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Location, Times and Intentions of Holy Mass for the Coming week

The Church in Cardigan is open for Mass!

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS IS STILL SUSPENDED!



However, the opportunity to attend Mass is made available to all who are not shielding, and you are encouraged to come only when you feel safe to come together to pray. We have made sure all the necessary guidance and procedures for maintaining a safe environment for public prayer are in place, as the safety and wellbeing of this community of faith is paramount.

The building and practices have been assessed, and passed for public worship.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Friday 21 st August Pope St St Pius X	6:30pm	John Jones RIP & the Holy Souls (Inocencia Jones)
Saturday 22 nd August <i>The Queenship of Our Lady</i>	6:30pm	The Horan Family (Gerry France)
Sunday 23 rd August <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:30am	People of the Parishes
Monday 24 th August St Bartholomew - Apostle	10:30am	The Holy Souls (Gerry France)

An act of Spiritual Communion by St Alphonsus: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



When you come to Mass - Please follow the safety instructions.

- **Provide contact details (Name, address, telephone number) that could be used for contact tracing** – Please write down your details on a piece of paper and bring it with you to Mass, as this will make “check-in” much quicker. It will be kept in a sealed envelope for 3 weeks and then shredded. This will ONLY be used in need for contact tracing.
- **Maintain social distancing of 2 meters both inside and outside the Church**
- **Use hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the building**
- **Wear a mask / face covering while in the Church**
- **Follow the directions of the volunteer stewards**

Please Note: You can come to ANY Mass. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days is suspended. Please do not all come to Sunday Mass – if you can come to another Mass, please do so. We only have 38 places plus 2 on the Sanctuary. If you can come Saturday, all the better.

The Church in Newcastle Emlyn: will remain closed until further notice, as there is not adequate room to provide for social distancing rules needed to allow us to celebrate Mass in reasonable numbers. Please God, we will open soon.

We all have a role to play in caring for each other: whether it be in observing social distancing, or keeping in touch with someone living alone. Whatever it is, let us do our best to show the love of God in the smallest things of each day.

Pope St Pius X: born Giuseppe Sarto (2 June 1835 – 20 August 1914), was a great innovator and reformer, and in the 11 years he was pope, he brought about changes that we take for granted today, such as – frequent reception of Holy Communion (as this was not the custom before this time), and he lowered the age of reception of Holy Communion to what we have today. He was a frugal man all his life, and became a great preacher and showed active care of the poor and downtrodden. He had a great love of Our Lady, and is known as the Pope of the Holy Eucharist. St Pius, pray for us.

Giving financial support to our parishes: there is no collection taken at Mass at the moment, as it presents a risk of contamination or spread of the coronavirus, however, there is a bucket at the back of the Church for you to put in your usual collection. An easier way to make a regular donation is to set up a standing order with your bank. Please either collect a form from the wardens or Fr Phillip to set up a direct debit to either Cardigan or Newcastle Emlyn Parishes, and if you pay TAX, please ask for a gift aid form also, as this allows our parishes to claim money from the government, at no charge to the donor. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support.

You can watch daily Mass on the internet

- www.churchservices.tv
 - www.mcnmedia.tv
 - www.ewtn.com
 - www.youtube.com/godzdogz
 - www.walsingham.org.uk
 - www.vaticannews.va/en.html
- Sky TV EWTN on channel 588

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Response to the psalm :- “Your love O Lord is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.”

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it."

- St. Augustine

A short reflection

In the Gospel today, as Jesus is walking with his followers, he turns and asks them a direct and somewhat strange question; ‘*Who do people say that the Son of Man is?*’ They offer him a list of names that they have probably heard in the market place and on street corners. Jesus responds with a more personal and demanding question; ‘*But you, who do you say that I am?*’ It is clear, that with this second question Jesus is not interested in gossip, rumours or hearsay. He is asking for a very personal and heartfelt response from his closest friends. Peter steps forward as the voice of the group and replies with courage and conviction, ‘*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*’. Peter is rewarded for his faithful response by being given a new name; Peter the Rock upon whom the church will be built. Imagine Jesus standing with you right now. He looks at you, calls you by your name and asks, ‘*Who do people say that the Son of Man is?*’ Like those in the gospel, you might offer a list of names you have heard others use or read in books. Jesus looks directly at you and then asks, ‘*But you, who do you say that I am?*’ This is a very different and challenging question that requires reflective response on our part. You have heard the question, what is **your** response?

As we grow up and develop, hopefully there were people; parents, teachers, catechists and preachers who have introduced us to the person of Jesus. But there comes a time when we need to make a personal choice about Jesus for ourselves. There are so many books that will help us to discover who Jesus is; these are very helpful and important and they have their place. But in the end, Jesus looks at you and asks, *who do you say that I am? Who am I for you?* This question from Jesus is not meant to trip us up or catch us out; he simply wants to enter into a personal and intimate relationship with each of us. Jesus asks us the question and waits patiently and tenderly for our response.

This question of faith is still one that is asked of each of us today. Hopefully we meet and encounter Jesus though each other, in the Word of God and through the life of the sacraments. We are also being called and invited by Jesus to have a deep personal relationship with him on a daily basis. This does not mean that this is private; just between myself and Jesus; my friendship with Jesus is personal but never private. As a follower of Jesus, I am always connected to something bigger and richer than just myself; the Church – the Body of Christ. Today and over the coming days, take a little time to hear and listen to Jesus asking you personally, ‘*who do you say that I am?*’

– Br Michael Moore OMI