

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

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4 th October 2026: Week 27 of Ordinary Time, Year A. Weekdays of Year II, Psalter Week III.			
Date	Welsh Martyrs' Merthyron Cymru	Holy Cross Yr Groes Sanctaidd	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 4th October 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 800 th Anniversary of the Death of Sr Francis of Assisi	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass Arthur Roberts and Rebecca Croft RIP Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Pro Populo 10:30am Holy Mass Arthur Roberts and Rebecca Croft RIP	9:00am Holy Mass Arthur Roberts and Rebecca Croft RIP	11:00am Holy Mass Pro Populo
Mon 5th October St Faustina Kowalska			
Tue 6th October St Bruno			
Wed 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary			
Thur 8th October			
Fri 9th October St John Henry Newman	5:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 6:00pm Holy Mass Emma Morrison		
Sat 10th October	9:30am Adoration 10:30am Holy Mass (Latin) Holy Souls		
Sun 11th October 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass Jill Pinnock RIP Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Pro Populo 10:30am Holy Mass Private Intention (AC)	9:00am Holy Mass Pearson Family RIP	11:00am Holy Mass Pro Populo
Sunday Collections - Casgliad y Sul. <i>Thank you for your generosity - Diolch am eich haelioni.</i> 27 th Sep, £506.11 (Aberystwyth and Aberaeron) 27 th Sep, £200.70 (Lampeter - Llanbedr Pont Steffan) Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia CIO N° 1177272			

Newsletter Trial Here it is, the new newsletter: this A3 version is here for a short trial to see how well they're liked. I'm told that the parish used to have these, but they were discontinued as it was felt they were unnecessary and expensive. However, others have expressed an opinion that they would like them. There are pros and cons: the Church asks that we listen to the Word of God, not read it, and some feel having the text is a distraction. However, others like to give the readings to give to family members who cannot come to Mass. Some like the larger format, while others find it too cumbersome. Then there's the cost; it's an extra £750 per year, in addition to normal printing costs. Is it worth it? Would you prefer to keep this current A3 style or keep with what we're already used to? Do let Fr Liam know.

Mary's Meals Do you have any unwanted foreign currency? If so, Mary's Meals charity would like to use your worthless cash to help provide food for the hungry. A large collection envelope is now available at every church in the parish, into which you can make your donation. The envelopes will be available this weekend and next. Thank you to those who have already made contributions.

Mass Times This Week You will notice a rather thin timetable this week. I'm sorry that I won't be able to celebrate Mass in the parish during many days this week. I have a long-standing commitment to preach days of recollection in Leeds Diocese and I'm involved in a Rosary Procession there. I also have an engagement in London, which would be impossible to get to if I returned to Aberystwyth mid-week. Nevertheless, I shall be with you on Friday. Please keep me in your prayers as I travel around.

Baby Loss Awareness Week is from 9th to the 15th of October. It's heartbreaking when a little one dies so young, and there are parents in our parishes who feel this pain first-hand, having experienced a bereavement either recently or many years' ago. Hywel Dda Hospital Trust Chaplaincy organises various memorial services for little ones during this week, in conjunction with Midwifery, Neo-natal and Gynaecology departments. On the 15th October at 6:30pm there will be a local service in the atrium of the Council Offices: Canolfan Rheidol, Ceredigion County Council, Llanbadarn Fawr SY233GA. All are welcome to attend, most especially those who have lost a child or sibling.

St Francis of Assisi This Sunday is the 800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis, and Franciscans across the world are holding celebrations. Please keep in your prayers the Friars, Sisters and 3rd Order Franciscan movements who do so much in the Church. Remembering also the people of the parish of Milford Haven under the patronage of St Francis.

First Holy Communion If your child is at St Padarn's School you will be aware that we shall soon start our First Holy Communion preparation classes. However, if your child is not at St Padarn's school, but is Year 3/4 or older and would like to make their first Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Liam or e-mail him on the above e-mail address. Please note that First Confession will take place on 30th June 2027 and First Holy Communion on Saturday 3rd July 2027 at 11:00am.

Called to Love Do you care about our world and people in need - but wonder what to do? Or perhaps you are already involved and looking for more support. Caritas Cardiff-Menevia is holding a day at St Mary's Church, Bridgend on Saturday 10th October to help you. There will be keynote speakers and plenty of opportunity to share and discuss ideas and create new contacts. The idea is that everyone returns home re-energised and more able to live out their Christian calling faithfully. For more information, see the poster in church. To register scan this QR code.



CathSoc There has been some confusion recently with the availability of the Faith Space on the University Campus, resulting in the university Mass being moved at the last moment to Welsh Martyrs Church. I'm sorry if you arrived for Mass only to discover we had already left. Charlie (CathSoc President) is working with the university to get some clarity on availability. The intention is to have regular Thursday evening Masses on Campus in term time, to which all are welcome.

Youth Brunch This often takes place on the last Sunday of every month. The next date is October 25th. If you're between 18-30 and want to listen to a short talk by the clergy, enjoy some food and discussion, then please come along after the 10:30am Mass at Welsh Martyrs.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). Are you considering becoming a Catholic? If so, a new course is about to start to support those who would like to become full members of the Catholic Church. Sessions will take place from Tuesday 13th October at Neuadd Goffa/Memorial Hall, Penparcau from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Sessions will take a break for holidays, but the course will run until Easter. For more information and to join the group please contact Mr Reuben Purchase on 07876 315 481, or speak with Fr Liam.

CAFOD The harvest family fast day was this week Friday 2nd October. Please return any envelopes in to the parish, either directly or by using the Sunday Mass collection bags.

Rosary Group Prayer and Prayer Intentions Do you have a particular intention for which you would like prayers to be offered? If so, there is a box in Welsh Martyrs Church into which you can place your intentions. The Rosary will be offered each week for the intentions received. On the 4th October the group will lead the Rosary at the Band Stand on the sea front at 6:00pm and all are welcome to join them for this occasion. If you would like something more personal, the members of the group are happy to pray with individuals after Mass. To make arrangements please see Gina 07790 537673.

Day for Youth Leaders This takes place at St Illtyd's Church, Dowlais on 24th October and is organised by Fr Matt with Mass celebrated by the Archbishop and talks by Michael Roche from Alpha. If you're interested in attending, please do e-mail Fr Liam for more information as registration is essential.

Day for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers (Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion) If you're a reader or eucharistic minister, please save the date in 4 weeks' time and come to the session on Saturday 31st October. There will be a session at both Welsh Martyrs and Our Lady of Mt Carmel. Those who are based in Aberaeron can attend at either location – more information to follow closer to the time. If you're interested in starting please do let the clergy know.