



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Saturday 4th June <i>Vigil—Pentecost</i>	11.00am 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	Mary Ann—Birthday (Fran Smithson) <i>Confessions</i> Holy Souls
Sunday 5th June <i>Pentecost</i>	10:30-10:50am 11.00am	<i>Confessions</i> Pro Populo ( <i>For the People</i> )
Monday 6th June <i>Mary—Mother of the Church</i>	11.00am	Dewi Morgan RIP (Mary Dark)
Tuesday 7th June	NO MASS	
Wednesday 8th June	6.00pm 6:30pm	Adoration No intention requested
Thursday 9th June <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	11.00am	Deceased Clergy
Friday 10th June	11.00am	June Church RIP (Mary Dark)
Saturday 11th June St Barnabas <i>Vigil—Most Holy Trinity</i>	11.00am 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	No intention requested <i>Confessions</i> Holy Souls
Sunday 12th June <i>Most Holy Trinity</i>	10:30-10:50am 11.00am	<i>Confessions</i> Pro Populo ( <i>For the People</i> )

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

Mary Mitchell  
Mgr Michael Lewis  
Fr John Carroll

**If you would like the name of a relative who is unwell added to our prayer list, please give their name to Fr Phillip**

**RIP anniversaries:**  
Olive Shelewa  
George Skeets  
Carmel Smith  
Rita Lockhart  
Josie Chipp  
Stephen Cronin  
Rita Leonardi  
**Recently Died—**  
John Monaghan

Jessie Cone  
Adrian Kane  
Pauline Akehurst  
Reginald Smith  
Barbara Beardmore  
Edith Davies  
Margaret Sarah Harding  
Kay Sargent

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

**Thanksgiving**



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

**John Shields RIP Anniversary**



### COVID-19 Guidelines are changing in Wales:

- ♦ **Hand sanitiser is available, and if you wish to wear a face covering you are welcome, but please respect people's choice to maintain distance. Let us build confidence, and encourage all to return to Mass**
  - ♦ **The seating in the front row of the Church is socially distanced, but the other rows are not.**
- Thank you for your care and consideration of others.**

**Second Collection This weekend:** is for **World Communications day**, which was established in 1967 by Pope St Paul VI, and it promotes Catholic Evangelisation through the media. By supporting this, we support and promote evangelisation of Our Faith throughout the world. Thank you for your support.



**Second Collection 18th/19th June:** is for **Day for Life**, as mandated by the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, and it promotes the support of human life from conception to natural death. This year the focus is on supporting accessible palliative care as well as protecting the unborn. Thank you for your support.



**Last Weeks' Collections:** Main Offertory: £211.40 Maintenance Fund: £95.70

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**

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.....** The Great Feast of Pentecost not only brings to a close the season of Easter, but it reminds us that everything we do in our life of prayer is reliant on the presence of the Holy Spirit. In the celebration of the Sacraments, we call upon the Holy Spirit to sanctify us, and bring about change in our lives through the gifts God gives us. Let us pray in this week, to live the Divine life of this Spirit of Truth, and to joyfully proclaim God's presence. May God bless you with a good week so that you may be His messengers in the world!



### Sulgwyn hapus—Happy 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. We will highlight 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. *The Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, and all present heard them preach in their own tongue, and the Spirit gave them the gift of Speech.*

**After Mass on Pentecost Sunday, we will keep the Birthday of the Church, by a party in the Hall, please come along and celebrate together! Happy Feast!**

**Collection / offering envelopes:** please collect yours from the porch today if you have already signed up.  **A big Thank you** to all who have signed up to the GIFT AID SCHEME, which means we can reclaim TAX money back from the government at no charge to the donor—the Gift Aid over the past year has brought in a much needed **£5,096.29** to the parish account! If you are a tax payer, please consider joining the scheme, as it costs nothing, and helps a lot.

**The Month of June:** The feast of the Sacred Heart is kept on the Friday 19 days after Pentecost, but devotion to the Sacred Heart is something which can sustain us spiritually throughout the year. Devotion to the Sacred Heart became popular in Wales and England in medieval times, as the faithful meditated on the wounds of Jesus brought about by His Passion and on the Heart of Jesus pierced by a lance. The writings of Julian of Norwich talk about Jesus showing her His side during her visions of Him, and Jesus talking of His love for us with the words "See how I love you". The devotion to the Sacred Heart in its more modern form was spread by St Margaret Mary Alacoque, who lived in the second half of the 17th century. She was a French nun in the town of Paray-le-Monial and had visions of Jesus, where Our Lord revealed to her His Sacred Heart. During these visions, He told her of His love for us and His desire for us to be devoted to His Sacred Heart. The symbolism of the Sacred Heart shows a heart that is often surrounded by light, depicting the divine light which shines from the Heart of Jesus. There is a wound in the heart where the lance was thrust into the side of Jesus on the Cross. The Heart is surrounded by the crown of thorns, showing how His Heart is wounded by our sins, and is surmounted by a cross and flames of fire, symbolising the transformative power of God's love for us.



**Tea and coffee after Sunday Mass:** Please consider being part of a rota to serve others, and build up community in our parish. Please sign your name, or your group to volunteer on the list in the porch. **Diolch!**



**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.**

**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.

**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 will be installed as Bishop of Menevia on 23rd June at 11:30am at St Joseph's Cathedral, Swansea.**



Parishioners from every parish in our Diocese are invited to attend, however, as places are limited each parish has received limited invitations. **Carmarthen Parish has 6 invites for any parishioners who would like to be present at the Mass.**

If you would like to attend, please speak with Fr Phillip, to have an invitation, and the instructions for practicalities for the day, which include a reception in the Cathedral hall after the Mass.

This is a joyous day for our Diocese, and it would be wonderful to have our parish represented as much as possible. For many who have to be in work, it is not possible, but for those who are free on that day, it promises to be an uplifting celebration. **Please respond as soon as you can to guarantee a ticket, and to welcome our new Bishop to our Diocese.**

**Diolch o galon—Heartfelt thanks:** to all who have volunteered to help with our Pentecost celebrations this weekend! It's a wonderful gift of you give to our community!

**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.

