## St David and St Patrick's Catholic Parish



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Mass times for 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 13<sup>th</sup> Week of Year B; Ordinary Time, Year II.

Mon 10:00am Mass at Haverfordwest.

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

Thomas the Apostle.

Wed 10:00am Mass at H-west; 7:00pm at Narberth.

Thur 10:00am Mass at Haverfordwest.

**Fri** No Mass

**Sat** 6:00pm Mass at Haverfordwest. **Sun** 10:00am Mass at Haverfordwest;

5:00pm at Narberth

Saints of the Week On Tuesday we celebrate St Thomas, known as "Didymos", which is Greek for Twin (although more often than not we know him as 'Doubting Thomas'). Thomas was probably born in Galilee and doesn't get mentioned that much in the Bible. He is noted for asking the Lord how to get to the kingdom of heaven as we "do not know the way" John 14:5; and again after the resurrection for demanding to see the wounds of Christ. St Thomas is perhaps the most distant traveled of all the apostles because he left the Roman empire and traveled as far as Tamilakam and what is modern day North Paravur and Kodungalloor in Kerala state, where he founded the Catholic Church in India.

**Confession and Exposition Times** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated weekly at St David and St Patrick's on Saturday evenings from 5:15pm to 5:45pm and at Narberth before the Sunday evening Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament generally takes place on Monday mornings after the Mass from 10:30am to 11:30am. There will not be confessions before the Saturday evening Mass this weekend as we prepare for Confirmation.

**Confirmation** This weekend we welcome Bishop Tom to our parish as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have 11 young men and women who will receive this Sacrament and complete their initiation into the fullness of the Church's community. Please keep them in your prayers, that they may grow in faith and speak Christ's words to the world.

**Funeral** Please pray for the repose of the soul and the families of Mrs Elaine Shotton, who died earlier last week, and Peter Fowler who died on Saturday Morning. Funeral arrangements will be published when available. May they rest in peace.

**New Canons** At the Cathedral Chapter Mass at 11:30am on Tuesday 3rd July, at Swansea Cathedral, three new Canons will be installed to support the bishop in his work. They are Father Jason Jones, Father Benedict Koledoye, and Father Paul Watson. All are invited to attend this occasion if they would like, and refreshments are available afterwards.

**NHS Celebrations** July 5<sup>th</sup> is the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of the NHS and, as part of the afternoon's celebrations, Mary Immaculate's school choir will be performing at Withybush Hospital at 2pm. Fr Liam and Rev. Geoffrey Eynon will lead a service of Thanksgiving at St Luke's Chapel, on the ground floor of the hospital at 6pm on that day.

**Invite a Friend** Is this your first time to our parish church? Or, maybe you've been away for a long time and this is a first step to coming home? However you've got here today, please know that you are very welcome to be among us. I hope your time with us this will be uplifting and give you a fresh insight into the work of the Church, and help you to grow in faith. After the Sunday morning Mass there will be refreshments available in the hall, and all are welcome to come along.

**Sea Sunday** Next weekend the church in England and Wales celebrates Sea Sunday. On this day we consider the work of the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) and those who are not able to be part of parishes because they are on ships. More will be said next week, and there will be the option to contribute to the work of the AoS in a second collection.

**Creation Time** The day for creation has been initiated by Pope Francis and is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. Creation time continues from then until the feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4<sup>th</sup>. On that day, a new parish DVD resource will be launched.

**Parish Development** The new light fittings have arrived (I cant believe it either!) - all we have to do now is attach them to the wall. This week we will also welcome the diocesan estates officer to conduct a survey and advise of the possible options of further improvement works.