

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

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| 26 th April 2026: Week 4 of Easter, Year A. Weekdays of Year II, Psalter Week IV. | | | |
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| Date | Welsh Martyrs Merthyron Cymru | Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel |
| Sun 26th April 4 th Sunday of Easter | Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Zenon Borzým 10:30am Holy Mass Divine Intervention | 9:00am Holy Mass Ian Medcalf | 11:00am Holy Mass Pro populo |
| Mon 27th April | | | |
| Tue 28th April | 10:00am Holy Mass Mary and Employment. | | 6:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 7:00pm Holy Mass Andrew Smith RIP |
| Wed 29th April St Catherine of Siena | 10:00am Holy Mass No Intention | 6:00pm Holy Mass Anne Price | |
| Thur 30th April | UNIVERSITY CAMPUS – CAMPWS Y BRIFYSGOL 7:00pm Holy Mass Fr Robert Christian RIP | | 10:00am Holy Mass No Intention |
| Fri 1st May St Joseph the Worker | 5:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 6:00pm Holy Mass No Intention | 9:00am Reconciliation and Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass Avril Foster's Intention | |
| Sat 2nd May St Athanasius | 9:30am Adoration 10:30am Holy Mass Iain Hickson RIP | | |
| Sun 2nd May 5 th Sunday of Easter | 5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass No Intention Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Pro populo 10:30am Holy Mass No Intention | 9:00am Holy Mass Carole Sabiston | 11:00am Holy Mass Pro populo |
| Sunday Collections - Casgliad y Sul. <i>Thank you for your generosity - Diolch am eich haelioni.</i> 19 th April £365.63 (Aberystwyth & Aberaeron) 19 th April £143.70 (Lampeter - Llambedr Pont Steffan) Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia CIO N° 1177272 | | | |

Vocations/Pastoral Letter Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, but sometimes called “Vocations Sunday” when we pray for those men and women who are entering Priestly life, Religious life in its many forms (as nuns, religious sisters, monks, hermits, friars, consecrated virgins, anchorites). or who are discerning a call to the permanent diaconate. Archbishop Mark has written a pastoral letter to the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia, inviting all unmarried men who feel God may be calling them to the priesthood to take a first step in discernment. He invites every unmarried man who is open to this call to join him for Evening Prayer at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff, on Sunday 31st May at 3:30pm, followed by an opportunity to meet with the Archbishop and others exploring the same vocation. To watch Archbishop Mark read the pastoral letter, scan the QR code below. To register your interest, please email vocations@cardiffmenevia.org.



At all Masses this weekend, there will be a second collection to help support the work of fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for the formation of clergy in our seminaries. Our parish has been blest to have fostered a number of men who have become priests: Fr David Chadwick CO, Fr Gregory Beckett and Fr Illtyd Williams CO have all

been ordained in the past 5 years, and Mr Luke Jarvis is currently in Seminary at Valladolid. There are also a number of other clergy, connected to our parishes, who have been in ministry for a good number of years, either in a diocese or religious order. This parish has also supported religious women who have lived either in community or as hermits, and there are women in our parish who are actively discerning if the religious life is for them. Please do keep these men and women in your prayers.

Evening of Prayer for Vocations Fr Matthew Roche-Saunders, the diocesan director of Vocations, will be leading a Holy Hour and Celebrating a Mass for vocations, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan on Friday 1st May from 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend. On the 10th and 17th May, Fr Matt will also be coming to our parishes to celebrate the weekend Masses and to speak personally on this topic.

Welsh National Pilgrimage The annual summer pilgrimage to the National Marian Shrine of Wales at Cardigan takes place on Sunday 17th May from 1:30pm to 5:45pm. This year the afternoon will be led by Bishop Peter Brignall of Wrexham Diocese. The event will include Confessions, Rosary Procession, Mass, Benediction and Blessing of the Sick. For additional information please contact Canon Pius Agustin, the shrine's Rector on 01239 612 615

Parish Consultation Many thanks to all of you who have so far contributed to the consultation as to whether or not the parishes of Lampeter and Aberswyth should come together to form one parish. The public meetings held during the past week helped to give more understanding to the diocesan proposal, and those who attended voted. The consultation period will come to a close at the end of the weekend so, if you have something to say, there is still an opportunity. A vote can be emailed to aberystwyth@menvia.org or lampeter@menvia.org, or posted to the parish office, with voting closing at midnight on 27th April. e-mailed/postal votes cannot be made by those who have voted in person. Any person may make a short statement, via email or post, to express their views in writing, the themes of which will be incorporated in to a report to be presented to the Council of Priests. The question put before the parish is: "Do I agree with the proposal to unite the parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter." Respondents may vote "Yes", "No", or "Abstain".

Senedd Election On the 7th May, Wales goes to the polls and votes on who should represent us in the Senedd. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has produced a document specifically for the Senedd Election. A link can be found from the diocesan website; in addition Archbishop Mark has produced a letter and video to help voters.

Mae'r Eglwys Gatholig yng Nghymru yn cynnwys Esgobaeth Wrecsam ac Archesgobaeth Caerdydd-Mynyw. Mae eu 142 o blwyfi cyfunol yn gwasanaethu poblogaeth Gatholig o tua 265,000 sy'n golygu bod y ffydd Gatholig yn un o'r mwyaf yng Nghymru. Fel rhan o Gynhadledd Esgobion Cymru a Lloegr a'r Eglwys Gatholig fyd-eang ehangach, mae'r gymuned Gatholig yng Nghymru yn cyfrannu'n sylweddol at dreftadaeth falch y genedl o amrywiaeth grefyddol, ddiwylliannol ac ethnig.

The Catholic Church in Wales comprises the Diocese of Wrexham and the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia. Their combined 142 parishes serve a Catholic population of around 265,000 making Catholicism one of the largest faiths in Wales. As part of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and the wider global Catholic Church, the Catholic community in Wales contributes greatly to the nation's proud heritage of religious, cultural and ethnic diversity.

There are 5 key areas which we are asked to consider when making our vote. ● 1) Education. Safeguard Catholic schools in Wales, including their right to teach RE in line with their Trust Deeds. Ensure Catholic schools are not disadvantaged in Sustainable Communities for Learning funding. ● 2) Life Issues. To prevent policies that undermine the dignity of human life at any stage, including assisted suicide or abortion. Instead, we seek better support for vulnerable women and children, people with life-limiting conditions, and those nearing the end of life. ● 3) Historic Churches. To provide capital funding for repairs at historic churches and chapels through Government funding. ● 4) Healthcare. We seek increased access to high quality palliative care for those who need it. In addition, we would like to see investment in prenatal and postnatal care, to ensure better healthcare for every child and their parents. ● 5) The Environment. Support measures that promote biodiversity and continue to commit to achieving net-zero carbon targets.

● 1) Addysg. Diogelu ysgolion Catholig yng Nghymru, gan gynnwys eu hawl i addysgu AG yn unol â Gweithredoedd eu Hymddiriedolaeth. Sicrhau nad yw ysgolion Catholig o dan anfantais o ran y cyllid Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy. ● 2) Materion Bywyd. Atal polisiâu sy'n tansilio urddas bywyd dynol ar unrhyw adeg, gan gynnwys hunanladdiad â chymorth neu erthyliad. Yn hytrach, rydym yn ceisio gwell cefnogaeth i fenywod a phlant agored i niwed, pobl â chyflyrau sy'n cyfyngu ar fywyd, a'r rhai sy'n nesáu at ddiwedd eu hoes. ● 3) Eglwysi Hanesyddol. Darparu cyllid cyfalaf ar gyfer atgyweiriadau mewn eglwysi a chapel hanesyddol trwy gyllid y Llywodraeth. ● 4) Gofal Iechyd. Rydym yn ceisio mwy o fynediad at ofal lliniarol o ansawdd uchel i'r rhai sydd ei angen. Yn ogystal, hoffem weld buddsoddiad mewn gofal cynenedigol ac ôl-enedigol, er mwyn sicrhau gwell gofal iechyd i bob plenty a'i rieni. ● 5) Yr Amgylchedd. Cefnogi mesurau sy'n hyrwyddo bioamrywiaeth a pharhau i ymrwymo i gyflawni targedau carbon sero net.