

Croeso I Weclome to



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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Readings

**We are in the Second Sunday of Advent
and the liturgical readings are from
CYCLE A. The Mass Book is the orange
colour.**

Isaiah: 11: 1-10

Psalm: 72: 1-2. 7-8. 12-13, 17

Romans 15: 4-9

Gospel Matthew 3: 1-12

Prayer of the Faithful

Lector: Come to us, Lord

All: We know our need of you

SST of the week

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary (Solemnity) 08/12

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.

Please pray for the intentions of the Martin
Family.

MASS TIMES

Sat 06/12/2025

18:00 - Holy Mass - Burry Port- Sam Lloyd

Sun 07/12/25

09:00- Holy Rosary 09:20 - meditation

09:30 - Holy Mass- Pontyberem

11:00 - Holy Mass - Kidwelly

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Mon 08/12/2025 - The Immaculate Conception

10:00 - Holy Mass - Burry Port

Weds 10/12/2025

09:00 - Holy Rosary/Centring Prayer 10:00 - Holy
Mass- Kidwelly

18:00 - NO Holy Mass- Burry Port

Thursday 11/12/2025

10:00 - NO Holy Mass - Burry Port

Friday 12/12/2025-

12:00 - Holy Mass- Burry Port

Gaudete 3RD Sunday of Advent, Yr A

Sat 13/12/25

10:00- Holy Mass BVM - Burry Port

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

Sun 14/12/25

09:15 - Holy Mass - Pont Y Berem

11:00 - Holy Mass - Kidwelly - Rose & Leonardo
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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"A Voice Crying in the Wilderness" (Matthew 3:3)

The phrase "A voice crying in the wilderness" (Matthew 3:3), referring to John the Baptist, captures the essence of a prophetic call to prepare the way for something greater. In the Gospel of Matthew, this voice is a stark contrast to the comforts of society, echoing Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 40:3). John's ministry in the desert symbolizes a radical departure from the familiar, pointing to the urgency of repentance and the coming of the Messiah. He is the bridge between the old and the new, calling people to a renewed covenant with God.

The Call to Conversion

John's voice in the wilderness challenges us to examine our own lives and the spaces we inhabit. The "wilderness" represents places of testing, simplicity, and often, spiritual barrenness—yet it is here that God's voice resounds. John's message of repentance is not just about turning away from sin, but toward a deeper relationship with God. His baptism of water paves the way for Jesus' baptism of the Spirit, inviting us to surrender and prepare our hearts for the transformative power of Christ.

Echoes in Our Lives

Today, "a voice crying in the wilderness" speaks to the ongoing need for prophetic voices in a world often distracted by noise and complacency. Like John, we are called to point beyond ourselves—to Jesus, the Light of the World. This wilderness voice urges us to cultivate inner clarity, simplicity, and a heart aligned with God's justice and mercy. May we listen to this voice, embracing the conversion it demands, and lead others to the One who brings fulfilment to all that John proclaimed.

Advent & Christmas Celebrations

- RECONCILIATION - Gaudete Sunday is on the weekend of 13th /14th Dec. (3rd Sunday of Advent). There is opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation as follows. OLSS Burry Port 6:00pm, HC Pontyberem 9:00am and OLSC Kidwelly 12:00pm
- Walk with Me pamphlet, a journal of Prayer for the Advent Jubilee 2025 is available in all our parishes at the cost of £1.50.
- Raffle tickets are on sale after Mass. x1 strip £1 or 6 for £5.
- The Carol service will be held in Kidwelly on 10/12 at 6pm. All are welcome & please ask friends and family to join us for this wonderful evening.
- Christmas Mass times: 24/12 10pm Burry Port. 25/12 9am Pontyberem and 11am Kidwelly. St Stephen's day 12pm Burry Port.
- If you are 50+ and spending christmas day alone you are cordally invited to Burry Port Memorial Hall, for FREE Christmas Day Dinner, along with mince pies, a festive tippie or two & some good company. Interested persons should kindly contact Craig & Isabel on 07825842981 or isabelgoodman72@yahoo.co.uk

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- Our Parish Calender is back and packed with all your liturgical info needs and makes an excellent gift. The cost will be x1 for £6.50 or x2 for £10 and these will be available throughout advent. Please add your name and quantity to the sign up sheet to preorder.

Divine Mercy

- Divine Mercy Devotion? Station of the Cross every Friday @ 3:00pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea, Burry Port. All are invited.

Parish meeting

- There will be a PPC meeting of HC Pontyberem on the 7th of December. Time 13:00

News from the Diocese

Offeren yn Gymraeg.

- Rhagfyr 24: 4pm Croeso cynnes i bawb. Dewch i ddathlu'r Nadolig yn Offeren Noswyl Nadolig.
- Mass is celebrated in Welsh at St Teilo's Church, Whitchurch, CF14 1AD, on the last Sunday of every month at 4.30pm. Bilingual booklets are available at the church and dysgwyr – siaradwyr Cymraeg newydd – are very welcome. Croeso cynnes i bawb. The Mass in Welsh is available on the parish livestream on the above dates and times: stteilos-olol.co.uk

Emmamus Youth

Emmamus Youth social media

Follow Fr Matt as he reflects each day of atAdvent on IG



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.

Young Adult's retreat day

- Emmaus encounter advent retreat 13 Dec 2025. 10 am - 5pm Our Lady & St Michael's Church Abergavenny. Ages 18- 35. Holy Mass with Archbishop Mark O' Toole. Lunch included £10pp. Contact youth@rcadc.org

Youth at Burry Port, Kidwelly and Pontyberem

- We want to hear your views on what we can do to engage more youth in church life. Please have a think about what you would like and look out for our brainstorming event in the coming weeks.

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

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