



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Times and Intentions of Holy Mass for the Coming week

Saturday 7th May <i>Vigil—4th Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00am 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	Holy Souls Confessions Adrian Snow RIP (Bryan Kilkelly)
Sunday 8th May <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	10:30-10:50am 11.00am	Confessions Pro Populo (For the People)
Monday 9th May	11:00am	Trevor & Dilys Harries Anniv. RIP
Tuesday 10th May	11.00am	Special Intention (Fran Smithson)
Wednesday 11th May	11:00am	Flaviano & Ana Salada RIP (Mona)
Thursday 12th May <i>St. Asaph</i>	NO MASS	
Friday 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	6:30pm	Holy Souls (Fran Smithson)
Saturday 14th May <i>Vigil—5th Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00am 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	Health and Healing Confessions Elizabeth & Felix McAtarsney RIP (Nora Williams)
Sunday 15th May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	10:30-10:50am 11.00am	Confessions Pro Populo (For the People)

Please pray for those who are unwell:
Mary Mitchell
Joe Hayes
Mgr Michael Lewis
Brandon Lynch
Helen Tynan
Christine Rees
Tal and Cynthia Harries
Teresa Hay
Peggy Davies

RIP anniversaries:
Violet Stacey
Rachel Coupland
Rose Birmingham
Aida Foschi
Elizabeth Copsey

The Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for the intentions of:
Terry O'Toole



Our Lady's lamp is lit for the intentions of:
Andrea Rees—Wellbeing



Changes in our COVID-19 precautions in Church

Thankfully, the precautions we are being asked to observe in Church are changing and developing in accord with advice from our health and safety advisors and our insurers (based on medical advice given to them). While we are still asked to use sanitiser and to advise people to use face masks / coverings, **we are now able to reinstitute the collection being taken as normal** (with collection bags) and **also the bringing forward of the gifts of bread and wine together with the offertory**. Each parish is still to have its own risk assessment that takes note of ventilation and space, but these small changes are very welcome and please God, the signs of a return to a safe normality. Each week we can have elements of the Mass with singing (even though it's a bit of a challenge with a mask), but this is all good progress and should also be encouraging to those who may be nervous or cautious due to their own state of health, or that of those they care for. Let us continue to pray for all areas of the world that are still more adversely affected than ourselves by the virus. **Volunteers to bring up the offertory are very welcome!**

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 8 rows of the Church are NOT socially distanced, but the front 3 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..... Our Bishop Elect—Bishop Mark, has visited our Cathedral and met many of the people and priests of the Diocese. He has asked our prayers and said he will do his best. His first words were at the end of the Mass on Monday, and he began with -“Prynhawn da!” - Good afternoon, which were greeted with welcoming applause. We all have new and sometimes frightening situations to deal with—let us put our trust in God, and let him lead us by the hand to do His will.



Looking forward to Pentecost: Our parish is truly blessed with a diversity of cultures, languages and nationalities, brought together in our faith—just like the early Christian community at the time of Pentecost. It would be fitting if we could celebrate this unity of backgrounds and culture as we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost by representing the different nationalities that make up our Community in the Mass, by showing the different nations and their flags, and by incorporating different languages into the Mass. After Mass on Pentecost Sunday, it would be a great celebration of the Birthday of the Church, if we could have a party in the Hall, with people bringing a plate of food representing their own homeland.

Please write your home country on the sheet in the porch so that flags can be arranged, and please consider bringing a plate of food to the Hall for Pentecost Sunday. **If you are prepared to read a bidding prayer at Mass, please tell Fr Phillip.**

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!**



The Month of May: is dedicated by the Church to our Blessed Lady, in seeking her intercession. It is a good opportunity to make extra effort to pray the Rosary daily, and to remind ourselves of the role of Mary Mother of Christians, as was proclaimed from the Cross. Please pray the rosary each day during this Month of May (it is prayed 20 minutes before Mass), and please remember in your prayers, those of our Parish who are unwell or housebound.



The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Taper: will be on **Sunday 15th May**
1:30 Confessions, 2:30 Rosary Procession
3:00 Holy Mass 5:15 Benediction

2nd Collection Next Week—
For the training of future priests for our Diocese:
Students need to go to college to be trained as priests, and this is not something that is subsidised or helped by the state. Each Diocese has to pay for the training of its priests. Currently, we have 1 Student in full time training, but this is only possible by your generosity and help. Please give what you can nest weekend - thank you!



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.



Bishop Mark O'Toole
Has been appointed as Archbishop of Cardiff, and Bishop of Menevia



This means that our Diocese will keep its identity, rights and obligations, but it will share the person of the Bishop with the Archdiocese of Cardiff. May it be a time of grace, with closer cooperation and co-working across the area of South Wales and Herefordshire. Bishop Mark comes to us with a wealth of experience, and has been a bishop for over 8 years, serving as the Bishop of Plymouth. He was ordained a priest of Westminster Diocese, and has been Archbishop's secretary and Rector of Allen Hall Seminary. He will be Installed as Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop of Menevia in Cardiff Cathedral on 20 June 2022, the feast day of Welsh martyrs Saints Julius and Aaron. Please keep him in your prayers, and may Our Lady of the Taper, St David and all the Saints of Wales intercede for him.

Many congratulations to: Wyn and Christine Rees as they celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary! Please keep them in your prayers—Llongyfarchiadau!

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.



Last Weeks' Collections: Main Offertory: £140.00 Maintenance Fund: £84.00

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**

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.