



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Times and Intentions of Holy Mass for the Coming week

Saturday 21st May <i>Vigil—6th Sunday of Easter</i>	NO MORNING MASS 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	Confessions Holy Souls
Sunday 22nd May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	10:30-10:50am 11.00am	Confessions Pro Populo (For the People)
Monday 23rd May	NO MASS	
Tuesday 24th May	NO MASS	
Wednesday 25th May	NO MASS	
Thursday 26th May	NO MASS	
Friday 27th May	NO MASS	
Saturday 28th May <i>Vigil—7th Sunday of Easter</i>	NO MORNING MASS 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	Confessions Holy Souls
Sunday 29th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	10:30-10:50am 11.00am	Confessions Pro Populo (For the People)

**Please pray for those who are unwell:**  
Helen Tynan  
Christine Rees  
Tal and Cynthia Harries  
Teresa Hay  
Peggy Davies

Mary Mitchell  
Mgr Michael Lewis

**RIP anniversaries:**  
Eileen Teresa Williams  
Winifred Rafferty  
Peter Curtis  
Catherine Dowle  
Maria Dragone  
Eugenio Dragone  
John Culligan  
Marina Ulrica Osborne

Peter Gallagher  
Sarah Helen Cone

**The Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for the intentions of:**  
**Peace**



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



### 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.....* PLEASE NOTE, THIS NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN PRINTED IN ADVANCE. ANY NOTICES WILL BE GIVEN AT MASS ON THE WEEKEND.

**Please consider helping with a celebration in the Hall after Mass on Pentecost Sunday (5th June), or bring a plate of food from your homeland, to share with the parish, as we celebrate the Birthday of the Church.**



### Pentecost Sunday— 5th June

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, 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 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 prayers. 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.



**Diolch—Thank you:** for your generous support of the Priest Training Fund. Your generosity funds future priests to serve our diocese.

**Tea and coffee after Sunday Mass:** for too long we have not been able to meet together after Mass to socialise. However, we are advised that we can now do this with confidence. We need volunteers to set up and serve refreshments. Please consider being part of a rota to make this happen, and build up community in our parish. We could begin at Pentecost, and hopefully weekly afterwards. Please sign up to volunteer.



**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.**

**This week:** Fr Liam Bradley will be celebrating Mass in our parish, and looking after the parish for a few days while Fr Phillip is on leave. Fr Liam lives in the parish, and it is good to welcome him back as he kindly helps out. If there is need for a priest in case of emergency (last rites), please follow the directions on the presbytery answerphone.

**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.



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.**

**The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales:** are inviting all Catholics to return to the celebration of Mass in person, by being physically present in the Church building, as opposed to joining via livestream. Please encourage those who have not returned to Church as yet to come along, and give them the bishops letter (in the porch) to encourage them.



**Last Weeks' Collections:** Main Offertory: £343.62 Maintenance Fund: £132.75  
**Standing Orders for April:** Main Offertory: £1,020.00 Maintenance Fund: £212.50  
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.