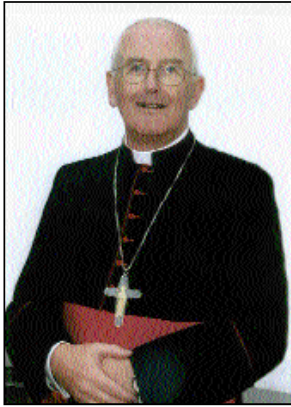


**THE RIGHT REVEREND
THOMAS MATTHEW BURNS, S.M.
11th Bishop of Menevia**

The Bishop's Engagements during 2010

March

- Tuesday 2nd** - Prestatyn UCM Conference - all day
 - Tuesday 9th** - Burry Port parish - Lenten Station Mass - 7 pm
 - Wednesday 10th** - Rhayader - Ecumenical Commission Meeting - 10.30 am
 - Thursday 11th** - Becon Parish - Lenten Station Mass - 7 pm
 - Saturday 13th** - Mumbles Parish - Confirmations - 6.30 pm
 - Sunday 14th** - Mumbles Parish - Parish Masses - 8.30 and 10.30 am
 - Wednesday 17th** - Haverfordwest Parish - Lenten Station Mass - 7 p.m.
 - Friday 19th** - Cathedral - Patronal Feast Mass - 11 am
 - Monday 22nd** - St Mary's parish, Carmarthen - CSAS meeting - 6 pm
 - Thursday 25th** - Port Talbot parish - Lenten Station Mass - 7 pm
 - Wednesday 31st** - Cathedral - Chrism Mass - 11.30 am
- April**
- Thursday 1st** - Cathedral - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 pm
 - Friday 2nd** - Cathedral - Good Friday Liturgy - 3 pm
 - Monday 5th** - Lourdes - HCPT Pilgrimage
 - Thursday 19th** - Leeds - Bishop's Conference of England & Wales



Note: more information and additions to or alterations to any of above events will be published as and when available - WATCH THIS SPACE

**The following
Clergy & Religious
Appointments
have been announced**

- Aberystwyth/Aberaeron - Fr. Ross Patterson - Parish Priest
- Ammanford/Llandeilo/Llandovery - Fr. Carlito Reyes - Parish Priest and Fr. Michael Smith - Assistant Priest
- Brecon/Crickhowell - Fr. Phillip Harries - Parish Priest
- Carmarthen/Pontyberem/Lampeter - Fr. Morty O'Shea - Parish Priest and - SOLT Sisters - Parish Sisters
- Clydach/Ystradgynlais - Fr. Teyrn Williams - Parish Priest
- Gendros/Danygraig/Townhill - Fr. Cyril Thadathil - Parish Priest
- Gorseinon/Pontarddulais - Fr. Michael Fewell - Parish Priest and Fr Jimmy Sebastian - Assistant Priest
- Margam/Cymer - Fr. Paul Watson - Assistant Priest (Pro Tem)
- Swansea: St. David's - Fr. Ceirion Gilbert - Priest-in-Charge and Fr. Saji Cheruparambil - Assistant Priest
- Location TBC - Sr. Maz Clyne SM - Diocesan Vicar for Religious
- Location TBC - Sr. Pauline Cogan SM - Parish Sister

**Ad Limina Visit
24th January to 5th February 2010
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The detailed programme for the Ad Limina consisted of sessions with the major Congregations, Dicastries, Pontifical Councils, and other offices of the Holy See. In the evenings, there were liturgical and/or social engagements at the Venerable English College, the Beda College, and the British Embassy to the Holy See. In addition, I took the opportunity to hone Menevia students' social skills at a local trattoria and catch up also on how their studies and formation were progressing. Mansel Usher and Paul Underwood have embarked well on their degree course at the Beda College; Liam Bradley continues to follow courses at the Angelicum, with preparations well in hand for his Ordination to the Diaconate on 14 July at Palazzola; and Andrew Cole enters the final stages of his Doctorate in Canon Law, with a view to defending his thesis in 2011.

Pope Benedict's address to the Bishops contained the first official confirmation that he would visit England and Scotland later this year (probably from 16 to 19 September). His comments on Equality were interpreted by the media as an attack on the Government. In fact, Benedict was speaking fraternally to us as his brother Bishops, so that he could show personally his pastoral support for us on these issues. In the light of what we had already mentioned in our respective reports to him, he underlined the moral stance that we were taking on matters of conscience and Church teaching, especially as these reflect natural law.

The atmosphere during this Ad Limina was cordial and positive overall, as well as being business-like. Vatican officials seemed to want to listen, in a spirit of sympathy and collaboration, to the questions and points of enquiry that we wished to raise with them. Responses to these issues are expected in the next few months, as preparations continue for the Papal Visit to these lands and a programme published.

+ Tom M Burns, Bishop of Menevia

Jubilees of Bishop Mullins & Canon Mullins

On April 1st, Bishop Mullins will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Bishop and Canon Mullins, on May 28th, the 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

There will be a joint celebration Mass, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, on Tuesday 27th April 2010 at 1130 a.m. and all will be welcome to attend

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'Year of the Priest'

Closure Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral
 Thursday 24th June 2010 at 6.30 p.m.

In our diocese we have marked this 'Year of the Priest' by prayers for vocations, and with the Icon of Jesus Christ the High Priest which is touring the diocese.

All are invited to attend this Closure Mass at the Cathedral to conclude the 'Year of the Priest'

World Youth Day in Madrid

The next World Youth Day will be held in Madrid from the 16th - 21st August 2011

Further information of this event will be published in Menevia News and through Parish Priests when available