



St David and St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Mass times for 30th April – 6th May 2018th

The 5th Week of Easter, Year B.

Mon 10:00am Mass at Haverfordwest.

Tue 2:00pm Mass at St Luke's, Withybush Hosp –
St Joseph the Worker.

Wed 2:00pm Funeral Mass at H-west. 2:00pm
Mass at Narberth – St Athanasius.

Thur 10:00am Mass at Haverfordwest – St Philip
and St James.

Fri No Mass.

Sat 6:00pm Mass at Haverfordwest.

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

Saint of the Week – St Athanasius of Alexandria lived from circa 296-373. He was an early bishop of the church and he lived in turbulent times. He was exiled from his diocese by the Roman Emperor for no fewer than 5 times during his tenure as bishop for a period totaling 17 years. He was a defender of orthodox theology against the prevalent heresy of Arius who said that Jesus was born from God the Father at a certain point in time, and was therefore distinct from his father and subordinate to him (a position which means that the Trinity didn't exist as a unity of three persons who are each uniquely and collectively God). He argued his position at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD and this was re-affirmed at the Council of Constantinople in 381AD. We can think of St Athanasius when we pray the words of the creed "True God from True God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father, through him all things were made."

FUNERAL Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Barbara Savigar of Hook. Her funeral Mass will take place at 2pm Wednesday 2nd May, followed by internment at Deerland Cemetery, Llangwm.

"LET IT BE DONE UNTO ME" From Tuesday 1st May, a 5-week course will commence in the parish to look at the role of Mary in the life of the Church, in theology, in Liturgy and in popular devotion. The sessions will last about 1 hour from 7pm to 8pm and will be led by Fr Liam. Each session will begin with the watching of a short film, and workbooks will be provided to help support the course. May has often been known as the Marian month and this is a great way to mark out this time and to learn something new. The course has been devised by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) and is open to 20 participants. If you would like to take part, please leave your details on the sign-up sheet in the porch. If you're not able to make all of the sessions, but would like to attend on a one-off, *ad hoc*, basis please also feel free to come along.

CONFIRMATION CLASS - CHANGE OF DATES Please note the following changes: owing to the First Holy Communion Mass on 12th May, the Confirmation class will now take place on 19th May. Owing to the inter-parish sports event, the trip to Caldey Island on the 9th June is re-scheduled to the 16th June.

ROSARY ON THE COAST This national event hopes to see a group of people, from every coastal parish, simultaneously praying the Rosary at the shoreline of our country. Many thanks to Ann Harris for organising our parish event. The group shall meet at 2:30pm at Borad Haven (Car Park by the Youth Hostel) this Sunday 29th April. For more information, and a map of all the sites, please look at <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk> There are 14 groups from our diocese which are taking part from the parish Port Talbot round to Borth in the parish of Aberystwyth. The intention is that this is a "day of Pilgrimage and Prayer for the re-flourishing of our Faith, for the grace to build a culture of Life and for true Peace to reign in the hearts of all peoples & Nations."

Money, Money, Money! I try not to mention money too often, as there are more important things...however, money is important too, and to not address certain questions wouldn't be appropriate. Please note that this weekend I have prepared a statement of the finances for the last tax year - please take *both* pages away with you to read. There are some additional points which also need to be mentioned: Firstly, the **APF - MISSIO 'RED BOXES' APPEAL**. The 'Red Boxes' fundraising for the APF (association for the propagation of the faith) has now been counted, and last year we managed to raise £2186. As the APF is a separate charity to the parish, this money raised doesn't appear on the parish books. Nevertheless it's a great amount and our parish is the 2nd biggest contributor in the diocese. Well done to all. Secondly, **Gift Aid rebates**. Since printing the financial statement, we have now received the Gift Aid rebate from HMRC via the diocese. This year we have benefited by having £5376.67 returned to us from the tax year ending April 2016. Next year we hope to gain £4895.35 and, for the tax year just completed, we estimate a return to be made of £5514. In short, the parish coffers are now £5376 better off than first published with about £10,400 still to be returned from HMRC.

Lunch Club Please note that there will be no Friday Lunch Club on the 4th May. Normal meetings will commence on May 11th.

Fr Liam's seminary visit Next weekend I shall be with Bishop Tom at Oscott College, our seminary in Birmingham, because one of our students – Robert Davies – is appointed to the ministry of Acolyte. This is an important step on the way to priesthood (which some of our older parishioners may know as receiving a minor order). Please keep Robert in your prayers, know that I will pass on your best wishes to Greg Beckett and please make welcome Fr Andrzej Kuklinski who will be celebrating the weekend Masses).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL 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.