St David and St Patrick's Catholic Parish



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Mass times for the week ahead: 30th - 05th February

Week 4 of year A.

Mon 10:00am at Haverfordwest

Tue 2:00pm at Withybush Hospital - St John Bosco

Wed No Mass - Conversion of St Paul **Thur** No Mass - Presentation of the Lord

Fri No Mass - St Blaise **Sat** 6:00pm Haverfordwest

Sun 10:00am at H'west; 5:00pm at Narberth

Saint of the Week. St Blaise was an Armenian doctor who later became a Bishop and Martyr. He died in the early 300s by being raked with woolcarding combs. In life he was known as both a physical and spiritual healer and helped many who were finding living out their faith difficult. It is said that his healing touch miraculously saved a boy from choking on a fishbone. While he was out walking he once saved a pig from a savage wolf, and he thereby saved a family from starvation. The family returned the favour years later by presenting him with two tallow candles while he was in prison. To this day throats may be blessed through his intercessions and by the imposition of candles. In art he is often shown holding carding combs and a bishop's crosier, or with two candles while blessing throats.

IN MEMORIAM Following the death and funeral of my Grandfather, Denis Bradley, last week, I would like to thank those who left messages on my 'phone and sent notes of sympathy. That was very kind and thoughtful, and my whole family extend their thanks and gratitude for your prayers.

MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL This Sunday we welcome the Year 5 class who will be taking part in this morning's liturgy.

HOSPITALITY ROTA We all enjoy having a biscuit and a cuppa on Sunday Mornings, and many like to help out in getting the kitchen ready and serving the drinks. However, in recent times, some people have had to drop off the rota; I'd like to thank them for all the work they've done, which has been very helpful to the social life of the parish. Their departing means a few more people are needed to help out. If you're able to spare some time on Sunday mornings and would like to be scheduled on the rota, then please speak with Joanne Morrisey (01437 783652). The more who sign up, the less often the work has to be done! Thank you in advance for the help you can offer.

SVP Long Service Bill Braithwaite joined the SVP in Bradford aged just 16 years. In 1962 he was one of the founder members of the Haverfordwest SVP, which still meets every week in our parish: Bill is still a regular member, having only recently retired as the group treasurer. In recognition of his long service (over 70 years!) the Central Council and District Council Presidents will present him with the SVP's long service medal next Saturday 4th February, after the 6pm Mass. All are welcome to attend and to celebrate with Bill and the SVP in the Hall where tea and coffee will be served.

In-service Training Next week, from Wednesday to Friday, many of the clergy of the diocese are getting together for some training days in Newport, Gwent. Please keep us in your prayers as we meet together, and please note that I'm not able to be with you to celebrate Mass on these days. For those who would normally come to Mass on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, to receive a blest candle, please know that I shall bless some candles next weekend for you. Furthermore I will impart a collective blessing of throats at all Sunday Masses, as I won't be here for St Blaise's Day.

MINISTERS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION If you are a Minister of Holy Communion or one of our Readers at Mass, our next Day of Recollection will take place on Saturday 18th February from 10am until 3pm.

WHIST DRIVE How are your card skills; brilliant or beginner? Whatever your level of expertise, why not come along to a whist drive. The next meeting is on Monday 30th January at 2-4pm. It's open to all in the parish. For more information contact Mike Evans on 01437 763121.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES This annual pilgrimage is open to all parishes in Menevia and Cardiff Diocese and takes place from 23rd to 28th July 2017. For 5 nights full-board and flights, prices start at £669 per person and some of our Youth Group attend as helpers. If you're interested in going, please see the posters or ask Fr Liam for more info and a booking form.

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