



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Times and Intentions of Holy Mass for the Coming week

Saturday 6th August—Feast of The Transfiguration <i>Vigil—19th Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	John Curley RIP (<i>Jack Curley</i>) Confessions Gerry France & Family Intention
Sunday 7th August <i>19th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30-10.50 11.00am 12:30pm	Confessions Pro Populo (<i>For the People</i>) Baptism of <i>Max Kordyla</i>
Monday 8th August <i>St Dominic</i>	11.00am	John Biggs & Harper Close Birthday Wishes
Tuesday 9th August <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)</i>	NO MASS	
Wednesday 10th August <i>St Lawrence</i>	11.00am	Eamon O,Bromiel RIP (<i>Lanon Gogarty</i>)
Thursday 11th August <i>St Clare</i>	6:00pm 6.30pm	Adoration & Benediction Moya & Bill Jones RIP (<i>Theresa</i>)
Friday 12th August	11.00am	Salomea Olczak RIP (<i>Magdalena</i>)
Saturday 13th August— <i>Vigil—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	11.00am 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	Arthur Downey RIP Anniv. (<i>Tony Downey</i>) Confessions Holy Souls
Sunday 15th August <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.30-10.50 11.00am	Confessions Pro Populo (<i>For the People</i>)

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

Mgr Michael Lewis
Fr Paul Brophy
Colin Riley
Denis Unsworth

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:
Paul Evans
James Parry
James Mochen
Caroline Evans
John Coats
Maria Jones
Charles Williams
Dorothy Thomas

Barbara Tynan
Alice Dark
Arthur Downey
Edward Williams

The Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for the intentions of:

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

Vocations



Second Collection 10th/11th September: is for Catholic Education in our Diocese. The Diocese has to pay to have our Catholic Schools, and it is through your help and support they can stay open. Thank you for supporting our schools!



The prayer of Spiritual Communion (St Alphonsus)
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.

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.



Last Weeks' Collections: Main Offertory: £250.85 Maintenance Fund: £115.15
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**

Fr Phillip writes... we all have different ways of viewing the same situation, and we can all form different opinions reflecting our own perspectives. The weather is beautiful at the moment, and the holidaying school children are rejoicing in the nearly constant sunshine, but for farmers and gardeners it is a worrying time. We may think of God in similar ways—when all is going well, God is showing us care, but when things go wrong—we are being punished ... God loves us—constantly—unchangingly!

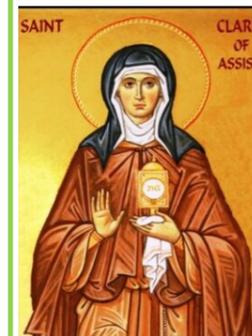
Parish Sunday Lunch 25th September:
Following the recent meeting of the Bishop and priests, there was a lunch in the Hall, where the priests could discuss the meeting and catch up with events going on in the different parishes. The food was provided by outside caterers, and the hall was set up by kind parishioners. It was a wonderful environment, and a good time was had by all! This is something we could do in the parish—that is to get together and have a meal, and enjoy each others company.... The first Sunday the caterers are free is 25th September. If you would you like to share Sunday Lunch in the Hall after Mass, **sign the poster in the porch**, and a menu will be developed to suit a variety of tastes! There will be a reasonable charge for the food, but drinks will be provided free!



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!**



Advance notice of Road closure: Union Street will be closed for re-surfacing on the 17th and 18th of August. This will mean that no one will be able to access the Church either by car, or on foot. I hope this will not be too much of an inconvenience—but at least we will have a better road to travel!



St Clare of Assisi: Patron Saints in Catholicism are venerable women and men from throughout history who are heavenly advocates for places, professions, and people. St. Clare of Assisi is the patron saint of televisions and computer screens. An early follower of St. Francis, Clare founded The Order of Poor Ladies, which eventually became known as the Poor Clares. Late in her life, she fell too ill to attend church, and one day the images and sounds of the entire Mass appeared in full on the wall of her room. This story would have been well-known to Italian native Pope Pius XII, who in 1957 named her the patroness of this new invention—television—that, in his words, “is a wonderful instrument... which can be the source of very great wealth, but also of deep troubles.” This may be why he chose a saint steeped in humility, poverty, and love of God as its patroness. St. Clare is also the patron saint of sore eyes and embroidery, so let us invoke her prayers on our behalf as we learn and work online and perhaps cultivate new hobbies. St. Clare of Assisi, pray for us!



St Dominic: the founder of the Dominican Order (The Order of Preachers), was a man of remarkable character and broadness of vision. He had the deepest compassion for every sort of human suffering, and he saw the need to use all the resources of human learning in the service of Christ. He was born in c1173 in Spain, died in Bologna in 1221, and was canonised in July 1234. After joining the Benedictine Order, he eventually accompanied his Bishop on a journey around Europe, and preached against the heresy of the Albigensians, which falsely taught that all that was spiritual was good, but all that was physical was bad and led to death. St Dominic taught about the beauty of God's creation, and how we are all called to grow in the image and likeness of God. His regular companions on his journey were St. Matthew's gospel and the letters of St. Paul. He was in constant search of the truth about God and God's presence. Wherever he went he showed himself in word and deed to be a man of the Gospel. During the day, no one was more community-minded or pleasant toward his brothers and associates. During the night hours, no one was more persistent in prayer. St Dominic, pray for us!

“Were you to ask what are the means of overcoming temptations, I would answer: The first means is prayer; the second is prayer; the third is prayer; and you should you ask me a thousand times, I would repeat the same”. St Alphonsus Liguori

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. If you are a TAX Payer, **PLEASE join the Gift Aid Scheme, as it means we can claim money from the Government at no cost to you—Thank you ! (forms are in the porch)**



Vacancy for the role of Headteacher at St Teilo's RC Primary School, Tenby, Pembrokeshire
Salary: ISR L7 – L13
Start Date: 2nd January 2023
Please see the advert in September on the Eteach website, Pembrokeshire LA Jobs website and the CTG. Contact the Chair of Governors for further information, or to visit the school over the summer holidays: zeaschi@yahoo.com. The full job description and Person Specification are available through St Teilo's School Website: www.stteilos.wales



Do you have a child of Primary School Age? : Please take a leaflet from the porch to get information on how to enrol your child in our School—St Mary's Catholic Primary School, ready for the start of term in September!



Please pray for peace for the people of Ukraine
Let us pray for peace in our hearts, our homes and in the world—especially in the Ukraine as they have suffered over 150 days of war. Their situation is as critical, and prayer brings about miracles!



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: 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.