



## St David and St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Mass times for: 04<sup>th</sup> December – 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Week 1 of Advent, Year B.

**Mon** 6:00pm at Narberth

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

**Wed** 7:00pm at Narberth – St Nicholas

**Thur** 7:00pm at Narberth

**Fri** 10:30am at Mary Immaculate School – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**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 Nicholas (270-343AD) was a Bishop of the church at Myra in modern-day Turkey and is sometimes known as 'Nicholas the Wonderworker' on account of the number of miracles attributed to him. In the persecution of Diocletian he was imprisoned, but was later released by the Emperor Constantine and he was present at the Council of Nicaea. A well-loved historical figure, he is now most closely associated with the charitable story of placing three bags of money through the chimney of a poor man's house so that his three daughters would have a dowry. As such he is often depicted holding three bags or balls of gold. More commonly, he is now referred to with his Germanic name, Santa Claus.

**Parish Building Works** Further progress has been made this week, but the lighting continues to pose a problem: owing to the Christmas season, the lighting won't be available until the New Year. Although very frustrating, the decision was taken to remove the scaffolding, even though the lights haven't been installed. This means that painting can continue and the loop-system can be installed: these tasks will have been completed by mid-week. On Monday the carpet fitters will carpet the organ loft and a basic, temporary lighting solution shall be installed. The damaged parts of the floor will be stained this week and then the floor shall be polished. The carpet fitters will return on the 11<sup>th</sup> December to lay the main carpet before the pews are returned. The altar has been encased in a wooden frame to give it more dignity and the sacristy area has been painted. Had the scaffolding remained in place, we would not have had use of the church during Christmas and this isn't really an option.

Once we are back in the Church the works, therefore, will not be fully complete; some decoration and lighting will be missing. However, once the New Year comes, a scaffolding tower can be hired and the new lamps installed. This will then complete the works.

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

**Funeral** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Agnes Carter from Narberth, who died recently at Withybush Hospital. Her funeral service will take place at Parc Gwyn Crematorium on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm.

**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.

**Confirmation Retreat** Owing to the ongoing works in the Church, the Confirmation retreat has unfortunately had to be canceled.

**Advent Act of Mercy** Bishop Tom reminds all of us that during Advent we should try to carry out some act of mercy – perhaps every Friday in Advent we could each carry out some particular task of charity, which otherwise we may not have undertaken.

**Monthly Mass for Vocations** Bishop Tom has also asked that each parish celebrate a Mass every month for the fostering of vocations to the priesthood, religious life and consecrated life. This will happen in our parish on the second Wednesday of the Month.

**Diocesan Yearbooks** The new Welsh Catholic Directory/Year Book has been produced with information about all the Catholic parishes, societies, schools, &c. in Wales. Copies are available at £3.20. If you would like a copy, please speak to Fr Liam.

**Men's Group** The Men's group 'only men avowed' are meeting at 7:30pm at Wetherspoons on Quay Street. If you want to be a part of some informal conversation and social chat with other men of faith, then just turn up or contact Dominic Belli on 01437 767595

**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, John Rees, Indra Singh, Teresa Thomas, Tohy Williams, Kay Whelan