



## St David and St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Mass times for 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

11<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time, Year II.

**Mon** 10:00am Mass at Haverfordwest.

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

**Wed** 10:00am Mass at H-west; 7:00pm at Narberth,  
Ss Alban, Julius and Aaron.

**Thur** 10:00am Mass at H-west – St Aloysius Gonzaga

**Fri** No Mass - Ss John Fisher and Thomas More

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

**Sun** 10:00am Day Mass at Haverfordwest;  
5:00pm at Narberth – Solemnity of the Nativity of  
Saint John the Baptist.

**Saints of the Week** Ss Alban, Julius and Aaron are the protomartyrs of our land. They were all martyred in ancient Roman Britain around the years 250-300AD: St Alban was killed at the city which now bears his name in modern-day England, and Ss Julius and Aaron died at the ancient amphitheatre in Caerleon, which can still be visited today. Little is known for sure about them as the first account of their lives was written by Gildas some 300 years later. It is likely that they were persecuted under the emperor Valerian or Diocletian. Their saint's day is the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, but it is moved in Wales and England so as not to clash with Ss John Fisher and Thomas More.

**First Holy Communion.** This Sunday it is a delight for all that another young person makes their First Holy Communion. We welcome Sammy and all his family and friends who are joining with us this morning. Let us keep him in our thought and prayers on this day of grace.

**Day for Life** This Sunday is the Bishops' Conference 'Day for Life'. This year the theme is to look at the plight of victims and the prevention of human trafficking. The Day for Life has been assisted by the work of the 'Santa Marta Group' which was founded in the UK in 2014 by Cardinal Nichols. The group brings together Police, Church and Community Groups to tackle this global problem. Endorsed by Pope Francis, this group has become an international alliance of countries whose police chiefs and bishops now work together. Take a look at <http://santamartagroup.com> There will be a second collection for this initiative.

**Invite a Friend** On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July every family in our parish is invited to bring a friend to Mass – this is an initiative taking place across the Diocese and all South Wales. There has been a suggestion that, as this parish approaches its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so we should aim to have 150 new parishioners. This could be a big step in the right direction! So, who are we all going to ask to come to Mass with us? Perhaps a child who hasn't attended in many years; an elderly neighbour who may not feel connected to the local community; a professional colleague who may once have asked us about our faith? There are lots of people who don't come but who might like to come, and who are just waiting to be asked. On this occasion you can say that they will not be the only visitor but part of a group of many visitors, that they will receive a warm welcome, that we won't mind if they "do something wrong", that we will provide them with the words to say, that they can stay for a cuppa, that it will all be very relaxed and that they won't be made to "feel captive" and to sign up for anything. Please let us each ask 'who might we like to invite with us to Mass?'

**Gift Aid Boxes** For those of you who contribute to the parish by use of the 'Gift Aid Envelopes', please note that your new boxes of envelopes are ready for collection from the porch. Last year the parish received £5376.67 from HMRC through the scheme. If you are a box user, please remember to notify the parish if your personal details change, or if you stop paying tax. If you are one of the new subscribers to the scheme, well done! Many thanks to all who contribute to the parish.

**Legacies** I'm pleased to report that two very kind hearted people have remembered the parish in their wills. While we mourn the loss of our loved ones and pray for the repose of their souls, it is nevertheless a delight that their generosity means things in the parish can constantly improve. Together, their contributions have totaled £11,000. This money has been ring-fenced to help provide for our building refurbishment program (the diocesan estates office will be visiting the parish in the first week of July to make an assessment of the best way forward regarding toilets, disabled access, baby change facilities & improved confessional area). While the topic is at hand, perhaps it's worth mentioning, would each of us consider leaving a gift to the parish so that things can continue after we have died?

**Anniversary Planning** As previously mentioned, it won't be too long before we celebrate our anniversary. In fact, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021, will be 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the laying of the foundation stone, and on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 the building was consecrated for use as a Catholic Church (for 200 people!!). These two dates give us a year-long season of celebration and renewal. I would like to form a group of willing persons who will be able to give of their time and effort to shaping preparations for our celebration. I would like people to come forward over the next few weeks to let me know if they are interested in being part of the group, and for everyone to put forward ideas for the group to discuss. I hope the group can meet approximately every six weeks to push for new ideas, planning, fund raising and to further preparations. Our first big meeting will take place at the start of September when we can review all of the suggestions made. I look forward to a warm response.

**Holy Day Advanced Notice** Please note that the next Holy Day of Obligation is the Solemnity of St Peter and Paul on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.