



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Saturday 11th June St Barnabas <i>Vigil—Most Holy Trinity</i>	11.00am 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	Health of the sick <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> )
Monday 13th June <i>St Antony of Padua</i>	11.00am	In Thanksgiving (Fran Smithson)
Tuesday 14th June	NO MASS	
Wednesday 15th June	6.00pm 6:30pm	Adoration No intention requested
Thursday 16th June— <i>Mass with the School</i>	11.00am	Mothers and unborn babies (Mary Dark)
Friday 17th June	11.00am	No intention requested
Saturday 18th June <i>Vigil—Corpus Christi</i>	11.00am 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	Holy Souls <i>Confessions</i> Antonio Cozzolino (Matilde Cozzolino)
Sunday 19th June <i>Corpus Christi</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 Paul Brophy  
Colin Riley

**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:

Josie Chipp  
Stephen Cronin  
Rita Leonardi  
Elizabeth Riley  
Terrance Langford  
Concepcione Carmody  
John Mansfield  
Juliana Gibby

### Recently Died—

John Thadathil  
Brigid Birmingham

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

**The 1st Holy Communion Children**



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

**The Sick of our Parish**



**Ladies Dining Out night:** Monday 20th June at the Falcon Hotel Lamas Street at 6:30pm. All welcome! Please sign up on the notice board in the porch, or Phone Mary Dark on 07899682154. Thank you.

**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.



**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.



**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: £158.60 Maintenance Fund: £76.95 Communications Day: £123.18**

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 was a truly great celebration, both in our liturgy and in our parish celebration in the centre afterwards—thank you to all who made it so welcoming and joyous! Through our Baptism into the life of the Holy Trinity, we are not only washed clean and made new creations in Christ, but our giftedness is sealed with God's life. We are made members of His body—we are called to be Holy. True holiness is expressed in our everyday life, through kindness and love. Let us live these gifts daily.

**Planning a funeral for a loved one:** is not something we look forward to doing, however, it is inevitable that we will have to do this at some time.

There are so many decisions to be made, and many options, and all along we want to do what we can to honour the wishes of the person who has died. One thing all of us can do is give some help and guidance to our families, to take the guess work of what we would like for our own funerals. This is of great help to grieving families trying to do the best they can to show love and honour us. These conversations are not something some families feel comfortable in having, so one option is to write down guidelines to help those we love plan our own funerals.

There are funeral planning leaflets in the Church Porch, that will help you do exactly this. If this is something that might help you and your families, please take one and read it, and fill it in—then keep it in a safe place so it can be found when needed. Also, if you attend Mass, and your faith is important to you, please let your family know you would like a Requiem Mass. It would be tragic not to have this, if your loved ones do not practice, and yet you do. If you need any help, please talk to Fr Phillip, who will be happy to give advice.

**Diolch o galon—Heartfelt thanks:** to all who volunteered to help with our Pentecost celebrations last weekend! The Church grounds were beautifully prepared, and the food and the atmosphere in the hall was a real celebration of a community of Faith united in rejoicing. It's a wonderful gift of you give to our community!



**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.



**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 tell Fr Phillip **TODAY**, to have an invitation, and the instructions for practicalities for the day, which include a reception in the Cathedral hall after the Mass. **Please respond TODAY, to get a ticket, to welcome our new Bishop to our Diocese.**

**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—If you are a tax payer, please consider joining the scheme, as it costs nothing, and helps a lot.



**The Holy Trinity:** Is at the very heart of our Christian Faith – It IS our belief in God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit – Three persons – One God). We celebrate their unity as being the foundation of our unity as a community of Faith. Let us look to our unity within our families, and do our best to reflect the unity of the Holy Trinity in the way we show and live the love we have for those who are closest to us. If it is not the practice at home to eat a meal or spend quality time together as a family, then this may be a wonderful opportunity to do so as we celebrate this great feast of Divine Unity and Love.



**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.**

*"Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity." Catechism of the Catholic Church 233.*

**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.