

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

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30 th August 2026: Week 22 of Ordinary Time, Year A. Weekdays of Year II, Psalter Week II.			
Date	Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	Holy Cross Yr Groes Sanctaidd	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 30th August 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Jenny Wilkie 10:30am Holy Mass Pro populo	9:00am Holy Mass St Padarn's Primary School	11:00am Holy Mass Pro Populo
Mon 31st August			
Tue 1st September	10:00am Holy Mass David Jones and Family RIP		6:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 7:00pm Holy Mass No Intention
Wed 2nd September	9:00am Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass Kasia Bukowczyk and Family RIP	6:00pm Holy Mass No Intention	
Thur 3rd September St Gregory the Great	7:00pm Holy Mass No Intention		10:00am Holy Mass Holy Souls
Fri 4th September St Augustine of Hippo	5:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 6:00pm Holy Mass No Intention	9:00am Reconciliation and Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass Friends of the Holy Souls	
Sat 5th September St Teresa of Calcutta	9:30am Adoration 10:30am Holy Mass Benjamin Byrne		
Sun 6th September 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass No Intention Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Private Intention (D) 10:30am Holy Mass Pro populo	9:00am Holy Mass Pro Populo	11:00am Holy Mass James and Bronwen 1 st Wedding Anniversary
Sunday Collections - Casgliad y Sul. <i>Thank you for your generosity - Diolch am eich haelioni.</i> 23 rd August £370.54 (Aberystwyth and Aberaeron) 23 rd August £110.60 (Lampeter - Llanbedr Pont Steffan) Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia CIO N° 1177272			

A New School Term As the school holiday draws to a close I hope those who travelled away have returned safe and sound, and that those who have stayed in sunny Wales are as equally refreshed. St Padarn's School is about to open its doors for a new term, under the leadership of its new Head Teacher Mrs Field. Please do keep all the pupils and staff in your prayers for this exciting new beginning. The first Mass of the academic year will take place on the 9th September at 1:30pm.

Holidays Fr Liam will be absent from the parish for two weeks, but additional clergy will be offering cover alongside Fr Malachy. If you need a priest in an emergency please call Fr Malachy on 07481 250 934. Bronglais Hospital Switchboard has also been notified and, should you be admitted to Bronglais, you can ask the ward staff for the Catholic Chaplain and Fr Malachy will attend (if you are admitted to a different hospital you can still ask for the Catholic Chaplain, and the hospital staff will make the necessary arrangements to summon the local chaplain/parish priest).

6 th September 2026: Week 23 of Ordinary Time, Year A. Weekdays of Year II, Psalter Week III.			
Date	Welsh Martyrs Merthyrion Cymru	Holy Cross Yr Groes Sanctaidd	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Tue 8th September Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10:00am Holy Mass Holy Souls		6:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 7:00pm Holy Mass Maureen Swan RIP
Wed 9th September	13:30pm Holy Mass St Padarn's School	6:00pm Holy Mass Susan Maddeaux	
Thur 10th September	7:00pm Holy Mass Jenny Wilkie		10:00am Holy Mass No Intention
Fri 11th September St Deiniol	5:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 6:00pm Holy Mass Praise and Glory to God, DG! (D)	9:00am Reconciliation and Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass No Intention	
Sat 12th September Holy Name of Mary, Patron of the Diocese.	9:30am Adoration 10:30am Holy Mass Rob Macintosh		
Sun 13th September 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass No Intention Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Benjamin Byrne 10:30am Holy Mass Pro populo	9:00am Holy Mass No Intention	11:00am Holy Mass Pro Populo

Turin Shroud An exhibition on the Shroud of Turin starts on September 17th 2026 at St Mary's Church, Newport, NP20 1TP. This exhibition has free admission, and all are welcome between 9:00am and 4:00pm daily, from 17th to 27th September. There is space for groups to have lunch in the parish hall if they so wish, and times can be booked so everyone can fit in. A replica of the shroud is being displayed. This QR Code will provide more information.



Children's Liturgy The Children's Liturgy group will start again during the 10:30am Mass on Sunday Mornings at Welsh Martyrs Church. The group is suitable for children from ages 4 to 11, who meet together with the group leaders to learn more about the day's Gospel in an age-appropriate way. If you would like your child to attend you will need to register your interest with Pat Mercer patmer1966@aol.com who will have consent forms which need to be completed. There is no charge for attendance. This year we welcome some new helpers, who have been getting ready over the summer by completing their DBS applications and who have been appointed in line with the diocesan 'Safer Recruiting for Volunteers' procedures. If you would like to know more about this you can visit <https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk> or the diocesan website at <https://rcadc.org/safeguarding/> If any person has any concerns at any time, they can contact the Parish Safeguarding Representative, Mrs Tess Truss, using the details at the top of this newsletter.

Confirmation Are you Baptised and receiving Holy Communion? Are 15 years or older, but haven't received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If you're in this category, and would like to receive this sacrament, please do let Fr Liam know. The parish is trying to see how many people may be desirous, with a view to inviting the Archbishop to come to the parish next summer to celebrate Confirmation with us. To register your interest please email liam.bradley@cardiffmenevia.org using "Confirmation" as the subject header and including a few personal details in the body of the email. If you are 15-17yrs, please ask a parent or guardian to send an e-mail on your behalf.

From the Laudato Si' Garden Project - Care for Our Common Home Our garden project is hosting an event on September 19th at St Anne's Church hall from 11:30am to 4:30pm. Guest speakers will be giving talks, and there will be workshops available. A lunch will be provided with some of the food taken from our own garden as well as a tour of the garden itself. This event is being advertised across Wales, and we hope to get many participants from all over the country. If you would like to attend please do register your interest at the website <https://jubileegarden.org/events/> so numbers can be catered for. Alternatively speak with Nick Howells or Catherine Jenks or ask Fr Malachy to point you in the right direction.

Adoremus The Eucharistic Congress takes place this year on 10th October at Southwark Cathedral. The diocese is organising coaches to travel from Swansea, Bridgend, Cardiff and Newport. Tickets are limited and will be distributed across the deaneries of the diocese. If you would like to attend please let Fr Liam know and complete the on-line application. The link to the application is:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=g1pKcnwUc0-mUHd9wtbGVBUneZzMLmBEg0LiAbzpxnRUMTBZRUg1REFBMTc2NjdKVEpONjFVMUtFSy4u&route=shorturl> which is

a very long link!! Please go to the newsletter online and copy/paste this link into your browser!! The trip is open to those who are 16 or older and costs £40 for a ticket.

World Youth Day From Fr Matt: "To all those aged 18-30, join Archbishop Mark and a group from the diocese heading to next summer's World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. With Pope Leo and a million other young Catholics, we'll enjoy a full schedule of activities and formation, in a country with a vibrant and growing Catholic community - we'll also have opportunities to meet up before we travel. The dates of the trip are July 28th to August 9th, and the cost is £1500 per person plus the cost of flights (TBC - in the region of £800 to £1200). Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis." For more information contact Fr Matt Roche-Saunders at wyd@cardiffmenevia.org

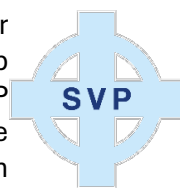
Unbound is a simple and safe model of praying for deliverance which was developed by Neal Lozano in the USA and is led in the UK by a team under the Bishop of Nottingham. An autumn course will be offered online starting 22nd September. For people in South Wales wishing to know more and experience a brief taster of this ministry, there will be an information afternoon at All Hallows, Miskin (CF72 8PG) on Tuesday 15th September from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. The national leader Susan Walsh will give a brief introduction, followed by a testimony of how the model can be used in priestly ministry by Fr Antonio Ritaccio (national spiritual director to Unbound and a staff member at Allen Hall Seminary in London). Rev. Dr Gareth Leyshon will then give a fuller teaching on how and why the model can be used. At the end of the session, prayer teams will be available to offer a brief experience of receiving *Unbound* prayer. Refreshments will be available from 1:00pm, and note that prayer experiences may extend beyond 5:00pm if there is a large turnout. Participation in this taster day is sufficient prior experience to join the online course.

Welsh Martyrs Live Stream Please be aware that the webcam is always broadcasting images and, during services, sound as well. Images are stored in the system for three days before being automatically wiped. The camera is generally focused on the altar area, so those seated in the main body of the church will not be broadcast unless they sit at the very front near the central aisle.

Safeguarding Please do carefully note the following: in order to maintain good safeguarding standards at Welsh Martyrs Church, it is a requirement that those children who are vesting along with parish clergy do so with the support of a parish safeguarding chaperone. All others members of the parish must refrain from using, or seeking access to the sacristy, for 10mins before and after each Mass. Please respect this limitation by not trying to access the sacristy nor by attempting to speak with clergy and servers at these times. Clergy will make themselves available for all parishioners after each Mass.

A Serious Concern It has come to my attention that a person or persons is accessing the private garage of the presbytery without authorisation. The only person who has general permission to be in the garage is Nick Howells, in respect of his grounds keeping/gardening duties. Any other person accessing the garage is at best trespassing, or worse committing burglary. Whoever this person is, they are tampering with the controls of the house's boiler system, which has happened twice in the past three weeks, but so far four times this year. If there is any further suspicious activity or unauthorised access, the police will be called without hesitation.

St Vincent de Paul (SVP) September is the month of awareness for the SVP, when they publicise their activities and share news about the organisation and what it does. On this occasion our parish SVP group has something to say in a slightly longer read. David Greenery has the following to say: Our parish's SVP Conference needs your help. We are just a small number of members (6) and would dearly love to have more in order to help us to keep true to our mission of 'turning concern into action'. We help people in poverty, which can be material or non-material poverty.



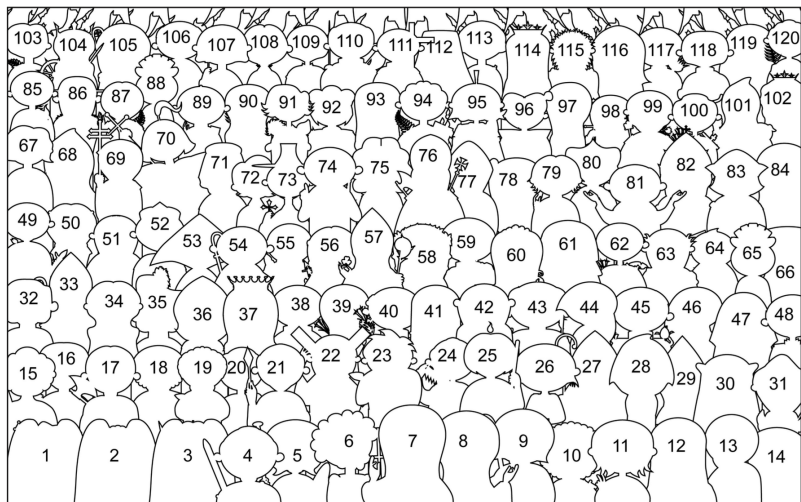
In 2025-26, for example, 49 local people benefitted from our help: we visited people in hospital or at home; we helped some to keep a roof over their heads; we helped a few to deal with the great difficulties of not having Indefinite Leave to Remain the UK; we helped some prison leavers who had to cope with very challenging circumstances 'on the outside' and had no-one else to help them. Behind the figures of 35 (help with transport), 19 (help to pay a bill), 45 (the number of visits made to people with mental health problems) and lots of other figures, were real people – our brothers and sisters.

The late Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said, "*There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in.*" The data we gather in Aberystwyth, along with the data gathered from all the other SVP Conferences in England and Wales (which are combined and submitted to the Charity Commission annually), are used by SVP to inform policymakers and parliamentarians. SVP works upstream and downstream.

Our Vincentian charism is to meet with Christ in the poor and in each other. Is God calling you to join our spiritual fraternity? Please do speak with Br David (President) or Sr Madeleine (Vice-president) to learn more about our work. Sant Vincent de Paul, gweddïa drosom / Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

Oppose Assisted Suicide - Please Write to Your MP Archbishop Mark has spoken out on the return of the Assisted Suicide Bill to Parliament: *"It is immensely disappointing that the Bill to legalise assisted suicide is being re-introduced to Parliament. It does nothing to uphold the dignity of every person, or encourage investment in good palliative care, which is the best way to accompany those facing challenging situations at end of life."* The Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday 11th September. Please take a few minutes this week to write to your MP and make your opposition heard - even if you've written before, please write again. In order to help write to Ben Lake our MP, Lord David Alton and Baronesses Jane Campbell and Tanni Grey-Thompson have arranged for postcards to be sent to every parish. These cards can be used by parishioners to post to Mr Lake at the House of Commons – all you need to do is fill in your details and affix a stamp.

Clergy Welfare Officer The Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia is seeking a Clergy Welfare Officer to support priests approaching retirement, already retired, or on sick leave — helping with health, finance, housing and care needs. A rewarding part-time role for someone with a heart for pastoral care and experience in healthcare or social services. 14 hours per week, £32,000 pro rata. Closing date: 26th September 2026. For an information pack and application forms, or to ask a question, please email hr@cardiffmenevia.org or scan the QR code.



Answers - How Many Saints did you get right?

1. St. Raphael
2. St. Gabriel
3. St. Michael
4. St. Paul the Apostle
5. St. James the Greater
6. St. John the Baptist
7. Lord Jesus Christ
8. Blessed Virgin Mary
9. St. Joseph
10. St. Peter the Apostle
11. St. John the Apostle
12. St. Anne
13. St. Joachim
14. St. Mary Magdalene
15. St. Bartholomew the Apostle
16. St. James the Just
17. St. Matthias the Apostle
18. St. Luke the Evangelist
19. St. Mark the Evangelist
20. St. Philip the Apostle
21. St. Thomas the Apostle
22. St. Andrew the Apostle
23. St. Matthew the Apostle
24. St. Simon the Apostle
25. St. Jude the Apostle
26. St. John Vianney
27. St. Augustine of Hippo
28. St. Monica
29. St. Benedict of Nursia
30. St. Faustina Kowalska
31. St. Francis Xavier
32. St. Josemaría Escrivá
33. St. Nicholas
34. St. Maria Goretti
35. St. John Bosco
36. St. Joan of Arc
37. St. Elizabeth of Hungary
38. St. Dominic of Guzman
39. St. Catherine of Siena
40. St. Anthony of Padua
41. St. Teresa of Avila
42. St. Pio of Pietrelcina
43. St. John Paul II
44. St. Bernadette Soubirous
45. St. Francis of Assisi
46. St. Teresa of Calcutta
47. St. Thérèse of Lisieux
48. St. Ignatius of Loyola
49. St. Juan Diego
50. St. Kateri Tekakwitha
51. St. Francis de Sales
52. St. Charles Borromeo
53. St. Catherine Labouré
54. St. Bernard of Clairvaux
55. St. Vincent De Paul
56. St. Philomena
57. St. Patrick
58. St. Rose of Lima
59. St. Thomas Aquinas
60. St. Cecilia
61. St. Clare of Assisi
62. St. Gerard Majella
63. St. Jerome
64. St. John of the Cross
65. St. Josephine Bakhita
66. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
67. St. Lorenzo Ruiz
68. St. Cyril
69. St. Methodius
70. St. George
71. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
72. St. Dominic Savio
73. St. Andrew Kim
74. St. Junipero Serra
75. St. Agatha
76. St. Boniface
77. St. Charbel Makhluf
78. St. Germaine Cousin
79. St. John Baptist de la Salle
80. St. John Fisher
81. St. Joseph of Cupertino
82. St. Leo
83. St. Thomas More
84. St. Lucy
85. St. Charles Lwanga
86. St. Damien of Molokai
87. St. Josaphat Kuntsevych
88. St. Magdalen of Canossa
89. St. Anthony Mary Claret
90. St. Agnes
91. St. Gianna Molla
92. St. Ivo of Kermatin
93. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
94. St. Lawrence
95. St. Martin of Tours
96. St. Paul Miki
97. St. Perpetual
98. St. Felicity
99. St. Valentine
100. St. Aloysius Gonzaga
101. St. Anthony the Great
102. St. Barbara
103. St. Pedro Calungsod
104. St. Catherine of Alexandria
105. St. Scholastica
106. St. Raymond of Penafort
107. St. Marcellin Champagnat
108. St. Gemma Galgani
109. St. Claude de la Colombière
110. St. John of Capistrano
111. St. John of God
112. St. Katharine Drexel
113. St. Louis de Monfort
114. St. Margaret of Scotland
115. St. Paul the Hermit
116. St. Rita of Cascia
117. St. Martin de Porres
118. St. Maximilian Kolbe
119. St. Alphonsus Liguori
120. St. Stephen