

# Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

## Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

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18 <sup>th</sup> January 2026: Week 2 of Ordinary Time, Year A. Weekdays of Year II, Psalter Week II.			
Date	Welsh Martyrs Merthyron Cymru	Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass</b> Julian and Anna-Maria Shelley <b>10:30am Holy Mass</b> Pro populo	<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b> Bernadette McCormac & Family	<b>11:00am Holy Mass</b> Pro populo
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
<b>Tue 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Mass</b> Freda Turna RIP		6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation <b>7:00pm Votive Mass for Christian Unity</b> Christian Unity
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> January</b> St Agnes.	9:00am Adoration <b>10:00am Holy Mass</b> No Intention	<b>6:00pm Holy Mass</b> Richard Passmore RIP	
<b>Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	UNIVERSITY CAMPUS – CAMPWS Y BRIFYSGOL 6:30pm Reconciliation <b>7:00pm Votive Mass for Christian Unity</b> Christian Unity		<b>10:00am Holy Mass</b> Denis Bradley RIP
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	5:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation <b>6:00pm Holy Mass</b> No Intention	9:00am Adoration and Reconciliation <b>10:00am Holy Mass</b> Pauline Mooney	
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> St Francis de Sales	9:30am Adoration <b>10:30am Holy Mass</b> Tasha and Douglas		
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass <b>Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass</b> No Intention ----- <b>Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass</b> Julian and Anna-Maria Shelley <b>10:30am Holy Mass</b> Pro populo	<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b> No Intention	<b>11:00am Holy Mass</b> Pro populo
Sunday Collections - Casgliad y Sul. <i>Thank you for your generosity - Diolch am eich haelioni.</i> 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan £475.33 (Aberystwyth)   4 <sup>th</sup> Jan £74.50 and 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan £135.45 (Lampeter - Llanbedr Pont Steffan) Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia CIO N° 117722			

**CathSoc** Welcome back to the university students who have been away for Christmas and the New Year: it's good to have you back with us. Good luck in the upcoming exams!

**Magnificat** For those of you who receive the Magnificat Magazine, the next edition has arrived. I'm aware that there was a hiatus before Christmas and some editions of your subscription didn't arrive – This is my fault (FrL) as I inadvertently missed out on paying the bill. I'm very sorry about that. Please note that the number of editions you will receive is still the same, as the subscription period is extended in lieu of what was missed.

**Would you like to drive the bus?** The number of mini-bus drivers has reduced and there are only three on the rota. Would you be willing to help out and drive the mini-bus from time to time?: the more who get involved, the less onerous the task for everyone. The mini-bus is used on Sundays and Holy Days to bring people to and from Mass, as well as for a trip every now and then. It can be daunting, and you might think, "I couldn't possibly drive such a big vehicle". However, training and support is given before you are added to the parish rota, and you will not have to drive the bus until you are confident that you are able to do so. The preparation is free, and involves some online theory, and a drive with another

experienced person. This will enable you to get a MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) certificate. This certificate is not a examined test, but is an awareness course to enable you to feel comfortable. Those who are interested should be between 21-70 (or can be over 70 is they have a D1 rating on their driving license). You must have had a full driving licence for at least 2 years. If you want to drive the bus then you will also need a DBS certificate, which can be obtained through the parish/diocese at no cost. Vehicle insurance is provided when you drive the bus. If you would like to know more please contact Madeline Stocks (0707866 626 519).

**Dates for your Diary.** Please find below a selection of important dates. Note these in your diary today to save the date. More information will be given closer to each of the occasions. ● February 2<sup>nd</sup> – the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (Candlemass). Candles will be blest at the Masses on this day, and each person may take their candle home with them. ● February 18<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. ● February 21<sup>st</sup> – Rite of Election at St Joseph’s Cathedral, 2:00pm. All those who are part of the OCIA programme are invited by the Bishop to attend as part of their preparations to become full members of our Church. ● February 24<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Station Mass with Bishop Mark for our Deanery of Our Lady of the Taper. All are invited to this Mass, with the full deanery clergy at Haverfordwest. ● March 1<sup>st</sup> – Clydach Passion Play at 7:00pm. Please see below for more information. ● March 2<sup>nd</sup> – St David’s Day. Saints’ Days are never celebrated on a Sunday because this is the day of the Resurrection, therefore the official St David’s day is moved this year to the Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> (this last happened in 2020 which was a Sunday and in 2017 which was Ash Wednesday). ● March 14<sup>th</sup> – Deanery Day of Recollection for parishioners of our deanery, and all are welcome to attend. Location to be confirmed. ● March 15<sup>th</sup> – Lætare Sunday and Mothers’ Day. ● March 29<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday. ● March 31<sup>st</sup> – Chrism Mass, 11:00am at St David’s Cathedral Cardiff ● April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday. ● April 15<sup>th</sup> – String Quartet Concert at Welsh Martyrs Church.

**Clydach Passion Play** 40 years ago, the SVP (St Vincent de Paul) Society performed a Lenten Passion Play in the Catholic Church at Clydach, Swansea. Little did they know that this would be a great success, and that the play would grown in reputation to become widely acclaimed. It’s now a long-standing tradition that play goes on tour around the diocese, so has been seen in many different churches. I’m delighted that this Lent the cast will come with their scenery, costumes and expertise to perform the play for us. The play is an excellent production and I would encourage everyone to attend to see the Good Friday Gospel brought to life. **The performance is for one night only, on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7:00pm, so save the date today!** Tickets will soon be available at £5 for adults with all funds going to help the SVP (under 16 free). For those who are not aware, the SVP is a Catholic organisation which undertakes localised charitable works: members often visit the sick and housebound, help families who may be in need of furniture or appliances, or support those who cannot drive by offering lifts to medical appointments etc.

**Position available for a Safeguarding Officer.** The Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia is seeking to employ a Safeguarding Officer to support safe parishes across South, West & Mid Wales and Herefordshire. The role includes managing Offender & DBS plans, audits, and training. **Requirements:** Safeguarding or multi-agency/investigative experience; flexibility for travel and some evenings/weekends. **Salary:** £34,500 **Hours:** 35/week **Leave:** 30 days + public holidays. For more information and further details please see: <https://rcadc.org/vacancy-safeguarding-officer/> or, for an application pack, contact Mr Chris Mullane (Head of Safeguarding) on 02920 379480, or e-mail [HR@cardiffmenevia.org](mailto:HR@cardiffmenevia.org) | *Open-ended closing date, but early applications are encouraged.*

**Assisted Suicide Senedd Debate – 27<sup>th</sup> January.** On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, the Senedd will vote on whether Wales should consent to Westminster’s Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which would legalise assisted suicide. Archbishop Mark O’Toole and Bishop Peter Brignall of Wrexham have issued a joint statement ahead of this vote. This statement will be read at all Masses this weekend. You may also listen to recording, or watch a video statement, through the diocesan website, or by following this link: <https://vimeo.com/1154989934>

**Day of Fasting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January.** Our Bishop’s asks that this day be one of fasting and prayer, prior to the above debate in the Senedd. More will be said during this weekend’s Masses in the bishop’s words.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** This takes place annually and this year is from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January. It’s a time of prayer that all Christians “may be one” following Christ’s words at the Last Supper, as recorded in John’s Gospel (Jn 17:20-23). During this week there will be a weekday Votive Mass celebrated in both parishes for the specific purpose of praying for greater unity between Christians of other churches and ecclesial communities.

**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:** grateful for whatever you can give,  
**Aberaeron:** grateful for whatever you can give,  
**Lampeter:** grateful for whatever you can give.  
*Diolch yn fawr iawn – thank you very much!*