

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

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11 th October 2026: Week 28 of Ordinary Time, Year A. Weekdays of Year II, Psalter Week IV.			
Date	Welsh Martyrs' Merthyron Cymru	Holy Cross Yr Groes Sanctaidd	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
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
Mon 12th October	7:00pm Holy Mass Friends of the Suffering Souls		
Tue 13th October			
Wed 14th October			
Thur 8th October St Theresa of Ávila	UNIVERSITY CAMPUS – CAMPWS Y BRIFYSGOL 7:00pm Holy Mass Thanksgiving (B)		10:00am Holy Mass Daniel Mallinson Smith
Fri 15th October St Richard Gwyn	5:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 6:00pm Holy Mass Mark Ayton	9:00am Reconciliation and Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass Holy Souls	
Sat 16th October	9:30am Adoration 10:30am Holy Mass (Latin) Holy Souls		
Sun 17th October 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass Alfred Woodfield and Robert Martin RIP Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Pro Populo 10:30am Holy Mass No Intention	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> 4 th October, £371.06 (Aberystwyth and Aberaeron) 4 th October, £114.70 (Lampeter - Llanbedr Pont Steffan) Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia CIO N° 1177272			

Prisoners' Sunday This weekend sees the Church keeping a day of prayer for prisoners. We pray that prisoners will grow in virtue during their detention, but we pray also for those who support them and family members who are affected when custodial sentences are given. PACT is the national Catholic Prison Charity and there will be a second collection after Mass to help support their work.

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.

Mass Times This Week Please do note the Mass times given above. This week Fr Liam is attending the quarterly Council of Deans meeting, which is followed the next day with mandatory safeguarding training for all clergy. Given the location and timings for these two meetings, it's not possible to celebrate Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday. To ensure that the sacraments are regularly celebrated, an extra Mass has been allocated for Monday evening.

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.

Welcome Home This week Fr Malachy will return to our parish. He will join the clergy at the safeguarding training, before coming back to Aberystwyth on Wednesday evening - it will be a delight to have him back. I'd like to offer a big thankyou to Fr Ross and Cn Michael who have celebrated Masses to help out, and also to all those who have been able to support our visiting clergy by making them welcome. As the number of priests reduces it gets more difficult to find supply cover and I'm pleased that as a parish we are so welcoming and supportive to those retired clergy who help out.

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.

CathSoc There has been some confusion recently with the availability of the Faith Space at the University Campus. The Faith Space has been booked for this Thursday evening and, all things being equal, Mass will take place as normal on Thursday evening, with Confessions before Mass.

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 start this week** 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.

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.

Flower Festival St David and St Patrick's Catholic Church at Haverfordwest is hosting a flower festival. This will take place from 6:00pm on Friday 30th October until the 1st November. Fr Ramesh Gundabathina SDM looks forward to welcoming many from across our deanery.

Diocesan News The latest newsletter welcomes MPs' rejection of the Assisted Dying Bill and invites us to answer Pope Leo's call to pray the Rosary for peace throughout October. It also features Bishop Vaughan School's Festival of Peace, the Spiritus conference in Rome, a golden jubilee for two Sisters of St Joseph, and the new Archdiocesan WhatsApp channel. Coming up: a Safeguarding Café at Our Lady's, Llandovery (22nd October), and Austen Ivereigh on *Magnifica Humanitas* at St Helen's, Caerphilly (31st October). Read or subscribe at rcadc.org.

