



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Priest: *Father Phillip Harries*



## 2 Teaching vacancies at St Mary's Catholic School

The Governors and Acting Head Teacher are looking to appoint two highly motivated and enthusiastic teachers to join the Community of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Carmarthen. Applicants will need to be dedicated and motivated team players, who will work to support and work to develop the Catholic ethos of our school community, while building on our recent academic and attainment driven success. The ideal candidates will have experience in delivering and furthering the Catholic, religious and moral values that are the foundation of our learning community, while enabling the children to grow and develop as valued members of our parishes and wider community.

A full job description and person specification, together with the CES application form are available from the Carmarthen-shire County Council website: <https://saas.zellis.com/carmarthenshirecountycouncil/wrl/pages/vacancy.jsf?latest=01010262>

**The closing date for applications is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.**

For an informal discussion, please contact Mrs Hannah Corcoran (Acting Head Teacher) Phone: 01267 234297 Email: [corcoranh1@hwbcymru.net](mailto:corcoranh1@hwbcymru.net)

**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.



**Archbishop Mark:** will be meeting the clergy of the Diocese for the first time on **Tuesday 19th July** in St Mary's Parish Centre. He will be introducing himself and learning about our Parishes. Please can you help with refreshments and the meal for all the guests? Sign the sheet in the porch if you can help set up on Monday afternoon, and / or help out on Tuesday. Thank you in advance for your help!

**Tea and coffee after Sunday Mass:** Please sign your name, or your group to volunteer on the list in the porch. Diolch!  
**Many Thanks to all who have already signed up to help!**  
**Please consider volunteering in the free Sundays!**

*Fr Phillip writes.....* The priests of Menevia have been praying together on retreat during the week at Buckfast Abbey, and you have been remembered in our daily prayers. Through the daily talks and different times of prayer, we were reminded of the need to create silence for prayer in the business of each day. All of us know that this is not an easy task, as time is so precious, and we never seem to have enough of it. However, to make time for the important things in life is essential to all of us—our families, and also our God. Let us make time our gift!

**First Holy Communion this Sunday:** It is a day of great rejoicing for our parish family. This year we will have **24** children receiving Holy Communion for the First Time. We extend a very warm welcome to the families of our First Holy Communion Children, and offer you our prayers and congratulations. The children have been preparing for this day and are very much looking forward to celebrating it with the parish community and their families.



Let us keep them all in our prayers, and call to mind the great joy we celebrated in receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time. May their devotion encourage us all!

**What can you do to help?:** Together we form the community of the Church – the Mystical Body of Christ. So many people help out in our parish, for the good of the community as a whole, and we all benefit from their kindness and generosity. Whether they are helping in the Mass by reading, or as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, or serving, or giving out Newsletters and welcoming people or taking and counting the collection – no matter what they do, they are helping the community of the Faithful – that is you and me. Some people help organise social or celebration events, or serve food or tea and coffee after Sunday Mass, or help with the tending of the grass, or flowers, or grounds or repairs to buildings – They serve the Church – you and me. Many of the people who do it are in their more mature years 70's, 80's, even with health difficulties ... When they are not able to do it .... What will happen? Should we be expecting them to keep going and serving us – the community, until they are no longer able? Is this right or even just? Please consider how you can help your community, and through your valuable gift of time, energy and skill – build up the community of the Church – The Mystical Body of Christ. If you can help– please see Fr Phillip. Thank you.



<i>Times and Intentions of Holy Mass for the Coming week</i>		
Saturday 9th July <i>Vigil—15th Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	No intention requested <i>Confessions</i> Mary Evans RIP (Valerie Murphy)
Sunday 10th July <i>15th Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	<b>First Holy Communion Day</b> Pro Populo ( <i>For the People</i> )
Monday 11th July <b>St. Benedict—Patron of Europe</b>	11.00am	Thanksgiving
Tuesday 12th July <i>St. John Jones</i>	NO MASS	
Wednesday 13th July <i>St. Henry</i>	11.00am	Sheila Dragoni RIP
Thursday 14th July— <i>St. Camillus de Lellis</i>	<b>**2.00pm**</b>	End of year School Mass ( <i>in Church</i> )
Friday 15th July <i>St. Bonaventure</i>	11.00am	Sheila Dragoni RIP
Saturday 16th July— <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> <i>Vigil—16th Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	Private intention <i>Confessions</i> Peter Burnell RIP (Valerie Murphy)
Sunday 17th July <i>16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30-10.50 11.00am	<i>Confessions</i> Pro Populo ( <i>For the People</i> )

**Please pray for those who are unwell:**  
Mary Mitchell  
Mgr Michael Lewis  
Fr Paul Brophy  
Colin Riley  
Sheila Dragoni  
Amy and Helen Tynan  
Christine Rees  
Tal and Cynthia Harries  
Teresa Hay  
Peggy Davies  
**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:**  
Patrick Skeets  
Maureen Evans  
Eileen Bartley-Hedges  
Kenneth Thomas  
Stephen Cronin  
Iris Crack  
David Rees  
Margaret Harries  
Jeanette Duffy  
Eugene Moroney  
James Halpin

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



**Our Lady's lamp is lit for the intentions of:**  
The 1st Holy Communion Children



**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. Simply put .... **This means the obligation to go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is restored.**



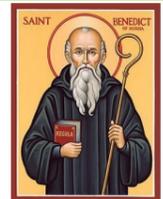
**Second Collection 16th/17th July:** is for **The Apostleship of the Sea**, as mandated by the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. This helps seafarers while away from home by chaplaincy services and practical means through material help and support.



**Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Dragoni RIP—**At the time of printing the Newsletter it is not confirmed when Sheila's Requiem will be celebrated—either on Wednesday or on Friday at 11:00am. The day will be announced as soon as it is confirmed. Please pray for the repose of her soul, and for the consolation of her family.

**Last Weeks' Collections:** Main Offertory: £215.90 Peter's Pence Collection: £168.92  
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**

**St. Benedict of Nursia (ca. 480 – ca. 547):** was born into a wealthy family, but he was not interested in wealth, and was given the opportunity to study and learn in Rome. He was saddened how the students and academics did not live lives of faith, and decided to retreat to the country to spend his time praying and studying while living in a cave, away from the rest of society, and the distractions of the world. His saintly approach to life gained the attention of many who wanted to learn from him, and eventually he was persuaded to establish monasteries that followed his teaching of simplicity, prayer and work. He wrote his Rule of life, which he described as a "simple rule for beginners", and this Holy Rule shaped Western Monasticism. He is a patron of Europe, and father of Western Monasticism.



**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.

"The Eucharist involves more than just receiving; it also involves satisfying the hunger of Christ. He says, "Come to Me." He is hungry for souls. Nowhere does the Gospel say: "Go away," but always "Come to Me." *St Teresa of Calcutta*

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Therese Passenger 079441 59039  
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St. John Lloyd's Secondary School Llanelli: Head Teacher Mr Ashley Howells 01554 772589

**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.