

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

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12 th April 2026: Week 2 of Easter, 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
Sun 12th April Sunday of the Easter Octave (or, Divine Mercy)	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass Divine Help to Support R Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Pro populo 10:30am Holy Mass Kathy & Roland & Family Jenks	9:00am Holy Mass Solomon Carden Brown	11:00am Holy Mass Pro populo
Mon 13th April			
Tue 14th April	10:00am Holy Mass Bob and Lorriane Costley		6:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 7:00pm Holy Mass Marie-Claire Costley
Wed 15th April	9:00am Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass No Intention	10:00am Holy Mass No Intention	
Thur 16th April	6:00pm Holy Mass No Intention		10:00am Holy Mass No Intention
Fri 17th April	5:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 6:00pm Holy Mass No Intention	9:00am Reconciliation and Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass No Intention	
Sat 18th April	9:30am Adoration 10:30am Holy Mass Salvatore Corbisiero RIP 3:30pm Holy Mass (Welsh) at St Padarn's Church		
Sun 19th April 3 rd Sunday of Easter	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass Bob Grant RIP Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Pro populo 10:30am Holy Mass Kathy & Roland & Family Jenks	9:00am Holy Mass No Intention	11:00am Holy Mass Pro populo
Sunday Collections - Casgliad y Sul. <i>Thank you for your generosity - Diolch am eich haelioni.</i> 5 th April £1871.55 (Aberystwyth & Aberaeron) 5 th April £343.60 (Lampeter - Llanbedr Pont Steffan) Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia CIO N° 1177272			

Welcome There are many visitors in our parishes this weekend – please know that it’s a delight to have you praying with us as part of our regular community. We hope you will feel right at home here.

****TODAY** Divine Mercy Sunday** The Church of the Welsh Martyrs will be open from 2:30pm until 4:00pm for those who want to go to confession, with a break at 3:00pm to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together. If you have an image of the divine mercy which you would like to be blest, bring it along with you.

****THIS WEEK** Musical Evening Wednesday 15th April** Many of you will remember with fondness Mr John Crompton who sang in our choir, and who died recently. John was part of a string quartet and, in his honour, some of his musical friends are going to perform an evening of music. This will take place in Welsh Martyrs Church on 15th April from 7:30pm.

The evening includes movements from Haydn's String Quartet No.1, and Opus 1&C from Gibb's Simple Suite. We're delighted that new music will be showcased during the evening: the premiere of four Bagatelles in memory of John Crompton has been composed by John Frith, and will be conducted by Mr Frith himself. During the concert some light refreshments will be provided. We are indebted to John's wife Carol, who has been so kind in helping to make this evening happen.

Parish Consultation The diocese is making a proposal to unite the parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter. A statement will be made about this at all Masses this weekend. Next weekend, dates will be published for parish meetings in both parishes. In this coming week please spend some time reflecting on the needs of our parishes, and in prayer for the gift of wisdom. For those who are not at Mass, the statement will be made available on the parish website.

Easter Water Following the Easter Vigil, the churches of Welsh Martyrs and Our Lady of Mount Carmel have a supply of blest water – often called the Easter Water – which is a sacramental in the life of the Church. Please feel free to bring a bottle to Church to collect some of the water for yourself. Traditionally the custom was to sprinkle the water in homes and over fields such that they might be blest. Have you considered making a home shrine? At this time of year we might decide to place a crucifix, statue or icon, with a candle, flowers, or a prayer card, at some place in the home to make it a focus for prayer. The home shrine can then be blest with the Easter Water. In some parts of the world it is customary to use a picture of the Sacred Heart. Whatever you decide to do, the home shrine can be a great way to encourage a family to pray together around this focus of prayer.

Parish Website a new parish website is now live! Here you will find it easier to watch the live video feed, see the entire newsletter, plus other statements, pastoral letters and so forth. In time, additional resources will also be added such as selections of readings you might want to use for a funeral, or guidance on what steps to take to get married. The old website will soon link through to the new one automatically. In the meantime, do check out: <https://parishaberystwyth.netlify.app>

St Padarn's Mass St Padarn was a local saint who was both an abbot and bishop, and founded a monastery at the place we now call Llanbadarn, Aberystwyth. St Padarn's feast day is April 15th and, every year on the Saturday closest to that day, the Mass is celebrated by Welsh-speaking Catholics at St Padarn's Church. All are very welcome to attend this event which takes place this year on 18th April at 3:30pm with refreshments in the Black Lion afterwards. Fr Matthew Roche-Saunders will be returning to the parish for this event.

Contacting a Priest in an Emergency When earthly life draws to a close, it is a great benefit to be supported by the sacraments, and the parish clergy are always willing to come to you in your final days. But what is the best way to access the Sacraments of the Church, both Viaticum (Holy Communion for the last time) and the Anointing of the Sick (Unction)? Firstly, don't wait too long! Call the priest as soon as you fall ill, or are admitted to hospital: the Sacraments should be given to the living at the earliest opportunity, not delayed to the last moment. If you are going into hospital for a planned procedure, you can receive the Sacrament of the Sick in the parish prior to your admission. To contact the priest: if you are in hospital, ask the ward staff to call the Catholic Chaplain. The hospital can always make direct contact with the appointed hospital priest (this is true for every hospital). If you are in a care home and would like a pastoral visit, ask the staff to contact the chaplain through the parish office, but if it is an emergency ask them to call via the hospital switchboard. If you are gravely ill at home and would like to be visited, ask those who are supporting you (such as the community nurse, MacMillian nurses etc.), to call via the parish office, 01970 617159, and to leave a message with details. It may be some time before your message is heard, so if time is short, please also ask them to call via the hospital switchboard, 01970 623131, and ask to be connected to the Catholic Chaplain, Fr Liam. Family members can also call the priest using the office number, or via the hospital. If Fr Liam is away, Fr Malachy will attend.

Teenagers' Group Two new groups are soon to be starting in the parish: one is for those aged 10-14 and the other is for those who are 15-17. The first meeting will take place with both groups together on 19th April after the Sunday Masses, and will conclude at 12:45pm. Please come along to learn more, share your ideas and help form something new!

Cynulliad y Bobl - Peoples Assembly. Trafodaeth Gyhoeddus Eich cyfle i siarad ym Mhenparcau. Neuadd Goffa, Penparcau, Ceredigion, April 18 Ebrill, 2:00pm. Beth rydym ni eisiau i lywodraeth cymru ei wneud i helpu? Croeso i bawb, Te/Coffi a Chachen! Public Discussion, this is your chance to speak at Penparcau Memorial Hall, Penparcau, Ceredigion, on April 18th April at 2:00pm. What do we want the Welsh government to do to help? Everyone is welcome with Tea, Coffee and Cake provided!

Thank you Fr Liam and Fr Malachy would like to say a big thank you for your kind generosity and for all the many gifts we received over the Easter Holiday. Whether you gave us a card, bought us an easter egg, or contributed to the Easter collection, it's so generous of you to think of us at this time and both of us are touched by your support for us.