



St David and St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Mass times for the week ahead: 05th – 11th December

Week 2 of Advent of liturgical year A.

Mon 10:00am at Haverfordwest

Tue 2:00pm at Hospital – St Nicholas.

Wed 10:00am at Haverfordwest, Dedication of the
Cathedral of St Joseph.

Thur 10:00am at Mary Immaculate School and 7:30pm
Narberth – Immaculate Conception.

Fri No Mass

Sat 6:00pm Haverfordwest – Anticipated Mass of Sunday

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

Saint of the Week St Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra, in what is now Turkey. He died in the middle of the fourth century and has been venerated since about the tenth century. Because of his help to the poor, he became the patron saint of pawnbrokers whose insignia of 3 golden balls represent 3 purses of gold. It is said these were given by Nicolas to a poor man who could not afford dowries for his three daughters. He delivered the purses by passing them through an opening in the house – possibly a chimney. Saint Nicholas is more commonly known today by his Germanic name, Santa Claus; he is Father Christmas!

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.

CHRISTMAS CAKE STALL On December 18th 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 may wish to 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.

CONFESSION what's it all about? On Tuesday 13th 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 13th 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.

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.

MARY IMMACULATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY Our Primary School celebrates its 60th anniversary this coming year! The celebrations will start this Thursday with Mass in the school on the feast day of the Immaculate Conception, the day when we recall Mary being conceived in her perfection, without any mark of inherited sin. Anne Morris is taking orders for commemorative mugs (£5 each) which display the school's badge and a photo of the Grotto in the school's grounds. Please see Anne to reserve your mug today!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, NARBERTH Fr Michael Hart will be available for Confessions in Narberth on Thursday 8th December at 7:00pm, this will be followed by the Patronal Feast Day Mass on the Immaculate Conception at 7:30pm celebrated by Frs Michael and Liam.

CHRISTMAS GIFT AID ENVELOPES If you are part of the parish 'Gift Aid' scheme (and therefore generate parish revenue by allowing the parish to claim a rebate on your tax) please note that you will need to collect a special envelope for Christmas Day and Easter Sunday. The envelopes previously provided to you are not numbered correctly for these two days, but additional envelopes have been made for you. Please see Jenny James for details, or simply collect your new envelope from the large porch. Please note that while your Christmas offering is a contribution to the

clergy, any tax rebate collected remains for the use of the parish.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS The diocesan yearbook is now available from the sacristy for £3:50. The yearbook contains news from the 3 Welsh dioceses, and gives a full directory of the Mass times for every parish in the country. You will also find contact details for the diocesan offices, religious houses, retreat centres, clergy contacts etc. Furthermore, the Ordo section gives a complete calendar of saints days for the year ahead.

SUNDAY MISSALS If you have pre-ordered a Sunday Missal they are now in date and are now available for collection from the sacristy, please put money in the envelope provided. This is the third time of publishing this note, but lots have remained unclaimed. Please do collect your copy this week.

HALL HOSPITALITY ROTA The number of people who help serve teas and coffees after Sunday Mass has reduced. Would you be able to support the parish in offering hospitality by adding your name to the rota? The more people that sign up, the less frequently it has to be done. At the moment, each team serves approximately every 5 to 6 weeks. Please speak to Fr Liam or Joanne Morrissey.

CIVIC CAROL SERVICE I have received a letter from the Clerk of the Town Council, on behalf of the Mayor, inviting everyone to Haverfordwest's annual Civic Carol Service. This will take place at St Mary's Church at 7:00pm on Thursday 15th December.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES Our Christmas Services will be as follows:

Friday 23rd December

Mass at Haverfordwest	10:00am
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Saturday 24th December

Confessions at Haverfordwest	2:00 - 3:00pm
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Vigil Mass - the first Mass of Christmas for families with younger children 5:00pm

Carols at Haverfordwest	11:30pm
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Sunday 25th December

Midnight Mass at Haverfordwest	00:00am
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Dawn Mass at Haverfordwest	9:30am
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Day Mass at Narberth	11:30am
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YOUTH RETREAT Our annual Advent Youth Retreat in the Parish Hall takes place from the 16th to the 18th December. If you're a regular attendee please put the date in your diary today. If you've not been before, but would like to go, or if you just want some more information, please speak to Dominic Belli (767595). The retreat is open to anyone in Year 6 and above. While many older ones like to bring sleeping bags and sleep over in the hall, some of the younger ones may prefer to attend as day visitors. There are times for prayer, discussion, games, food and drink and talks. Please do make the effort to come along and try something new. The retreat starts on Friday at 5pm and ends at Sunday Mass.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR A DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION The Diocese of Menevia is seeking to employ a new Director of Education from 1st September 2017. This is a wonderful opportunity to work in a senior leadership role in Catholic Education. It offers a unique and stimulating role for a practicing Catholic with a successful record in education or relevant field. The diocese has nineteen schools located in Swansea, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot and Ceredigion. The successful applicant will provide leadership, vision, professional advice and strategic direction to support the statutory and canonical work of the Bishop and Diocesan Trustees in promoting and safeguarding the interests of Catholic Education and ensuring the highest standards of education in Catholic Schools. The salary and pension are negotiable according to qualification on a 4-day week, depending on experience. Further details and an application pack are available from: Sr Angela Murray, 74, North Road, Cardigan, Ceredigion, SA43 1AA. Tel. 01239 612436. Email: tymair@sisterangela.plus.com. Closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday 11th January 2017; Shortlisting - Friday 20th January 2017; Interviews - Friday 27th January 2017. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check. Menevia Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees, a Registered Charity. No. 234168.

FILIPINO MASS This Sunday (4th December) we welcome Fr Carlito Reyes to our parish. He will celebrate Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino community of Pembrokeshire at 4pm.

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.