



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Times and Intentions of Holy Mass for the Coming week

Saturday 9th April <i>Mass</i>	10:00am 11:00am 11:40am 5:00pm 5:30pm	Holy Week Retreat Talk 1 Jean & Shawn Hannigan RIP & Family (Theresa) Adoration & Confessions Confessions Holy Souls
Sunday 10th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10:00am 11.00am	Holy Week Retreat Talk 2 Pro Populo (For the People)
Monday 11th April	11.00am	Mark Trias-Martinez RIP (Mark's Family)
Tuesday 12th April	NO MASS	
Wednesday 13th April	11.30am	Chrism Mass, St. Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday 14th April <i>Holy Thursday</i>	7.00pm 9:50pm	Family & Friends Followed by watching at the altar of repose Night prayer
Friday 15th April <i>Good Friday</i>	10.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm 6:30pm	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer Solemn Commemoration of The Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross Confessions
Saturday 16th April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	10.00am 11.00am 7.00pm	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer Polish Blessing—Swieconka Easter Vigil
Sunday 17th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	11.00am	Pro Populo (For the People)

Please pray for those who are unwell:
Tal and Cynthia Harries, Teresa Hay, Peggy Davies, Meenu Mol Antony, Helen Tynan, Mary Mitchell, Christine Rees, Baby Luke Davies

RIP anniversaries:
Joseph Phillips, John Watson, David Crowley, Patrick Greensmyth, Margaret Barry, Jean Hands & Nora Williams, Mark Trias-Martinez, Jack Comey, Jerry Chance, Barbara Chatterji, Graham Briggs

The Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for the intentions of:
Lamps not lit during Holy Week



Our Lady's lamp is lit for the intentions of:
Lamps not lit during Holy Week



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..... As we end our Lenten journey, we enter the most solemn week of the Church's year. The ceremonies of Holy Week are deeply moving as we journey with Christ through his suffering and death, to the joy of new life. From the end of the Mass on Holy Thursday, we move without blessing, through the pain of Good Friday to the Joy of the Easter Vigil. They are one action spread over three days—I pray we will be one in this journey of hope and joy.

Parish Holy Week Retreat: In order to introduce us to Holy Week, and to help us spiritually prepare for this most sacred time in the Church's year, there will be a mini Retreat / Reflection given by **Fr Sean Riley**, who is Vice Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, and will be an excellent guide to prepare us to celebrate Holy Week. Many sincere thanks to Fr Sean for stepping in as Fr Robert Gay OP has been taken ill, and will not be able to lead our retreat as planned. Please make every effort to attend, and try to bring someone with you who maybe hasn't been to Church in some time due to the pandemic. We are all called to share our faith, and to grow in love, so this Holy Week could give us the opportunity to reach out in faith to someone, so they do not make this spiritual journey alone.



Holy Week & Easter service times:
Please take some service time leaflets with you, and invite someone to attend with you. So any people have become disconnected from the Church over the past 2 years. Please encourage and invite someone to come with you to Church. Your invitation could be all they need to return to our community of faith. *"Proclaim Good News to all people".*



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: £193.40 Maintenance Fund: £52.00

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.

Holy Week and The Sacred Triduum 2022
Spy Wednesday 13th April
11:30 am Chrism Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral Swansea
Holy Thursday 14th April
7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by watching at the altar of repose until 10:00pm.
Compline (Night Prayer) 9.50pm
Good Friday 15th April
10:00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
3:00 pm Solemn Commemoration of the Passion
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Confessions will be available after each service
Holy Saturday 16th April
10:00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
11:00 am Swieconka – Polish blessing of food
7:00 pm **Easter Vigil** (First Mass of Easter)
Easter Sunday 17th April
11:00 am Mass of Easter Day
Please consider inviting someone to come with you to the Services of Holy Week—Your invitation could make all the difference, and give them confidence to come to Church.



Will you read at Mass over Holy Week, or have your foot washed? Please sign up if you can—Many thanks!

First Holy Communion: With social distancing restrictions lifting in Carmarthenshire schools after Easter, we will be able to begin our Sacramental Preparation Programme for the children of our parish. 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). The date of First Holy Communion will be confirmed at the meeting with parents, and made available to all as soon as the plans are finalised. Please pray for our 22 children and their families.



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.