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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 18/07/2026

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

Sun 19/07/2026 -

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

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

16th Week of Ordinary time

Mon 20/07/2026 -

10:00 - Holy Mass - Burry Port -

Weds 22/07/2026

09:00 - Holy Rosary, Adoration, Centering prayer
- 10:00 - Holy Mass - Kidwelly-

17:30- Holy Rosary -18:00 - Holy Mass - Burry Port - Private Intention

Thursday 23/07/2026

10:00 - Holy Mass - Burry Port

Friday 24/07/2026 -

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

Sat 25/07/2026

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

17th Sunday In Ordinary time

Sun 26/07/2026

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

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

"The Spirit Intercedes for Us with Groanings Too Deep for Words"

Romans 8:26-27

We Do Not Pray Alone

There are times in our lives when we come to God with hearts too full or too heavy for words. Paul reminds us that in those moments we are not abandoned. "The Spirit helps us in our weakness." Even when we don't know what to pray, the Holy Spirit is praying in us and with us.

God Understands Our Groans

"The Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." These groans are the silent prayers of our parish for sick loved ones, for struggling families, for peace in our world. God searches our hearts and understands the Spirit's prayer on our behalf.

A People Held by Hope

Because the Spirit intercedes for us, we can bring our whole selves to God. Our pain, our confusion, and our hope. And because God hears us, we are called to do the same for one another: to listen, to be present, and to bear each other's burdens. Let us trust that nothing is wasted. Every silent prayer is being lifted to the Father by the Spirit.
Amen.

Readings

Wisdom 12: 13,16-19

Psalm 86

Romans 8: 26-27

Gospel Mathew 13: 24-43

Prayer of the Faithful

Lector: God of Mercy

All: hear us as we pray

Saints of the week

20/7 - St Apollinaris

21/7 - St Lawrence of Brindisi

22/7 - St Mary Magdalene

23/7 - St Bridget of Sweden

25/7 - St James, Apostle

Parish news

DIVINE DESIGNS - OPEN CALL ART COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION

- The "Divine Designs" art competition at St John's Waterloo in London invites UK artists, illustrators, and graphic designers to design contemporary front covers for any of the 73 books of the Bible. Entrants can submit up to four designs.
- Register by July 31, 2026 (5 PM), and submit by September 21, 2026.
- Seven cash prizes will be awarded, including category and overall winner awards.
- Selected entries will be displayed in an exhibition running from February 10 to April 9, 2027.
- For more info, guidelines etc please visit <https://stjohnswaterloo.org/arts/divinedesigns/> or scan the QR code



Kidwelly Holy Rosary

- Every Sunday at OLSC Kidwelly the Holy Rosary starts at 10:30am

DIY Committee

- 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.

News from the Dioceses

SEA SUNDAY 2026

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

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.

Bible in a Year: Family Edition (with Fr. Josh Johnson)

After helping millions of people encounter Scripture through the chart-topping The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) podcast, Ascension is bringing that same transformative journey to families through a new daily video podcast: launching January 1, 2027.

Designed for families with children ages 7 -12, it will invite parents, grandparents, godparents, teachers, and children to discover the story of salvation through Scripture in a way that is engaging, age-appropriate, and deeply rooted in the Catholic faith. Using Jeff Cavins' groundbreaking Great Adventure Bible Timeline, the podcast helps families understand the big story of Scripture and see how every part of the Bible points to God's plan of salvation.

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

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