



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Times and Intentions of Holy Mass for the Coming week

Saturday 23rd April <i>Vigil—Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	11.00am 5.30pm	Health and healing Mothers & Unborn babies (Mary dark)
Sunday 24th April <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	11.00am	Pro Populo (<i>For the People</i>)
Monday 25th April <i>St Mark the Evangelist</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday 26th April	NO MASS	
Wednesday 27th April	2:30pm 5:00pm 6.30pm	Funeral Service for Sheila Phillips RIP <i>Meeting for 1st Holy Communion Parents</i> 1st Holy Communion Children & Families
Thursday 28th April	6:00pm 6.30pm	<i>Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Fr Javier Ledesma RIP & Juan Miguel Ibarre RIP
Friday 29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	11.00am	Gerry France & Family
Saturday 30th April <i>Vigil—3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00am 5.30pm	The people of the Ukraine Holy Souls
Sunday 1st May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00am	Pro Populo (<i>For the People</i>)

Please pray for those who are unwell:

Meenu Mol Antony
Mary Mitchell
Baby Luke Davies
Joe Hayes
Helen Tynan
Christine Rees
Tal and Cynthia Harries
Teresa Hay
Peggy Davies

RIP anniversaries:

Maureen Davies
Cerys Doyle
Annie Hearne,
Florence Thomas
Delan Keogh,
Elizabeth Kelly
Jane Urbanic
Recently died:
Sheila Phillips

The Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for the intentions of:

Laura & Breean Welwick



Our Lady's lamp is lit for the intentions of:

Nora Williams



NICENO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

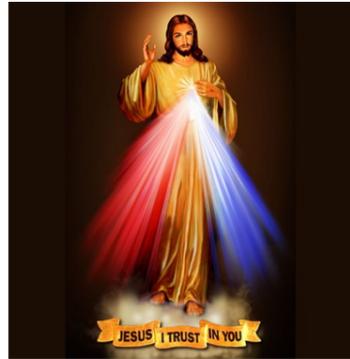
COVID-19 Guidelines are changing in Wales:

- ◆ **Please use hand sanitiser, if you can wear a face covering in the Church, and respect people's social distance as some are nervous of close contact. Let us help build people's confidence.**
- ◆ **The seating at the back 6 rows of the Church are NOT socially distanced, but the front 5 rows are. Thank you for your care and consideration of others.**

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Therese Passenger 079441 59039
St. Mary's Primary School: Acting Head teacher Mrs. Hannah Corcoran 01267 234297
St. John Lloyd's Secondary School Llanelli: Head Teacher Mr Ashley Howells 01554 772589

Fr Phillip writes..... Sincere thanks to all who made the Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies so spiritual and uplifting. Being new to a parish, can sometimes feel daunting, and if you're the priest that is new, it can feel nerve wrecking, but I can honestly say it was a great privilege to be in a community of sincere faith and deep spirituality. There were people present at the liturgies who were either new to Carmarthen, or who had not been in Church for some time, who commented on how much they felt part of a community of prayer—this is a great testament to the people of this parish. May the Holy Season of Easter be uplifting and encouraging for all of us! Alleluia—Christ is truly risen!

**Christ a Atgyfododd—
Christ is Risen -
Alleluia**
**Pasg Hapus i bawb—
A Happy Easter
to all!!!**
**With prayers & best
wishes from
Fr Phillip**



The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion: The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
C - Completely trust in Jesus. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. The Feast was established as a feast for the Universal Church By Pope St John Paul II

Collection / offering envelopes: are available from the porch for all who have kindly signed up for regular giving to support the parish. If you are able to give by standing order, that is even better—forms are available in the porch. Or if you do online banking, the parish details are....
DOM Carmarthen Parish, Natwest Bank, Sort Code 56-00-42, Account No 02477521. **Thank you!**



Last Weeks' Collections:

Main Offertory: £60.00
Holy Places: £106.22

Maintenance Fund: £47.00
Lenten Alms: £76.14

If you would like to make your offertory donation on line by BACS please contact the office for our bank details. Alternatively, there is a Standing Order form on our website if you wish to set up a regular payment to us. In the meantime all donations can be popped into the black post box on the table in the porch. **THANK YOU**

**Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

P. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**C. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

P. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The prayer of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Front Pews, please remain in your place for Holy Communion. Back Pews, please come forward when invited. Please remove your face covering before receiving Holy Communion, and extend your fully open hands, so you may receive without contact. Thank you.

7 day Votive Lamps: If you would like a votive lamp lit for a particular intention, please complete one of the envelopes in the porch and post it in the presbytery. The intentions will appear in the newsletter each week. All proceeds to parish funds.



Fundraising CD of Ukrainian Chant: Produced by the Archdiocese of Liverpool, to raise funds for the people of the Ukraine. 10 CD's available (sung by Ukrainian Seminarians, deacons and Liverpool priests and parishioners), with a recommended donation of £10 each. If you would like one, please see Fr Phillip.



Diolch o galon— Heartfelt thanks! For your generosity in the Easter offerings, cards and well wishes!! God bless you!

Remember, we do not fast or abstain from meat during the Easter season!!

First Holy Communion: The First meeting of all parents and Children in our programme will be on **Wednesday 27th April at 5:00pm** in the Parish Centre. All being well, we will run the classes on Wednesday Evenings from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. (details to be arranged with parents).

Supporting your parish: Please consider completing a direct debit mandate, so you can make your weekly offering via the bank, or alternatively place offertory donations in the black post box (on the table in the church porch) Thank you.