

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 December 2024 | 3rd Week of Advent | Year C | Weekday Year I | Psalter Week 3

Date Dyddiad	Aberystwyth Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	Aberaeron Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Lampeter Llanbed Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 15th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent Trydydd Sul yr Adfent <u>Gaudete Sunday</u>	5.15pm Confessions (Fr John) Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Paddy and Phil Callanan RIP</i> 8.30am Holy Mass <i>Madonna Dcruz RIP</i> 10am Confessions (Fr John) 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i> <u>5pm Advent Carol Service</u>	9am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>Herman Francis Dcruz</i>
Mon 16th December	1pm Requiem Mass (St Michael's Church) <i>Björn Weiler RIP</i>		6pm Adoration/Confessions 7pm Holy Mass <i>November Lists</i> <u>Lectio Divina after Mass</u>
Tue 17th December	7.30am Holy Mass <i>Pat Callanan and family</i>		
Wed 18th December	9am Adoration/Confessions 10am Holy Mass <i>Wilfrid Cook and Mae RIP</i>		
Thu 19th December		9.30am Adoration/Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>Tony Lane RIP</i>	
Fri 20th December	5pm Adoration/Confessions 6pm Holy Mass <i>Private intention</i>		
Sat 21st December	10.30am Holy Mass <i>November Lists</i> 11am Confessions (Malayalam)		
Sun 22nd December 4 th Sunday of Advent Pedwerydd Sul yr Adfent	5.15pm Confessions Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Ken and Eleanor Glasby RIP</i> 8.30am Holy Mass <i>Thanksgiving (JJ)</i> 10am Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 3.30pm Polish Confessions 4pm Polish Mass <i>Priest's intention</i>	9am Holy Mass <i>November Lists</i>	11am Holy Mass <i>Priest's intention</i>
Sunday Plate Collection Casgliad y Sul <i>Thank you for your generosity – diolch am eich haelioni.</i> 8.12.24 £592.22 (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron) £160.90 + £30.00 AA (Lampeter Llanbed)			

Advent Already we're entering the final full week of Advent! In lighting the third candle on our wreath, we reflect on the gift of joy: this Sunday we hear St Paul call us to 'rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, rejoice' (Philippians 4:4). Pope Francis wrote in his document *Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel*, "With Christ, joy is constantly born anew... Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved" (n.1,6). What might it look like *for you* to live inside the joyful realisation that the Saviour is coming to you this Christmas?

Lectio Divina Join us to pray through the text of the Gospel that we hear on Christmas morning, John 1:1-18 – we'll meet in the hall after evening Mass in Lampeter on Monday 16th. Please bring a Bible!

Morning Prayer We'll pray morning prayer of the Church on Thursday in Aberaeron, at 10.15am. Sheets provided.

Visiting Priests Many thanks to Canon John Udris who will offer Mass and hear confessions in Aberystwyth this weekend. Fr Jimmy Sebastian will offer morning Mass and then hear confessions (especially for the Malayalam community) on Saturday 21st at Welsh Martyrs. Fr Krzysztof Kucharski will celebrate Polish Mass at 4pm in Welsh Martyrs on Sunday 22nd, and will be available before and after for confessions.

Lampeter Works The first of our monthly second collections for the restoration works will take place this Sunday. Diolch yn fawr am eich haelioni – many thanks for your generosity!

Advent Carol Service Please join us at 5pm in Welsh Martyrs Church this Sunday 15th for a service of Advent carols and readings, aiming to draw as much fruit from the final days of Advent as we can. **There will be a retiring collection** for the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). After the service please stay for refreshments in the kitchen, a couple of stalls from the cancelled Christmas Fayre, and the draw of the Christmas Raffle!

Funeral Please keep in your prayers the soul of **Björn Weiler**, whose Requiem Mass will be at 1pm on Monday 16th December at St Michael's Church. We're grateful to St Michael's for their hospitality in allowing us to use the church. The Mass will be followed by a service at the crematorium.

Safeguarding Team The team will be meeting in Aberystwyth this week to discuss matters of safeguarding and health and safety. If you have concerns or queries from any of our churches that you would like to bring to the attention of the team, please email Fr Matt before the end of Tuesday.

Advent Retreat Fr Matt has been invited to give a day of Advent retreat in Haverfordwest on Saturday 22nd December. Due to the red weather warning last weekend and therefore the cancellation of the Deanery Retreat Day in Cardigan, next Saturday will act as a sort-of replacement for those who wished to attend the day in Cardigan. All are welcome to attend – please get in touch for more information if you'd like to go.

Christmas Mass Times Is there someone you could invite to Mass this Christmas, perhaps offering a lift to someone who wouldn't get there otherwise? This is a great time of year to offer a hand of welcome to friends and family who wouldn't ordinarily come to church. Here are the times of Masses:

- **7pm Vigil Mass** in Holy Cross, Aberaeron
- 9pm Carols and **9.30pm Mass** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lampeter
- 11.30pm Carols and **Midnight Mass** at Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth
- **9am Dawn Mass** at Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth
- **11am Morning Mass** at Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth

Christmas Collection Please note that the collection at these five Christmas Masses goes directly to the parish priest as a Christmas gift – usually the collection goes into the parish account to be used on various expenses, but Christmas and Easter are the two exceptions to this. Many thanks for your generosity!

First Holy Communion 2025 If you would like your child to receive first holy Communion in summer 2025, please register your interest by emailing either aberystwyth@menevia.org or lampeter@menevia.org (depending on your parish), with your child's name and age. More details will be given in due course once we have a sense of numbers.

Newsletters This is your newsletter, to take home with you after Mass. Please don't return it back to the pile after reading – crushed and creased piles of paper don't give off a very friendly welcome!

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: tinned curry/chilli, tinned tuna, tinned custard, biscuits, shampoo.

Aberaeron: no collections until the New Year.

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

Diolch yn fawr iawn – thank you very much!