – but this document can be understood as the Church’s stamp of approval of the place itself.

**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!*