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Ein Harglwyddes
Seren y Mor,
Porth Tywyn

Our Lady,
Star of the Sea
Burry Port



Ein Harglwyddes
a Cadog Sant,
Cydweli

Our Lady
& St. Cadoc,
Kidwelly



Y Groes Sanctaidd,
Pontyberem

Holy Cross,
Pontyberem

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Votive Sponsors

The Sanctuary and statue candles are open for sponsorship at £1.00 per lantern.

This week's candles are sponsored for the intentions Of the Bevan Family, Especially Anne Stevens-Bevan



Prayer requests

Please make your prayer requests known to Fr. , especially if you would like them included in the newsletter for our brothers and sisters to pray.

MASS TIMES

Sat 11/07/2026

18:00 - Holy Rosary -18:30 - Holy Mass - Burry Port - Mary Griffiths RIP

Sun 12/07/2026 -

09:00 - Holy Rosary - 09:30 - Holy Mass-
Pontyberem - Linneth Anne Doolan RIP

10:30 - Holy Rosary - 11:00 - Holy Mass -
Kidwelly-

15th Week of Ordinary time

Mon 13/07/2026 -

10:00 - Holy Mass - Burry Port -

Weds 15/07/2026

09:00-NO Holy Rosary, Adoration, Centering
prayer - 10:00 - NO Holy Mass - Kidwelly-

17:30- NO Holy Rosary -18:00- NO Holy Mass -
Burry Port

Thursday 16/07/2026

10:00 - Holy Mass - Burry Port

Friday 17/07/2026 -

12:00 -Divine Mercy Devotion & Holy Mass -
Burry Port

Sat 18/07/2026

18:00- Holy Rosary - 18:30 Holy Mass - Burry
Port

16th Sunday In Ordinary time

Sun 19/07/2026

09:00 - Holy Rosary - 09:30 - Holy Mass -
Pontyberem -

10:30 - Holy Rosary - 11:00 - Holy Mass -
Kidwelly

God's Word Like Rain

Isaiah reminds us that rain does not fall in vain. It comes down from heaven, waters the ground, and then returns to God having done its work. In the same way, God's word goes out from Him. It is not empty. When we hear Scripture, receive the sacraments, or sit in quiet prayer, it is like rain on dry soil. Even when we cannot see it, God's word is softening hearts and preparing us to grow.

The earth does not sprout the moment rain falls. It takes time, patience, and the right conditions. Our lives are the same. Sometimes we feel dry, stuck, or discouraged, especially when we do not see results right away. But God is faithful. The "rain" of His grace, His forgiveness, and His promises is still working beneath the surface. What looks like waiting is often God bringing forth new life in us.

As a parish, we are called to be good soil for one another. We water each other through encouragement, service, and prayer. When God's word falls on us, it is meant to produce something: kindness, justice, hope, and new disciples. Let us trust that God will not let His word return empty. He will make it accomplish what He purposes, and through us the earth, our homes, our community, our world will bring forth and sprout. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 55: 10-11,
Psalm 65
Romans 8: 18-23
Gospel Mathew 13: 1-23

Prayer of the Faithful

Lector: Eternal truth, Living God
All: Your word is life & Strength

Saints of the week

14/7 - St Camillus de Lellies
15/7 - St Bonaventure
15/7 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Parish news

- Divine Mercy Devotion Station of the Cross every Friday @ 12:30pm after the Holy Mass at 12:00pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea, Burry Port. All are invited.
- Kindly note that the colour of the Mass Book for this season is Green.
- Every Sunday at OLSC Kidwelly the Holy Rosary starts at 10:30am
- The Parish is seeking volunteers to be part of a DIY committee. This committee would undertake jobs such as painting within the parish. Please, if you have a skill you can contribute, then speak with Mark.
- We will be holding a social event in August. This will be an Indian Buffet. Please provisionally mark Thursday 13th in your Calendars. More information to follow.

News from the Deanery

Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Dates: 20th - 24th July 2026. A full religious programme, flights and transfers in France, full board 4* Hotel, insurance and Lourdes Levies are included in the package. Bookings: www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-welsh/ Enquiries: welshnationalpilgrimage@gmail.com

Men's Rosary Rally (Gorseinon Parish)

First Saturday of the month in Swansea Centre, outside St David's Priory at 1pm.

Altar Egos podcast (Llanelli Parish)

Through thought-provoking conversations, personal stories, and reflections on faith, we explore what it means to live with meaning in today's world. Whether you're curious about spirituality, love hearing real-life stories, or just enjoy exploring ideas that make you think, Altar Egos invites you to listen, reflect, and discover something new.

<https://www.youtube.com/@AltarEgosPodcast>

Emmaus Youth

Children's Liturgy

- Please make use of the resources, games and toys at the back of the foyer. There are activities for all ages to help spiritual growth.

Summer Camp: Unplug. Rest. Explore

- 5-9 August 2026 Year 9s - 13s. St David's Bunk Barns, Pembrokeshire
- £300, Travel & Meals included To journey email: youth@Cardiffmenevia.org or Call 02920379490 Deadline for registration & payment is July 13th

News from the Dioceses

SEA SUNDAY 2026

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamais.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

Safeguarding-If you have any concerns please approach any of our designated officers

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