

# 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>5<sup>th</sup> January 2025   Weekdays after Epiphany   Year C   Weekday Year I   Psalter Week 2</b>			
<b>Date   Dyddiad</b>	<b>Aberystwyth</b> Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	<b>Aberaeron</b> Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	<b>Lampeter   Llambod</b> Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> Epiphany Yr Ystwyll	5.15pm Confessions <b>Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Private intention (LC)</i> <b>8.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Holy souls</i> 10am Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i>	<b>9am Holy Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	<b>11am Holy Mass</b> <i>Linda Owen</i>
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9am Adoration/Confessions <b>10am Holy Mass</b> <i>Beryl Shore RIP</i>		
<b>Tue 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>6pm Holy Mass</b> <i>Lena and Hugh O'Donnell</i>		
<b>Thu 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>		9.30am Adoration/Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Marlene &amp; Dennis Fecci RIP</i>	<i>6pm Adoration/Confessions</i> <b>7pm Holy Mass</b> <i>Private intention</i>
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	5pm Adoration/Confessions <b>6pm Holy Mass</b> <i>Marguerite Ryan and family</i>		
<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.30am Adoration/Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass (with Baptism &amp; First Communion)</b> <i>The Vipin family</i>		
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> January</b> Baptism of the Lord Gŵyl Bedydd Crist	5.15pm Confessions <b>Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Pauline Sheridan RIP</i> <b>8.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i> 10am Confessions <b>10.30am Holy Mass</b> <i>Velterio &amp; Irma Caffarelli RIP</i>	<b>9am Holy Mass</b> <i>Thomas O'Regan RIP</i>	<b>11am Holy Mass</b> <i>Priest's intention</i> <b>4pm 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> 22.12.24 <b>£409.80</b> (Aberystwyth/Aberaeron) <b>£116.75</b> (Lampeter   Llambod)			

**Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope** Happy Jubilee! Prayer cards were given out in Aberystwyth last weekend and will be given out in Lampeter and Aberaeron this weekend. It would be good to become familiar with the Jubilee Year prayer – this is already available in Welsh, and prayer cards with the Welsh prayer will be available soon. Please enjoy the newly-written icon of St Padarn, which is currently resting at the foot of the altar in Welsh Martyrs Church, which is a pilgrimage church for the Archdiocese during this Jubilee. We're open to ideas about its permanent home, so feel free to make suggestions.

**Supply** Many thanks to Fr Ross Patterson who we welcome back to Aberystwyth for Sunday Masses this weekend.

**Epiphany Party** All welcome to join for a little celebration after the 11am Mass in Lampeter this Sunday.

**Taste and See** These sessions of discovering more of the Catholic faith restart this coming Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> after the Christmas break. It will begin with Mass at 6pm at Welsh Martyrs, followed by a session on **The Trinity**, from 6.30-8.30pm. As usual, all are welcome.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January** The 10.30am morning Mass at Welsh Martyrs will include the celebration of Eline's baptism and Elna's first holy Communion. If you're used to attending Mass on a Saturday morning, please note the Mass will likely go on a little longer than usual. Please pray for these two sisters and their family.

**Mass times** Fr Matt is attending a gathering of priests for formation and fellowship on Tuesday of this week – apologies for the inconvenience caused in the changes to Mass times as a result. Due to timetabling, unfortunately there is no weekday Mass in Lampeter this week.

**New term** Please pray for the staff and pupils at Ysgol Padarn Sant as they begin a new term, and for all our parishioners in education elsewhere. Some university students have returned to Aberystwyth to prepare for exams in the coming days and weeks – please keep them in your prayers, too.

**Gift Aid** In recent days, the parish of Aberystwyth (which includes Welsh Martyrs Church and Holy Cross Church) has received £8,660.79 in Gift Aid payments from HMRC. This follows a payment of £1,359.97 given to the parish of Lampeter earlier in 2024. This money represents an extra 25% from the government on top of every qualifying donation. If you're a taxpayer, and you don't think you've registered to Gift Aid the donations you're giving to the parish, please ask Peter Stocks (Aberystwyth) or Michael Davies (Lampeter) for a form that records your basic information and retroactively qualifies every named donation you've given over the last four years. This extra money is invaluable for our missionary work.

**Fundraising Account** Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to the fundraising efforts in Aberystwyth parish. We now have just over £34,000 in the ringfenced fund, made up of a significant legacy, some one-off donations, and money from the regular events carried out by the Fundraising Team. This is a great start for the extension work we've discussed, to enlarge the worship space at Welsh Martyrs, while also providing some social space for parish meetings or group events.

**Chocolate Bars** We now stock Caldey Island chocolate bars! You can choose either milk or dark chocolate, and bars cost £3 each, or four for £10: payment can be made either by cash into the piety shop, or on the payment device under the button labelled 'Chocolate | Siocled'. They make a lovely Sunday treat for the family or a little present for someone you're visiting.

**Teenagers' Pilgrimage to Rome** The Cardiff-Menevia Youth Council has launched an exciting opportunity to bring a small number of teenagers aged 12-17 to Rome this April, to experience the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint. The dates are April 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2025, with a day in Assisi and a day in Rome, and the cost is £949pp. There is space for two teenagers from each deanery, so if you would like your name to be considered, please contact the parish ASAP! (If you have funds that you would like to use to support a young person going to Rome on this trip, please also contact the parish).

**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](mailto:aberystwyth@menevia.org) or [lampeter@menevia.org](mailto: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.

**Bronglais Hospital** If you or someone you know is staying in Bronglais Hospital for any length of time, and would like a visit, please let Fr Matt know.

**Date for your diary** During the annual week of prayer for Christian Unity (18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January), the United Service of Prayer for the Aberystwyth area will this year be hosted by Capel y Morfa at 5pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Please note the date and do your best to attend.

**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 tuna, tinned fruit, small packets of biscuits, women's deodorant.

**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!*