St David and St Patrick's Catholic Parish



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Mass times for the week ahead: 8th August - 14th August. Week 19 of liturgical year C.

Mon 10:00am Haverfordwest - St Dominic

Tue 2:00pm St Luke's, Withybush Hosp. - St Teresa Benedicta

Wed 10:00am Haverfordwest; 7:00pm Narberth - St Lawrence

Thur 10:00am Haverfordwest - St Clare

Fri no Mass

Sat 6:00pm Haverfordwest - Vigil Mass of the Assumption

Sun 10:00am Haverfordwest; 5:00pm Narberth - Assumption

Saint of the Week St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891-1942), was born Edith Stein; a German Jew. A great student of philosophy, she converted to Catholicism and became a Carmelite nun at Cologne in 1934. She was arrested with her sister Rosa in WWII, and was ultimately taken to the camp at Auschwitz where she met martyrdom. She is the patron saint of World Youth Day and is a co-patron saint of Europe. St Teresa, pray for us.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST As I bade farewell to Fr Owen this week, I thanked him for all the generous support he has shown personally to me, a thanks which I now extend to all of you: not least for making me so welcome here, but also for the many kind words of support I've received as I take up the mantel of PP. As I move into this new rôle, please be patient with me with as I try to figure out one end of an invoice from the other, work out which locks go with which keys (I've discovered two bags!) and as I ponder how I'm going to balance my week! Please pray for me that I might serve you well in the years ahead. Oremus pro invicem! (let us pray for each other) FrL.

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES. Please note the change of Mass times. In order that I might have a full day off each week (including the possibility of a night away) I have decided to take Friday as my day off. However, as this parish maintains the wonderful tradition of the 'First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart' when there is a 'first Friday' I shall make Thursday my away day.

SAVE THE DATE Fr Owen didn't want any fuss as he left, in his humility he shied away from any big celebrations and gift-giving. However, with all his years of faithful ministry, it's only right that we fête him in an appropriate way. Therefore there will be an event in the Parish Hall on Thursday 13th October, where Fr Owen will be hosted as our parish guest.

PARISHIONERS ON PILGRIMAGE This week several of our young adults returned from the Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes. As ambassadors of this parish and diocese, we can be rightly proud of our young men and women who not only supported the elderly and sick on the pilgrimage, but found time to pray for us and to have some fun too. Furthermore, two members of our parish were in Krakow this week with Pope Francis at the World Youth Day.

YELLOW LINES Much has been made of the parking situation in Fountain Row - not least in the local press! We are now at the stage of waiting for Pembrokeshire County Council to decide if they will go ahead with the proposed plan, whether it will be modified, or even thrown out. Many thanks to all who have written to the council as we try to safeguard our access to the Church and Hall. Please note, however, that we each have a responsibility to park legally and in a way which is courteous to our local neighbours, with whom we are generally on good terms.

MASS INTENTIONS When a priest celebrates Mass, he can apply the prayers and graces of that Mass to a specific person, living or deceased. In this way the living are buoyed up by the prayers of the community, and the dead more readily pass from purgatory to heaven. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a specific intention (maybe on the anniversary of a loved one's death, to ease worry for yourself about an upcoming operation, or to support a child in an exam) then please let Fr Liam know. The diocese has said it is customary to make an offering of £10 for Masses, but this is to be seen as a donation and not a fee. Masses will always be celebrated, without refusal, for any intention in conformity with the Church's teaching.

SOCIAL MEDIA The parish has a Facebook page. For parish and world news, search for "St David and St Patrick Catholic Church" and click 'Like' - that way you'll never miss out on what's going on!

WILL YOU FIND ONE MOMENT THIS WEEK TO PRAY FOR THOSE OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL? Including, Annie Carter, Paul Caulfield, Peter Fowler, Bryn Hancock, Anne Harding, Janet Jenkins, Mary Philips, Tom Ryan, Indra Sing, Teresa Thomas, Peggy Webb, Toby Williams.