



## St David and St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Mass times for: 08<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Week 1 of Weekday Cycle II, Year B.

**Mon** 10:00am Mass at H-west: Baptism of the Lord

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

**Wed** 10:00am Mass at H-west, 7:00pm at Narberth

**Thur** 10:00am Mass at Haverfordwest

**Fri** No Mass

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

**Sun** 10:00am Mass at Haverfordwest,  
5:00pm Mass at Narberth.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK** The proclamation of the date of Easter, Pentecost and other moveable feasts in the liturgical year, dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary for the Church to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depended on advance knowledge of this date. Although calendars now give the date of Easter and other feasts for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It's a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of our faith, which are celebrated at the turning of the seasons.

**BLESSING OF HOUSES** If you wish to bless your house for the year ahead, feel free to take some of the blest chalk and inscribe 20+C+M+B+18 over the lintel of the door saying: "Visit O Lord this house with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love. May we grow in grace, and knowledge of you, who are our comfort, guide and strength. Keep us in your peace now and forever. Amen."

**FUNERALS** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mr James Doyle and Mr Wilfred Hart who have both died recently. James's funeral service will take place at Parc Gwyn Crematorium on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 11:30am. Wilfred's funeral service will also take place at Parc Gwyn Crematorium on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 11:30am. Please also keep in your prayers Joan Tiglaio a Filipina who, with her husband Jay and their four daughters, were making an extended holiday home to the Philippines - their first trip home in seven years. Unfortunately a tragic road accident has resulted in Joan's death. The community of Withybush Hospital, where Jay and Joan work, are understandably shocked and saddened. Let us keep them all very much in our hearts at this time.

**NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER** On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January there will be a dinner in the parish hall to welcome in the New Year. The meal will be prepared by the Friday Lunch Club and will begin at 12:30pm; all are welcome to come along. The cost is £8 per person and there will be a vegetarian option. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the larger porch, so that the correct number can be catered for.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS** In January there are two important collections which will be taken: the first is for the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund and this will take place next week. In conjunction with this collection, there will also be a pastoral letter from Bishop Tom. For those who wish to Gift-Aid, donation envelopes will be available this weekend. The second of the two collections is the 'White Flower Appeal' which helps the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. This too will have the possibility of making a Gift-Aid donation, and payment slips will be available nearer the time.

**THANK YOU** This is my first newsletter since the start of 2018 and I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! I'd also like to say a great big thank you for all the wonderful cards and the many gifts which I received: your generosity this Christmas has been most touching and I want you to know how grateful I am for all your acts of kindness.

**ST TERESA'S CONVENT, FISHGUARD.** This week saw the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the convent at Fishguard. The Sisters of Mercy celebrated with Bishop Tom who presided over the anniversary Mass. A festal meal was then served to the community, the guests and the care-home residents. Congratulations to them and Ad Multos Annos!

**SEMINARIANS** Bishop Tom and I met with our seminarians this week as they prepare to undertake 4-week pastoral placements in the diocese. Robert Davies will be at Clydach, and Greg Beckett will be at Margam. Our deacon Rev. Matthew Roche-Saunders will be in Haverfordwest this weekend, before he completes his thesis on Evangelisation. His Priestly Ordination will take place on August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral - more to follow in due course!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** Terri Atherton, Mercedes Davies, Hannah Fennell, Peter Fowler, Jeffrey Frank, Bryn Hancock, Anne Harding, Margaret Higgins, Janet Jenkins, Mary Philips, John Rees, Indra Singh, Ben Stabow, Teresa Thomas, Toby Williams, Kay Whelan.