



St David and St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Mass times for the week ahead: 12th – 18th December

Week 3 of Advent of liturgical year A.

Mon 10:00am at Haverfordwest

Tue 10:00am at H'west, 2:00pm at Hospital – St Lucy

Wed 10:00am at H'west, 7:00pm at Narberth
– St John of the Cross

Thur 10:00am at Haverfordwest

Fri No Mass

Sat 6:00pm Haverfordwest – Anticipated Mass of Sunday

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

Saint of the Week St Lucy is from Sicily and was born to a Greek mother. Little of fact is known about her, other than as a young lady she was martyred in 304 during the Emperor Diocletian's persecution. It is said that she was tortured by having her eyes taken out and in art is often shown holding her own eyes on a plate. Nevertheless the legend of Lucy says she could still see. In fact her name is from the Latin word for light and she may have been given this posthumously. She is the patron saint of blind people and her feast day used to fall on the winter solstice when daylight was limited as the night was at its longest.

CONFESSION & PENITENTIAL SERVICE what's it all about? On Tuesday 13th December at 6:30pm, Fr Liam will give a talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All may come to update their understanding of this sacrament, but please note 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 Penitential service at 7:30pm when 3 visiting priests will come to hear confessions at Haverfordwest.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES Our Christmas Services will be as follows:

Christmas Eve: Confessions at Haverfordwest 2:00 – 3:00pm, Vigil Mass (the first Mass of Christmas for families with younger children) 5:00pm Carols at Haverfordwest 11:30pm.

Sunday 25th December: Midnight Mass at Haverfordwest 00:00am followed by mince pies and mulled wine, Dawn Mass at Haverfordwest 9:30am, Day Mass at Narberth 11:30am.

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.

Quiz Night and Christmas Lunch. I can now report that the quiz night was a great success and raised £561.50. A big thank you to all who helped support this event - especially Corrine who set the questions and Bill Donovan who worked so hard in getting together some fantastic bottle hampers and selling lots of tickets. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. Friday saw the hall full to bursting for our Christmas Dinner, which again was a great success. Many hours of hard work are required to make these things seem effortless, so well done and thank you to all who were involved!

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.