## St David and St Patrick's Catholic Parish



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Mass times for: 27<sup>th</sup> November - 03<sup>rd</sup> December. Week 34 of Year A, Ordinary Time, Christ the King.

Mon 7:00pm at Narberth

Tue 2:00pm St Luke's Chapel, Withybush Hospital

Wed 7:00pm at Narberth Thur No Mass - St Andrew Fri 11:00am at Narberth

**Sat** 6:00pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate School

Sun 10:00am at Mary Immaculate School,

5:00pm at Narberth

**SAINT OF THE WEEK** St Andrew, the brother of St Peter, was born at Bathsaida in Galilee and may have been a follower of John the Baptist. A fisherman by trade, he leaves his nets to follow Christ and, as one of his closer disciples, is with him at many important events. According to tradition, he founded the church at Byzantium (later Constantinople/Istanbul) and traveled north to Russia and the Ukraine. St Andrew was martyred by crucifixion on a saltire and his remains are kept at the Basilica of Amalfi. Among other things, he is the Patron Saint of Scotland.

Parish Building Works More progress has been made this week - but there have been some unfortunate delays too. The ceiling and rafters have all been painted and are looking wonderful. Also looking good are the window frames which, after many years of being in a sorry state, are now much improved. I'm pleased to report that the small porch has been decorated and that all the planned electrical rewiring has now been complete. Sadly, the light fittings, which are needed to go on the end of our new wires, have been delayed. Because of this, our electrician was unable to complete his work and so needs to return to finish the job, but only once the light fittings have arrived! Not all the scaffolding can be removed until this has happened, and the carpet fitters aren't able to fit the new carpet until the scaffolding has been taken away. So, while the absent lighting does have a knock-on effect, nevertheless, the top level of scaffolding will come down this week (thus enabling some painting works to continue). Along the way there's been a few unseen eventualities to cope with. For example, towards the back of the church, on the new side, there was a void in the floor which had previously been filled-in with plasterboard. This needs a more robust solution to make good the floor. Also, the deaf-aid loop system was found to be wanting and investigations are being made as to how best the loop system can be improved. Because of this, hope that we might be back in the church for December has faded. Nevertheless, I don't envisage spending too much of Advent away from the church, so let's hope all will be complete by mid December. In addition to what was planned, the parish hall has been subject to an internal repaint and the sacristy is having a makeover too. There's been lots happening and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in pushing the project forward - many people have give many hours during these past few weeks, at what is always a busy time of year. Thank you for all that you do.

Mass Times Please do take careful note of the Masses times and locations above.

**Christmas Choir** If anyone would like to sing in the choir for Christmas Midnight Mass, there will be three rehearsals before the event. Starting at 6:30pm they will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The first rehearsal will take place at Redhill School and subsequent rehearsals will then move to the church.

**November Dead List** As you enter the school hall, you will find envelopes into which may be inserted the names of deceased relatives and friends. Most of the Masses celebrated during the month of November will be for those mentioned on our lists. Envelopes may be returned directly to the presbytery, or placed in the box, which will be located near the school altar, with the Book of the Dead. This book lists all the deceased of our parish from 1903.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** Terri Atherton, Annie Carter, Mercedes Davies, Hannah Fennell, Peter Fowler, Bryn Hancock, Anne Harding, Margaret Higgins, Janet Jenkins, Mary Philips, Indra Singh, Teresa Thomas, Toby Williams, Kay Whelan