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Mass times for the week ahead: 29<sup>th</sup> May - 04<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Week 7 of Easter of year A.

Mon 10:00pm Mass at Haverfordwest

Tue No Mass

 $\textbf{Wed} \ 10:00 am \ at \ H-west; \ 7:00 pm \ at \ Narberth,$ 

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Thur** No Mass

**Fri** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass,10:00am at Haverfordwest

**Sat** 6:00pm Vigil Mass at Haverfordwest

Sun 9:30am at H-west, 5:00pm at Narberth

**SAINT OF THE WEEK** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary recalls the event of Mary, who having just conceived Jesus Christ, goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. We find the story in Luke's Gospel, Lk 1:39-56. Upon greeting each other, the two babies leap for joy and Mary prays the 'Magnificat'. This ancient prayer comes from the lips of Hannah who makes a similar prayer to the Lord in thanksgiving for the birth of Samuel. Her words are found in 1 Samuel 2:1-11. To this day, the Magnificat is sung by clergy and religious every evening as part of Vespers, and many composers have fitted music to the text.

**Confession and Exposition Times** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated weekly at St David and St Patrick's on Saturday evenings from 5:15pm to 5:45pm and at Narberth before the Sunday evening Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament generally takes place on Monday mornings after the Mass from 10:30am to 11:30am.

**Funeral Announcement** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Shirley Elizabeth Folena who died recently. Her funeral service will take place at Parc Gwyn Crematorium on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 1pm.

**Baptism Announcement** Last weekend Fr Michael Burke visited our parish and Baptised his great-niece, Lily Belle Thomas. Congratulations to all the family, as our parish family increases.

**Caldey Island Trip** Our parish Confirmation Class is going to Caldey Island on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and all members of the parish are invited to join them. We shall meet at the quay side in Tenby at 9:30 for a 10:00am sailing. The parish will subsidise 50% of the costs to our Confirmandi, and it is requested that others bring cash for the boat fare. This will be collected and a group ticket purchased to secure a group-reduction. Please bring a pack lunch or, if you want to share in the BBQ in the monastic garden, please bring £3. Fr Liam will say Mass on the island and we shall join the community of monks for mid-day prayer. After lunch there will be time to relax, explore the island and do a bit of shopping prior to sailing back. This trip is weather dependant - if there is a light drizzle or rain we still go. If it is pouring down, then we shall have to cancel. Fr Liam will check for sailing times and post a message on the parish Facebook page/website if the trip is cancelled.

**Charity Concert** Neyland Ladies' Choir and Singing For Pleasure will be holding a concert on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June after Saturday evening Mass at 7:30pm in our parish church. Tickets are £4 and are available from Bill Donovan (764368) - a great way to round off the day if you've been to Caldey too!

**World Communications Day** This weekend the Church celebrates World Communications Day - prayer cards are available after Mass. Also, please find a letter from our Bishops concerning the forthcoming General Election.

**Pentecost Sunday** is next weekend. If you are at the Sunday Morning Mass please feel free to dress in your national costume or to wear red, the colour of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to do a bidding prayer in your mother tongue then please call Rose Murphy on 891903. There will be a gathering in the hall afterwards and, if people would like to bring a national dish to share with others, that would be wonderful.

**Piety Stall** There is a piety stall in the porch for those who wish to purchase Mass cards, Rosary beads, Prayer books etc. Please may I ask members of the parish not to ask for credit. More and more people are "going to pay next week", but then some genuinely forget. I know there is no malice involved, but it places those who maintain the stock in an awkward position. Please be respectful and make your contributions at the time of purchase, so as to avoid embarrassment to yourself and to those who so generously run the stall.

**References and Passport Photos** If you require Fr Liam to sign a passport photo, a job application form or to write a reference, please do speak with him personally at the earliest opportunity. Sometimes companies telephone the presbytery and it comes as a surprise that my name has been given in conjunction with applications. If you have not lived in the parish for more than 2 years, then I'm sorry but I'm unable to sign passport photos for you. Because I sign many photos, I have been – quite rightly – investigated by the Home Office to make sure that I am a legitimate holder of public office. Please don't ask me to compromise my position by signing forms contrary to the regulations. Thank you.

**Latin Mass** Owing to the Caldey Island trip next weekend, the Latin Mass on the first Sunday of the month has been postponed to the second Sunday, i.e. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. The Mass, in the Ordinary Form, will be celebrated at 10:00am with the Mass setting sung in Gregorian Chant.

**Students** It's half term and, while you may have lots of important exams about to start, don't forget to eat, sleep and relax too! Study well for a few hours each day, and be assured of out thoughts and prayers.... but don't forget to make time to rest.

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