

Catholic Parishes of Aberystwyth and Lampeter

Plwyfi Catholig Aberystwyth a Llanbedr Pont Steffan

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18 th October 2026: Week 29 of Ordinary Time, Year A. Weekdays of Year II, Psalter Week I.			
Date	Welsh Martyrs' Merthyron Cymru	Holy Cross Yr Groes Sanctaidd	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ein Harglwyddes o Fynydd Carmel
Sun 18th 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 Pope Leo XIV	9:00am Holy Mass Brian Kelly RIP	11:00am Holy Mass Pope Leo XIV
Mon 19th October			
Tue 20th October	10:00am Holy Mass At St Padarn's School Doctoral Defence		6:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 7:00pm Holy Mass Doctoral Defence
Wed 21st October	9:00am Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass For survivors and victims and the community of Aberfan.	6:00pm Holy Mass Geraint and Sam Rhydderch RIP	
Thur 22nd October St John Paul II	UNIVERSITY CAMPUS – CAMPWS Y BRIFYSGOL 7:00pm Holy Mass Pope Leo's Health		10:00am Holy Mass No Intention
Fri 23rd October	5:00pm Reconciliation and Adoration 6:00pm Holy Mass Holy Souls	9:00am Reconciliation and Adoration 10:00am Holy Mass Linda Seleck	
Sat 24th October Memorial of the B. Virgin Mary	9:30am Adoration 10:30am Holy Mass Holy Souls		
Sun 25th October 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time at Lampeter. Solemnity of the Welsh Martyrs at Aberaeron and Aberystwyth	5:00pm-5:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation before Vigil Mass Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass Holy Souls Sunday 8:30am Holy Mass Pro Populo 10:30am Holy Mass Celinamma John Vazhvthanappallil RIP	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> 4 th October, £317.77 (Aberystwyth and Aberaeron) 4 th October, £202.60 (Lampeter - Llanbedr Pont Steffan) Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia CIO N° 1177272			

Welcome Home Fr Malachy has returned to the parish – Welcome home Father ☺ It's good to have you back!

Youth Brunch This often takes place on the last Sunday of every month. The next date is next weekend - 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.

Aberfan 9:15am on 21st October marks the 60th anniversary of the disaster at Aberfan, where 144 people died, including 116 children, of which 109 were pupils at Pantglas primary school. During our parish Holy Hour on that day, we shall mark the time of the anniversary and pray for those who died, those who took part in the

rescue efforts and those who lives where forever changed. Archbishop Mark will join with King Charles, the Queen and the Prince of Wales, along with many others at Aberfan as Wales holds a minute of silence. At 7:00pm that evening, Archbishop Mark will celebrate a memorial Mass for the victims at St David's Cathedral. Cardiff.

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.



Catechists Formation Are you involved in any way in teaching the faith to others? Would you like to know more about how to hand on the teachings of the church? The Diocese, working in collaboration with the Catechetical Institute at the Franciscan University of Steubenville has established a programme to help catechists deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith and grow in confidence and skill for their ministry. Current catechists are invited to take part in this valuable opportunity for ongoing formation, spiritual growth, and preparation to accompany others in their journey of faith. The Formation Track is completed at your pace from the comfort of your own home and you will be assigned a formation companion to accompany you on the journey. For information about the programme and enrolment, please contact Canon Michael Doyle or Fr Bernard Sixtus by emailing CI@cardiffmenevia.com.

Pope Leo XIV The news this week has been about the Pope's health and his successful operation to remove a cancer from his lung. At the request of the Archbishop, every parish will celebrate a votive Mass for him during this weekend.

Vandalism I'm sorry to have to report some vandalism at Welsh Martyrs church recently. It's so sad when our place of worship is defaced by graffiti. I'm not sure who has caused this but I hope this is an isolated incident which won't happen again.

November Dead List Envelopes will be provided next weekend into which you can place the names of deceased loved ones for whom Masses will be celebrated during the month of November.

British Summer Time This comes to an end next weekend when the clocks go back to Greenwich Mean Time.

E-mail Following a meeting of the council of deans this week, the diocese has acknowledged that the roll out of new diocesan e-mail system has not reached expectations. I'm sorry to report that, despite some recent good improvements, there are still errors which need fixing. Fr Liam is still not receiving every e-mail which is sent to him. I know it's frustrating and I can only sympathise with you if you haven't received any communication from the parish. One email this week was delayed by 5 days, and yet the time stamp looks as if it arrived straight away.

Church Doors during the summer our churches can get quite hot, and it's good to have the doors open to allow for some movement of air. This cannot happen at Welsh Martyrs because the main doors are fire doors which must remain closed. However, we will soon be getting special wedges that react with the fire alarm, which means next summer the doors may be kept open. Now that autumn is upon us, and as we move into winter, the days are getting cooler therefore please keep doors closed so that our churches retain heat.