

## This Week: -

**Monday** Multi Cultural Week starts Llanrhidian School with Assembly w Aled Warwick & Fr Tim **9 am**

**Tues** Llanrhidian School in church, teaching Eucharist **1 pm**  
Mothers' Union, Llanrhidian Hall w Fr Nigel Doyle **2 pm**

**Thurs** St Madoc's prayer **9.30 am** School Gows **4.15 & 5 pm**

**Next Sunday** Worship Group & Sunday Schl St Gwyn's **11.15**

### Leading intercessions in January

**Llanrhidian** 3rd Fr Tim / Emilia; 10th Pam/ Susan; 17th Susan/Pam; 24th St Rhydian's C.S.; 31st tbc.

**St David's** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandra; 10<sup>th</sup> Maldwyn; 17<sup>th</sup> Emilia; 31<sup>st</sup> tbc.

**St Gwynour's** 3<sup>rd</sup> Pam E; 10<sup>th</sup> Pam D; 17<sup>th</sup> Diane; 31<sup>st</sup> Penny

### L'Arche Brecon

Vacancy for volunteer, live in, full board + £3000 pa. Ideal for gap year or other but must be over 18. Details from Fr Tim or contact manager direct: Zoë [zoe.porter@larche.org.uk](mailto:zoe.porter@larche.org.uk)

### Thursday Evening Lent Services in Gower

Preacher		
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Pennard	Nigel King
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St Gwynnours	Sue Waite
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	SWG????	?
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Llangennith	Nigel Doyle
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Bishopston	Justin Davies

Celebrants: Peter Brooks, Tim Ardouin, Carol Davies?, Glyn Austin & Andrew Pearce.

### Gower Confirmations

**6<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am:** Llangennith. Preparation beginning soo.

**Golau Seren Gŵyr** (Church for youngs)

**Sunday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**, Llanrhidian Hall, 10.45 am.

### Some Dates in February

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>** Multi-Culture/Multi-Faith Week  
Llanrhidian School (coming to church **Feb 2**)

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>** Prayers St Madoc Centre **10 am**

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** St Gwynour's Grant meeting **10.30 am**

Wardens and Treasurers meeting **11 am**

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup>** Ash Wednesday – ashing Llanrhids **10 am**

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** L'Arche seed group, Gorseinon **10 am**

**Feb 17<sup>th</sup>** Communion Swn y Gan & homes fr **11.15**

**Feb 18<sup>th</sup>** First<sup>t</sup> Lent Service, Pennard **7 pm**

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>** Spirituality sub-group, Oxwich Church  
**10 am till Noon**

### Gower Ministry Area Inauguration Service

**Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>**, Pennard Community Centre **3pm**

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## Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr



PRESENTATION OF CHRIST, CANDLEMAS

The Church in North Gower

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

## Candlemas Day

### The "Thin Time" between Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox

*Today is one of those ancient "pagan" memorials that morphed into a Christian feast of blessing and lighting candles—and even into America's "groundhog day." But both were pointing to the mythic "shadow" times of life, threshold space if you will, where God and mystery could be grasped in the interplay and interface between darkness and light (November 1-2 was the other "thin time," which became All Saints Day and All Souls Day). These are the "shadowlands" where we discover Mystery and ourselves.*

*Don't believe people who say we did not build on our pagan roots and traditions. The foundations were already there, as the Holy Spirit has been guiding humanity since our very beginnings. As Catholic theology insisted, "grace builds on nature" and probably can only build on nature, and human nature is always "shadowy," a mixed blessing.*

*Let's use this "thin time" to rediscover and accept our deepest nature. For remember, nothing is secular or pagan unless it is superficial. To go to the depths of anything is to discover the sacred, and the holy.*

~ Fr. Richard Rohr OFM

