

## 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

Sirach: 3: 2-6, 10-14  
Psalm: 128, 1-2. 3-5. R. cf. 1  
Colossians 3: 12-21  
Gospel Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

### Prayer of the Faithful

Lector: Thank you, Lord God  
All: for coming to save us

### SST of the week

St Thomas Becket, 29/12  
St Sylvester 31/ 12  
Mary, the Holy Mother of God 01/01  
Saint Basil the Great & Gregory  
Nazianzen 02/01  
The Most Holy Name of Jesus 03/01

### 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 27/12/2025

18:00 - 18:30 Reconciliation - 18:30 Holy Mass -  
19:00 - Burry Port

#### Sun 28/12/25 - Holy Family

09:00 - Rosary - 09:30- Holy Mass- Pontyberem  
11:00 - Holy Mass -Kidwelly- Byrne Family & Taylor  
Family

#### Christmas Octave year A

#### Mon 29/12/2025 - Holy Innocents

10:00 - Holy Mass - Burry Port

#### Weds 31/12/2025

09:00- Holy Rosary/Adoration- 10:00 - Holy Mass-  
Kidwelly  
18:00- Holy Mass- Burry Port

#### Thursday 01/01/2026 -

09:30 - Holy Mass - Pont Y Berem  
11:00 - Holy Mass - Kidwelly

#### Friday 02/01/2026

12:00 - Holy Mass- Burry Port

#### 2nd sunday of Christmas Yr A

#### Sat 03/01/2026 -

10:00- Holy Mass BVM - Burry Port  
18:00 - Holy Rosary-18:30 - Holy Mass- Burry Port

#### Sun 04/01/2026

09:30 -Rosary - 09:30- Holy Mass - Pont Y Berem  
10:30 - Holy Rosary - 11:00 - Holy Mass - Kidwelly

### Feast of the Holy Family

#### Family Life in the Lord

The Feast of the Holy Family usually comes as the last Sunday of the  
year. It reminds us that the most powerful witness to the world is the  
formation of good families. Mary, and Joseph did not just live together,  
they loved, worked, prayed, and grew together under God's grace. At  
some point, their household was not safe for their child, and they fled into  
exile, struggled with misunderstandings, faced uncertainty, but remained  
steadfast and holy. Their love was not flashy, but it was faithful, rooted in  
prayer and trust. God gives us a blueprint therefore as true disciples to  
facilitate the building of homes where Christ is Lord.

In our noisy, fast-paced world, family life can feel like a juggling act —  
school runs, work stress, screens pulling us apart. The gift of presence  
and availability ought to be experienced in all families. A spirit of prayer  
should be encouraged. Joseph is endowed with numerous gifts. He is  
humble, calm, and faithful. When Joseph listened to God's voice in  
dreams, when Mary sang "My soul glorifies the Lord," when Jesus grew "in  
wisdom and stature," they modelled how to raise children with purpose. A  
Christian family is not about being flawless, it is about being faithful.  
May we bring the Holy Family into our homes not as statues on a shelf,  
but as living examples. Let us together make space for God's presence at  
dinner, in conversations, in struggles. Let us assist in teaching our  
children that love is not just feelings but in making good right choices.  
And let us remember: the greatest gift that we can give our families  
during this special season is the gift of genuine love as taught by Christ.  
"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain." —  
Psalm 127:1

Gratitude

Dearest Parish Family,

As we come to the last Sunday of the year, I hasten to say Thank You. I appreciate your disposition and availability for all the liturgical activities this year. The readers, servers, sacristans, members of the parish pastoral council etc. Your faithful presence, warm smiles, generous hearts, and your prayers are highly appreciated. Whether you sang loud in choir, helped set up, brought food and other gift items, or just showed up. I pray for our members who due to ill health are not able to come to Church but still identify with our parish. You all made our church brighter and ever active and i am so grateful for each of you.

As we step into the New Year, may God fill your homes with peace, your hearts with joy, and your days with grace. May 2026 bring healing where there's hurt, hope where there's fear, and love that overflow in every corner of your lives.

Fr Lawrence

Christmas Celebrations

- Parishioners of Kidwelly, please take a gold star from the foyre and write a short prayer intention to add to our prayer tree.
- Thank you to all who donated prizes to our christmas raffle and congratulation to all winners. The raffle was drawn on 21/12/2025 and prizes have been provided to all the winners.

Parish Calendar 2026

- We are down to our last few calenders within each Parish. Please pick up a copy in the foyre before 2026. The cost will be x1 for £6.50 or x2 for £10.

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.

News from the Diocese

Offeren yn Gymraeg

- 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](http://stteilos-olol.co.uk)

Crib Collection:

- The crib collections for this year would assist the apostolate of Aid to the Church in Need and to Caritas Cardiff-Menevia in assisting the homeless people.

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.

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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