

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

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3 rd May 2026: Week 5 of Easter, Year A. Weekdays of Year II, Psalter Week I.			
Date	Welsh Martyrs Merthyron Cymru	Holy Cross Groes Sanctaidd	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 3rd May 5 th Sunday of Easter	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass Bathan and Family Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Pro populo 10:30am Holy Mass Denis Lee Rice III	9:00am Holy Mass Carole Sabiston	11:00am Holy Mass Pro populo
Mon 4th May			
Tue 5th May St Asaph	10:00am Holy Mass Deceased of Gorman Family.		6:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 7:00pm Holy Mass No Intention
Wed 6th May	10:00am Holy Mass Holy Souls	6:00pm Holy Mass Holy Souls	
Thur 7th May	UNIVERSITY CAMPUS – CAMPWS Y BRIFYSGOL 7:00pm Holy Mass No Intention		10:00am Holy Mass No Intention
Fri 8th May	5:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 6:00pm Holy Mass Patricia Truss	9:00am Reconciliation and Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass Patricia McAlavey RIP	
Sat 9th May	9:30am Adoration 10:30am Holy Mass No Intention		
Sun 10th May 6 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 Holy Souls	11:00am Holy Mass Pro populo
Sunday Collections - Casgliad y Sul. <i>Thank you for your generosity - Diolch am eich haelioni.</i> 26 th April £--- (Aberystwyth & Aberaeron) 2 nd Collection (Vocations) £--- 26 th April £186.50 (Lampeter - Llanbedr Pont Steffan) 2 nd Collection (Vocations) £45.60 <small>Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia CIO N° 1177272</small>			

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 Augustine, the shrine's Rector on 01239 612 615

We Believe. WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24th –27th July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. Book your tickets at webeliefefestival.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Our parishes were blest to receive 13 new people in to the Church at the Easter Vigil (if you are one of the 13 and have not yet collected your certificate, please see Fr L or Fr M). However, that's not the

whole class - there are a few others who were not able to received at Easter, but will be received during the Easter Season. Please pray for Denis Lee Rice III and Huw Grufford Richards-Price. Denis will become a full member of the Catholic Church this weekend and we assure him the support of our prayers and fraternity.

Lampeter, Christian Aid. There will be a coffee morning at St Peter's Church Hall, Lampeter on Saturday 30th May from 10:00am until 12noon. For those who are not able to support the coffee morning, you can also support Christian aid by donating in an envelope. Envelopes are available after Sunday Mass and should be returned by Sunday 17th May.

Parish Consultation The report is now being written which will incorporate the various themes raised in letters, e-mail, conversations and the two parish meetings. The result of the voting will also be included, and was as follows: The question placed before both parishes "Do I agree with the proposal to unite the parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter?:"

	Lampeter Parish		Aberystwyth Parish	
	In person vote	Postal/e-mail vote	In person vote	Postal/e-mail vote
YES	15	1	13	7
NO	1	0	0	0
ABSTAIN	1	0	2	0

Absences Each week the Mass/Adoration/Reconciliation timetable is published for the week ahead. This coming week all is quite straightforward. However, during this month Fr Malachy will be on a pilgrimage to Medugorje and Fr Liam will be at a diocesan retreat. As such, there will be some changes to the normal time table in mid May. Once we are both back normal service will resume!

Safeguarding Café Since 2024 the diocesan Safeguarding Team have been holding a "Safeguarding Café" every month. These drop-in sessions allow anyone to pop in and have a chat about administrative matters, concerns, or to simply find out more. Why not pop in for a coffee and a chat? The team look forward to seeing you! This month the team will be holding their Café on 28th May at The Most Holy Trinity Parish Room, New Street, Ledbury, HR8 2EE from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Additional dates are: June 25th, 11:00am – 1:00pm, St Mary's Church, St Mary Street, Monmouth NP25 3DB and July 23rd, 11:00am – 1:00pm Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Hall, Castle Street, Newcastle Emlyn SA38 9AF.

National Day of Prayer Every May 5th is a day of prayer for survivors of abuse. The theme this year is the scourge of domestic abuse, which causes pain and fear that prevent victims from living the life Jesus came to bring. On this day I would like to invite everyone in the parish to pray for this intention.

Fr Matthew Roche-Saunders will be visiting Abersytwth on 9th/10th May and Aberaeron and Lampeter on 17th May, to share with us some of his work supporting youth development and vocations. He needs no introduction and will undoubtedly receive a warm welcome back to his former parish 😊

Sacramental Preparations The younger members of our parish are continuing with the preparation to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion later this summer. Our First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Saturday 20th June at 11:00am.

Holy Day of Obligation The next Holy Day where all the faithful are asked to come together at Mass in Ascension Thursday which this year is on 14th May. There will be various Mass times published, but please note that the University Campus Mass on Thursday evening will move to Welsh Martyrs Church at the same time of 7:00pm. The mini-bus will be operating this evening to bring the faithful to Church

May: the Month of Our Lady during this month we honour Mary as the Mother of of the Church and our motherly intercessor. As such, instead of concluding Mass with the Prayer of St Michael, we shall, sing the traditional Marian Antiphon – the Regina Cæli/O Queen of Heaven in Eastertide, and the Salve Regina/Hail Holy Queen in Ordinary Time. If you don't know it you will soon pick it up, but the words are here to help you.

**Regina Cæli, lætare, alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**

**Hail Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

The Marian antiphons are always used to end the prayers of the Divine Office and, in Eastertide, the Regina Cæli replaces the Angelus prayer at Midday. The Marian Antiphons hold a special place in our faith and it is good to learn them if we don't know them. In Carmelite settings (as we once were) Mass would always conclude with the Hail Holy Queen, so many of you may already be conversant with concluding Mass with a Marian hymn or prayer.

Towards the end of the month we will celebrate and evening of marian prayer – more to follow on that in next week's edition. On 12th May our school pupils will hold a procession and crowning of Mary at St Padarn's School.