



St David and St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Mass times for 29th January - 03rd February 2018

Week 4 of Weekday Cycle II, Year B.

Mon 10:00am Mass at Haverfordwest

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

Wed 10:00am H-west, 7:00pm Narberth: St John Bosco

Thur No Mass

Fri 10:00am Mass at Haverfordwest: The Presentation of the Lord.

Sat 6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass at Haverfordwest.

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

St Blaise was an Armenian doctor who later became a Bishop and Martyr. He died in the early 300s by being raked with wool-carding 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 intercession and by the imposition of candles. In art he is often shown holding carding combs and a crosier, or with two candles.

FUNERALS Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Gabriele Bosenius who died recently, her funeral service will take place at Parc Gwyn Crematorium on Thursday 1st February at 10:45am. Also keep in your prayers Miss Mary Phillips who has died at Highgrove Nursing home. Her funeral Mass will take place at 11am on Monday 5th February, followed by cremation at Parc Gwyn Crematorium.

CANDLEMAS Friday 2nd February is not only the First Friday of the Month for those who adhere to the Sacred Heart Devotion of St Margaret Mary Alacoque, but it is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. On this day Mass will begin in the porch with the traditional blessing and lighting of candles. Following this, a procession into the church will begin the Mass proper. All who attend are welcome to take a blessed candle home with them. This candle was often kept for the year so that if the priest has to make a sick visit, and was carrying the Blessed Sacrament, he could be met at the door of the house with a lighted candle and led into the room of the dying person. If the candle was left unused, it would be lit and replaced on this day, when Christ is presented to us as the Light of the World.

BLESSING OF THROATS Saturday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise and on this day throats are blessed with candles from the previous day's celebration. The blessing is not only for throats, but in hope of good health for the year to come. This blessing will be given after the Saturday evening Mass.

SECOND COLLECTIONS Thank you to all those who have been so generous in recent weeks. The White Flower appeal raised £412.41 for SPUC (with a collection still to be held at Narberth) and the collection for the sick and retired clergy fund raised £910.48. Many thanks to all who have contributed to these causes.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY Fr John Patrick Thomas, our former Parish Priest, is soon to celebrate his 25th anniversary of priestly ordination. He has invited members of this parish to join him in a Mass of Thanksgiving on the 15th February at 7pm at the Catholic Church of the Blessed Sacrament at Gorseinon. Refreshments will follow afterwards. It would be wonderful if some members of the parish could join with Fr John Patrick for this celebration.

PAPAL NUNCIO'S VISIT On Shrove Tuesday our diocese will host a three-day visitation from Archbishop Edward Adams, the Papal Ambassador to the Court of St James's. The Nuncio is the Holy Father's personal representative and a diplomatic link with HM the Queen and the United Kingdom. While Visiting our diocese the Nuncio will travel to St David's Cathedral to meet with the Bishop of St David's, Joanna Penberthy. He will pray in St Non's Chapel close to the birthplace and Holy Well of St David.

ASH WEDNESDAY falls on the 14th February, the feast of Sts Cyril and Methodius. Mass with the distribution of Ashes will take place at 10am in St David and St Patrick's Church, and at 7pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Narberth. Additionally there will be an opportunity to receive the ashes in a short prayer service at 7:45am. Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, but is a day of fasting from food and abstaining from meat.

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