## St David and St Patrick's Catholic Parish



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Mass times for the week ahead: 28<sup>th</sup> - 04<sup>th</sup> December

Week 1 of Advent of liturgical year A.

Mon 10:00am at Haverfordwest

Tue 2:00pm at Hospital.

**Wed** 7:00pm at Narberth - St Andrew.

**Thur** 11:00pm Funeral Service at Haverfordwest

Fri 12:30pm (First Friday) Funeral Mass at Haverfordwest

**Sat** 6:00pm Haverfordwest - Anticipated Mass of Sunday

**Sun** 10:00am Haverfordwest; 5:00pm Narberth

Saint of the Week St Andrew was the brother of St Simon, the man whom he introduced to Christ and who was later called St Peter. Andrew was born in Bethsaida in Galilee and was a fisherman, spending some of his life as a disciple of John the Baptist. After the Gospel events, it is said that Andrew founded the Church in Byzantium (later Constantinople) around the year 40AD. Crucified on a saltire, most of his body now rests in Amalfi. He is the patron saint of Scotland.

**FUNERALS** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Eileen Lovell and Angela Reilly who died this week. Mrs Lovell's funeral service will take place on Thursday at 11:00am, before internment at City Road Cemetery. Mrs Reilly's Funeral Mass will take place on Friday at 12:30 before internment at Llanwnda Cemetery near Goodwick.

**ADVENT** The season of Advent is now upon us when we make preparations in anticipation of the coming of the Baby Jesus. At all Masses this weekend we light the first candle on the Advent Wreath and we welcome on Sunday morning those families who have children making their First Holy Communion in the Summer.

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**REMEMBRANCE TREE LIGHTS** From this Sunday lamps will be lit on the Christmas Remembrance Tree and cards will be available which you can send to loved ones. The suggested donation is £1. For more information please see the posters, or speak with Mary Padfield. **FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB** Christmas dinner will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, and is open to everyone. More information will follow, but save the date today! **CHRISTMAS CAKE STALL** On December 18<sup>th</sup> there will be an opportunity to bake, bring and buy cakes for the festive season. There will also be a raffle with a chance to win one of Bill's Hampers. **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS BOARD** in lieu of cards, for those who wish may leave messages on the greetings board with any donations going to help refugees settling in Narberth. Just write your greeting on the sticker and attach to the board and your donation can be placed in the box provided. Please see Ann Harris for more information.

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**CONFESSION** what's it all about? On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm, Fr Liam will give a talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – how it developed historically, what sort of things should we say, how does it work? etc. All may come to update their understanding of this sacrament, but please note that there will be some adult themes and the talk may not be suitable for younger teenagers and children. The talk will be followed by the Advent Penitential Service.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICES** The Advent Penitential Service will take place on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm when 3 visiting priests will come to hear confessions at Haverfordwest. Please do come to the evening as part of your Advent preparations to celebrate Christmas worthily and well. The service will take place directly after the lecture mentioned above. Fr Michael Hart will be available for Confessions in Narberth on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm, this will be followed by the Patronal Feast Day Mass on the Immaculate Conception at 7:30pm.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** There will be a retiring collection after Masses in Haverfordwest and Narberth this weekend for those who wish to make a donation to cover the expense of flowers for decorating the church during the Christmas Season

**THANK YOU** Many thanks to all who took part in the Christmas Box appeal and who prepared shoe boxes full of gifts to be distributed to children. Pat Reed managed to collect 46 boxes from our parish. Well done to you all!

**WILL YOU FIND ONE MOMENT THIS WEEK TO PRAY FOR THOSE OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL?** Including, Annie Carter, Mercedes Davies, Peter Fowler, Bryn Hancock, Anne Harding, Janet Jenkins, Mary Philips, Indra Singh, Yolanda Servini, Teresa Thomas, Toby Williams.