


Catholic Parish of Aberystwyth | Plwyf Catholig Aberystwyth

Welsh Martyrs Church

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31st March 2024 | Easter Week | Year B | Weekday Year II

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Times of Holy Mass and other events Amserau'r Offeren a ddigwyddiadau eraill		Mass intention Bwriad
WM Welsh Martyrs, Aberystwyth HC Holy Cross, Aberaeron		
L Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lampeter UC University Campus St Padarn's Primary School		
Sun 31st March Easter Sunday Sul y Pasg	8.30am Holy Mass (WM) 10am Family Mass (WM) – Confessions during Mass 12.30pm Holy Mass (HC) (Confessions 12.10pm)	People of the Parish Lora, Christian and family Anne Price's sister
Mon 1st April Easter Octave	1pm-3pm Easter Eggstravaganza for Families (St Padarn's) 6pm Holy Mass (WM)	Holy souls
Tues 2nd April Easter Octave	6pm Holy Mass (WM)	Private intention (DD)
Wed 3rd April Easter Octave	9am Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 10am Holy Mass (WM)	Marilyn Evans RIP
Thurs 4th April Easter Octave	9.30am Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass (HC) 6pm-7.30pm Men's Evening of Reflection (WM)	Patricia O'Driscoll RIP
Fri 5th April First Friday Easter Octave	5pm Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 6pm Holy Mass (WM)	Thanksgiving (DD)
Sat 6th April First Saturday Easter Octave	9.30am Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 10.30am Holy Mass (WM)	Polly Magro
Sun 7th April Second Sunday of Easter Ail Sul y Pasg Divine Mercy Sunday	Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass (WM) (Confessions 5.15pm) 8.30am Holy Mass (WM) 10am Holy Mass (WM) 10am Holy Mass (L) 12.30pm Holy Mass (HC) (Confessions 12.10pm) 3pm Eucharistic Hour of Mercy (Confessions available) (WM) 4.30pm Msza Świąta po polsku Mass in Polish (WM)	Philip Davies RIP Priest's intention November Lists People of the Parish Private intention (SR) Priest's intention
Sunday Plate Collection Casgliad y Sul: 24.3.2024 TBC Many thanks for your generosity, diolch yn fawr am eich haelioni!		

Easter Pasg hapus i chi gyd, a very happy Easter to you all! It's been a wonderful celebration of the Triduum in our parish – a warm thank you to all those who have played some part in preparing the various details to honour this sacred time in the Church's year. Thank you also to those who have brought family and friends to enrich our celebrations. Jesus is risen! Death could not hold the living God – and it now cannot hold you and me, if we cling to the mercy of God made known to us in Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Thank you for your generosity to us in your gifts, your time, your prayer and in so many hidden ways of affection. God bless you. *Fr Matt, Fr Gregory*

Easter Eggstravaganza for families this Monday 1st April at St Padarn's School. Come along for an Easter egg hunt, face painting, biscuit decorations, games, and so much more! This event will raise funds for our parish initiatives.

Paschal Candle Many thanks to Fr Gregory for the beautifully hand-painted Paschal candle at Welsh Martyrs!

Men's Recollection Our first evening of prayer and social for the men of the parish went really well this month – the next will be Thursday 4th April, 6.00-7.30pm. We start at Welsh Martyrs with a meditation (with guest preacher Fr David Howell), then some silent prayer, a talk on the Christian life, and food and drink. All men welcome!

Divine Mercy Sunday This feast is the day on which we begin pastoral care of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Lampeter. As such there will no longer be confessions during the 10am Mass in Welsh Martyrs for the immediate future. **There will be a Eucharistic Hour of Mercy on Sunday 7th April at 3pm in Welsh Martyrs.**

Of your charity Please pray for the eternal repose of **Peter Lewis**, formerly of Trisant, who died recently. We are awaiting details of Peter's funeral rites. Please also pray for **Una Brandreth** who died tragically last week, a sister of one of our parishioners. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

Young Walkers Following a request from two of our young people, we're going to trial a new youth group – but outdoors! The first meet will be on Saturday 20th April (11am-2pm) for a walk of about 3 or 4 miles, a packed lunch, time to chat with each other, and plenty of fresh air. The group is aimed at those between Year 6 and Year 11 – but others around that age who'd like to come are welcome to let Fr Matt know. Please register your child's interest by emailing aberystwyth@menevia.org. They will be supervised by adult leaders with parish DBS checks – if you have one and you'd like to volunteer, please email the same address.

Offeren yn Gymraeg Bydd yr Offeren nesaf yn Merthyron Cymru **ar yr 21ain o Ebrill**. Bydd yr Offeren nesaf ar gyfer Gwyl Padarn Sant am 3yp **ar y 13eg o Ebrill** yn Eglwys Llanbadarn. Croeso i bawb!

Mass in Welsh The next Mass in Welsh Martyrs will be **on the 21st April**. The next Mass in Welsh will be for the feast of St Padarn at 3pm **on April 13th** in Llanbadarn Church. All welcome!

Colour Coding Thanks to one creative parishioner who suggested that we make the different locations of parish events easier to read in the table above – as a trial, you'll notice that Welsh Martyrs is not highlighted, **Holy Cross is highlighted yellow**, **Lampeter blue**, the **Faith Space on campus green**, and St Padarn's School grey.

Money boxes You might notice two new money boxes that have been installed in Welsh Martyrs Church – although they've been made so carefully that they seem like they've always been there! Thanks to Matt and Kerly for their time in making and installing these boxes. We will attach labels to the front of each box to raise money for various causes. Until there are labels on there, any donations will be understood as general parish donations.

Day Pilgrimage to Bala To celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation, Our Lady of Fatima church in Bala is holding a day of prayer on the theme, *'Nothing is Impossible with God!'*, on Monday 8th April from 12noon-4pm, beginning with Holy Mass (confessions beforehand) and including a talk at 2pm. Bring your own lunch (and your rosary beads!)

Parish Finances The annual accounts are now published on the noticeboard of each church, representing the accounts up to March 2023 – so they are a year out of date. We will endeavor to publish this year's accounts much earlier. It's hugely beneficial if you sign up for regular donations (Gift Aided if possible), so we can plan more reliably.

Youth Retreat July 24th-28th in St Davids, Pembrokeshire – some days away walking, praying, eating, having fun, for teenagers aged 14-18 from across our dioceses, for £250. Organised by the Youth Council of Menevia and Cardiff, and Fr Matt will be the event chaplain. If you'd like to go but you don't have the funds, please get in touch.

Online Prayer All are welcome to join for Night Prayer of the Church Monday-Friday at 9.10pm on Zoom (link <https://tinyurl.com/parishprayer>; Meeting ID **832 6768 1049**; password **prayer**).

Donations If you'd like to make a donation to the mission of the parish, you can do so via the parish website or using this QR code. Many thanks for your generosity.



Donations to the Food Bank Collection points are in each church porch. Recent needs include:

Aberystwyth: tinned curry, micro rice/pasta in sauce/noodles, jam, tinned custard/rice pudding.

Aberaeron: grateful for whatever you can give.

Diolch yn fawr! Many thanks!