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Sunday 26th July 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Saturday Haverfordwest	25.07.26	5.15-5.45pm 6.00pm	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Confession Vigil Mass – Alan Latham & Sandra Latham – Blessings & health
Sunday Haverfordwest Narberth	26.07.26	9.00-9.45am 10.00am 12.00pm	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Confession Holy Mass – No Given Intention Holy Mass – People of the Parish, the Sick and the Visitors
Monday	27.07.26	--	NO HOLY MASS – MY DAY OFF
Tuesday Haverfordwest	28.07.26	6.00pm	Holy Mass – No Given Intention
Wednesday Haverfordwest Narberth	29.07.26	9.30am 6.00pm 6.30pm	STS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS – Memorial Holy Mass – Blessings on Rowland's family Adoration & Confession Holy Mass – Personal Intention
Thursday Haverfordwest	30.07.26	9.30am	Holy Mass – No Given Intention
Friday Haverfordwest	31.07.26	9.00am-10.00am 10.00am	ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, Priest – Memorial Adoration and Confession Holy Mass – No Given Intention
Saturday Haverfordwest	01.08.26	10.00am 10.30am-11.00am 5.15-5.45pm 6.00pm	ST ALPHONSUS MARY LIGUORI, Bishop & Doctor – Memorial Holy Mass – Personal Intention Adoration and Confession EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Confession Vigil Mass - No Given Intention
Sunday Haverfordwest Narberth	02.08.26	9.00-9.45am 10.00am 12.00pm	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Confession Holy Mass – Ann Freeman (RIP) Holy Mass – People of the Parish, the Sick and the Visitors

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD... IN JULY

Pearl Jennifer Byrne (2011), Vivian Shane Boswell (2014), James Francis McHugh (2015), Bridget Philomena Flynn (2016), Michael John Mahoney (2017), Martin James Millea (2018), Gareth Evans (2019), Lola Patricia James (2020), Patrick Fielding James (2020), Ann Pauline Davies (2021), Vera Veronica Morris (2021), Christina Dale (2021), Norma O'Flynn (2022), Russell Bonham Gould (2022), Margaret Higgins (2025), **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

FLORAL TRIBUTES

GRAHAME DANIELS – 26th July (DEATH ANNIVERSARY)

You are welcome to book Floral Tributes

We would like to offer Floral Tributes for occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

Please speak to Sharon – 07815462882 or a member of the Flower Group.

JOURNEY WITH THE POPE

"Christ's resurrection is the beginning of a new humanity; it is the entrance into the true promised land, where justice, freedom, and peace reign, where all recognise one another as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father who is Love, Life, and Light." **Pope Leo XIV**

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Bake Sale: This weekend, **Sunday, 26th July**, there will be a Bake Sale after the 10.00am Mass. Those who would like to buy Cakes, please approach Christine and Anne Puffett. Thanks to contributors and buyers for supporting the church!

ALTAR SERVERS' DAY OUT

This year, the altar servers' day out is to **St. Ishmael's from 10am to 4pm**. Please wear sensible shoes or boots for a long walk and bring towels, swimming costumes, and sun protection. We will celebrate Holy Mass at the beach, followed by a barbecue sponsored by Ann Harris. If you have dietary requirements, kindly inform her. Everyone is welcome to join, with or without a car. To assist with planning, please let Fr Ramesh know by next weekend if you would like to attend.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Our parish is blessed with a vibrant and engaging youth community. To deepen their connections and strengthen their faith, I would like to establish a youth group. This initiative will create a supportive environment where young members can unite in their spiritual journey. Please sign up on the lists placed on either side of the church porch.

ANNUAL HOLIDAYS FOR FR RAMESH

Fr Ramesh will be on annual leave from Monday, 7th September to Thursday, 8th October 2026. Canon Michael Smith, a retired priest from Llandeilo, will cover weekend Masses. For pastoral or hospital emergencies, please get in touch with Canon Pius Augustine, from Cardigan, on 01239 612615 or Fr. Paul Osunyikanmi, from Milford Haven, on 01646 693371. For other inquiries, phone Ann Soper on 07581400399.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

There will be a Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on 11th September. As Catholics, we oppose this legislation as it undermines human dignity and lacks safeguards for healthcare staff. I urge all Catholics to contact their MP. The Bishops' Conference provides resources at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>. Please take action to protect the vulnerable in our society.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS

Emmaus Discover Summer Camp: Young people in Years 8 to 13 are invited to the Emmaus Discover Summer Camp in Pembrokeshire from 5th – 9th August 2026 for £275 all-inclusive. Activities include outdoor walks, meeting other young Catholics, daily Mass, and more. Limited places are available; the registration deadline is 25th July. Financial assistance may be offered. For more information, contact youth@cardiffmenevia.org, call 02920 379490, or sign up via the QR code on the poster.

18-30s' Webinar About World Youth Day (WYD): The Archdiocese will be taking a group of young adults to Seoul for the next World Youth Day in 2027. Young adults who would like to join are invited to attend the online information webinar on August 2nd at 7pm. A link to register can be found on the poster, on social media, on both the archdiocese's and the parish's websites.

TEAS AND COFFEES

Following the conclusion of Holy Mass each Sunday, the parish hall will be open for tea and coffee. All individuals are cordially invited to join in this gathering, fostering a sense of community and shared joy.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THE DEAD

Please keep in your prayers all those who are ill in the hospital or at home, **especially Daniel and Robert Presten** who need our prayers and God's healing touch. Also, pray for the dead, and for all whose anniversaries occur around this time.



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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

‘You have asked for yourself understanding.’

In those days: The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, ‘Ask what I shall give you.’ And Solomon said, ‘O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?’
It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.’

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119(118):57, 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130. R97a

R. O Lord, how I love your law!

You, O Lord, are my portion;
I have promised to obey your words.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold.
R. O Lord, how I love your law!

Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight.

R. O Lord, how I love your law!

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

R. O Lord, how I love your law!

Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.

The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple.

R. O Lord, how I love your law!

Second Reading:

Romans 8:28-30

‘He predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.’

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

‘He sells all that he has and buys that field.’

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all these things?’ They said to him, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Or:

Mt 5: 7-8

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.