

Wednesday 25th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

THE NATIVITY OF OUR BLESSED LORD

6.00 p.m. (Tuesday) Vigil Mass of Christmas

*A Liturgy for, and involving, children.
Bring along all your family and friends.*

8.00 p.m. Vigil Mass at Caernarfon

12.00 Midnight Mass beginning with:
A Service of Lessons & Carols in Church from 11.30 p.m.

10.00 a.m. Mass at Dawn

(Note: No Evening Mass on Christmas Day)

Thursday 26th December—St. Stephen Mass 11.00 a.m.

Friday 27th December—St John Mass in Caernarfon 12.00 p.m.

Saturday 28th December—The Holy Innocents Mass 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 29th December—The Holy Family

Mass (Saturday) 6.00 p.m. - Caernarfon
(Sunday) 10.00 a.m. & 5.00 p.m.- Bangor

Monday 30th December—6th Day of Christmas Mass in Bangor 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 31st December—7th Day of Christmas Mass in Bangor 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 1st January 2019—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass in Bangor 12.00 noon

Sunday 5th January 2020—The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass (Saturday) 6.00 p.m. - Caernarfon
(Sunday) 10.00 a.m. & 5.00 p.m.- Bangor

Sunday 12th January 2020—The Baptism of the Lord

Mass (Saturday) 6.00 p.m. - Caernarfon
(Sunday) 10.00 a.m. & 5.00 p.m.- Bangor

The end of Christmastide

Please note: our participation in the Octave of Prayer for
Christian Unity will be on **Friday 24th January 2020 at 7.30**
p.m. Please ensure that we are well represented at this service
and at each of the events of the Unity Octave 2020



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ADVENT CALENDAR 2019



The Year of the Word - God speaks



"Advent has a two-fold character; as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembering directs the mind and the heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation."

Thomas Merton, in one of the essays collected in the book *Seasons of Celebration*, reviewed the way in which St. Bernard of Clairvaux approached the comings of Christ. The first advent was Christ's birth. The other will be at the end of time. Yet faith in these two stimulates recognition of a third, the advent of Christ in our church now today. Viewed from this perspective, the Advent liturgy is neither a romantic return to the Hebrew Scripture or Old Testament while we wait for the baby at Bethlehem, nor is it a faith induced exercise in expressing hope for an ever-receding *Parousia* (the second coming of Jesus). The Advent liturgy is neither nostalgic nor illusory. When parish communities take the tradition and enter into it fully they become Advent, ***"the people in, and through whom, Christ comes"***.

*As we begin our Advent journey why not bless your Advent Wreath at home?
Use the blessing prayer in the special leaflet available at the back of church*

Sunday 1st December – First Sunday of Advent

Mass (Saturday) 6.00 p.m. - Caernarfon
(Sunday) 10.00 a.m. & 5.00 p.m.- Bangor

Wednesday 4th December 6.00 p.m. Ysgol Ein Harglwyddes Christmas Fayre in the school hall

7.00 p.m. Bangor University Carol Service in Our Lady & St James Church - all are welcome

Thursday 5th December Children from Ysgol Santes Helen will be going to the 'Tree lighting' ceremony in the town square at 6.00 p.m. and following that will be singing in a carol service in Theatr Seilo

Saturday 7th December: Mass at 11.00 a.m. *followed by* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1.00 p.m. *with an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Sunday 8th December – Second Sunday of Advent

Mass (Saturday) 6.00 p.m. - Caernarfon
(Sunday) 10.00 a.m. & 5.00 p.m. - Bangor

12.30 p.m. Parish Christmas Lunch at The Celtic Royal Hotel Caernarfon

Polish Mass at 3.00 p.m. Fr. Ryszard will be here to celebrate Mass for all members of the Polish community. *Confessions available from 14.30.*

Polska Msza Swieta godzina 15:00: *Spowiedz Swieta od godziny 15:00. Ksiadz Ryszard przyjedzie celebrowac msze swieta wspolnie z polska spolecznoscia. Zapraszamy.*

*Why not bless your Christmas Tree at home?
Use the second prayer on the special Advent Blessings leaflet.*

Monday 9th December – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Solemnity

9.30 a.m. Mass in Church with children of our parish schools to celebrate our patronal feast

Saturday 14th: Mass at 11.00 a.m. *followed by* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1.00 p.m. *with an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Sunday 15th December – Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete – Rejoice!

Mass (Saturday) 6.00 p.m. - Caernarfon
(Sunday) 10.00 a.m. & 5.00 p.m.- Bangor

Monday 16th December 7.30 p.m. Parish Penitential Service
Visiting priests will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please come along, with all those you know, to seek forgiveness, healing and wholeness.

Tuesday 17th December Ysgol Ein Harglwyddes present A Miracle in Town and Papa Panov in Pontio at 1.30 p.m. Tickets £4.00 from Pontio box office

Wednesday 18th December 6.00 p.m.: Ysgol Santes Helen Christmas Show in Theatr Seilo - Sinderela.

Friday 20th December 9.30 a.m.: Mass in Our Lady's School for the end of term. Everyone is welcome!

Schools close for the holidays

Saturday 21st December: Mass at 11.00 a.m. *followed by* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1.00 p.m. *with an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

At Home at Tŷ Mair: *Today there will be the opportunity for some Christmas hospitality in Tŷ Mair. The wine will be mulling and the pies will be warming. Please do take some time to meet with fellow members of our parish community.*

Sunday 22nd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass (Saturday) 6.00 p.m. - Caernarfon
(Sunday) 10.00 a.m. & 5.00 p.m.- Bangor

Tuesday 24th December: Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Why not bless your Crib at home? Use the final prayer in the special leaflet