



**St Dyfrig's Catholic Church**  
**treforest.pontypriddRCdeanery.org.uk**

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Cardiff  
 Registered Charity no. 242380

**Year (A) Weekdays: Cycle II**  
**Psalter Week 2**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

## **PARISH NEWS**

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** The Society for the Protection for Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next week (11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Jan). In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** We would like to thank everyone for the support we have received this year. We are very grateful to all who have made financial donations and to those who have helped to support in other ways. We do not wish to overload parishioners with financial requests so the £2 Coin Collector has been put aside until the New Year. In January we will make it available again for any £2 coin donations.

**ACCOMODATION WANTED** for further details please see Fr Allan

**THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES UNTIL 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.** Please see the timetable at the back of the newsletter for details of the Services of the Word with Holy Communion

**BAPTISM COURSE** The next course will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery. Those interested in attending please contact either Margaret (404553) or Brenda (202959) or speak to Fr Allan.

**FRIENDS OF ST DYFRIG – CHRISTMAS 2013** 1<sup>ST</sup> Mrs A Parker; 2<sup>nd</sup> Veronica Power; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ms A Yates; 4<sup>th</sup> Ms A Yates; 5<sup>th</sup> Simon Griffiths; 6<sup>th</sup> Mrs M Wide.

Once again may I thank you for your support. We are desperately seeking **NEW MEMBERS**. This fund raiser for our church has suffered through loss of numbers in the last year. For only £1 per month there is the opportunity to win cash prizes every month. Please support the parish by introducing a friend or maybe by taking out another number or if you are not already a member then consider joining the scheme. To do this just contact Sheila Pugh (01443 203492) Subscriptions are due in January. Thank you, Sheila.

**Please pray for Marjorie Veronica Hunt who died on Christmas Day.** Her Funeral Service will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon in St Dyfrig's.

## **PARISH COLLECTIONS**

**14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013:** Gift Aid: £267; Loose Collection: £326.43; Heating: £59.95

**21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2013:** Gift Aid: £222; Loose Collection: £321.40

**28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013:** Gift Aid: £193; Loose Collection: £231.27

## **HYMN NUMBERS**

**Sat eve:** Entrance 722; Offertory 273;  
Communion 155; Recessional 651



## **CHAPLAINCY AT THE MEETING HOUSE**

There will be a Service of the Word with Holy Communion at the Meeting House on

Thursday of this week. Please see next week's newsletter for details of further services. Mass will resume on the 29<sup>th</sup> January. For future events see the website: [chaplains.southwales.ac.uk](http://chaplains.southwales.ac.uk)

## **OTHER NEWS**

**CHORAL EVENING PRAYER:** To Celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Choral Evening Prayer will be held at St David's Cathedral, Charles Street, Cardiff, CF10 2SF on Sunday January 19th 2014, at 3.00pm. All are welcome. Come and join in the hymns, prayers and psalms. It will be followed by tea & coffee at 'The Cornerstone'. For further details contact: Canon Peter Collins, Tel. 029 2023 1407

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** It will be held in Emmaus centre, Bristol on 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2014. This is an opportunity for married couples to enjoy quality time

away from the distractions of jobs, children and interruptions. The aim is to create a warm atmosphere in which you can explore and share your feelings, hopes, joys, fears and disappointments whilst learning to improve communication and deepen your relationship. The focus of the weekend is on your own relationship and you do not have to share any personal details with others. Weekends are catholic in origin but all married couples of any or no faith are welcome. If you want to book, please visit the website: [wwme.org.uk](http://wwme.org.uk) If you would like further details, please contact Ian and Teresa MacCallum, 'phone 01249 656145 or email [iandtmaccallum@talktalk.net](mailto:iandtmaccallum@talktalk.net)

**JOB ADVERTISEMENT:** The Governing Body of Mary Immaculate High School is seeking to appoint an inspirational and effective Catholic leader to join the school in September 2014. For further details please see poster in the Narthex.

**IF YOU NEED A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS – (UNTIL THE 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY)** please contact Fr John Phillips at St Thomas' Abercynon on 01443 740353 or Fr John Kelly at St Helen's, Caerphilly on 029 20883192

**A VERY BIG "THANK YOU"! TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR GOOD WISHES, KINDNESS AND YOUR GENEROSITY OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD. They are very much appreciated by both Fr Allan and Deacon Michael.**

## **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS – FR. JOHN MEREDITH**

The funeral arrangements for the late Fr. John Meredith, parish priest of Maesteg with Aberkenfig, have been confirmed. Fr. Meredith died on St. Stephen's Day (26th December) following a short illness. The funeral arrangements are as follows:

### **Monday 6 January**

**6.00 pm** Reception of Body and Mass: Our Lady & St Patrick, Maesteg

### **Tuesday 7 January**

**11.00 am** Funeral Mass: St David's Cathedral, Cardiff

**1.30 pm** Burial: Porthcawl Cemetery

### ***“FR. JOHN MEREDITH R.I.P***

*“Fr. John Meredith died unexpectedly on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. He was sixty three years old and had been a priest for twenty five years.*

*“John Paul Meredith was born on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1950 in Bridgend. He was educated at Cynfig Comprehensive School and went on to further education at Swansea College where he obtained an HND in Business Studies and became a graduate of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply. He put this expertise to good use in his fourteen year career as a Buyer for British Steel at Port Talbot.*

*“An Anglican by upbringing, he was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church in 1982. Two years later he was accepted for the Diocese as a candidate for the priesthood and undertook his studies at St. Kieran's College Kilkenny. He was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop John Aloysius Ward on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1988.*

*“He served as an assistant priest in a number of parishes: St. Helen's Barry, St. Dyfrig's Treforest, and St Mary's Bridgend. He was Catholic chaplain at the University of Cardiff from 1994-1998, followed by ten years as parish priest at Cwmbran. In 2009 he moved to Our Lady and St. Patrick, Maesteg. Having obtained a Master of Arts in Theology at Lampeter, he served as Diocesan Master of Ceremonies, a member of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission and Diocesan representative on the Historic Churches Committee for Wales and Herefordshire. He also served as Dean of North Gwent for ten years.*

*“Diagnosed with cancer just six weeks ago, John intended to carry on as normal for as long as possible. He accepted his illness with resignation and faith. Although increasingly fragile, he managed to celebrate two Masses for Christmas for his parishioners at Maesteg. This was typical of his humble, selfless commitment to his ministry. May he rest in peace.”*

Canon Joseph Boardman V.G.

---

**† Liturgy/Masses for 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014    12<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

---

<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>		No Morning Prayer or Mass
	<b>5.15pm</b>	Reconciliation
<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass for Epiphany of the Lord ( <i>J &amp; A Redman</i> )
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	
	<b>10.30am</b>	Mass ( <i>People of the Parish</i> )
		Refreshments after Mass
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>9.45am</b>	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>9.45am</b>	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>9.45am</b>	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>9.45am</b>	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>9.45am</b>	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.45am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00am</b>	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	<b>5.15pm</b>	Reconciliation
<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass ( <i>John Burke</i> )
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	
	<b>10.30am</b>	Mass ( <i>People of the Parish</i> )
		Refreshments after Mass

**Parish Priest:** Father Allan Davies-Hale

**Deacon:** Michael Doyle

Broadway, Treforest, CF37 1DB

Tel: 01443 402 439

Mobile: 07796 950 423

Email: [st.dyfrigrtreforest@rcadc.org](mailto:st.dyfrigrtreforest@rcadc.org)

**Website:** [treforest.pontypriddRCdeanery.org.uk](http://treforest.pontypriddRCdeanery.org.uk)

**Safeguarding Representative:** Mrs Maggie White 01443 410593

**Parish Hall Bookings:** Mrs Julia Gilbertson 01443 205041

**Schools:**

St Michael's Primary (Acting Head: Mr M Chapple) 01443 486840

Cardinal Newman Comprehensive (Head: Mr J O'Sullivan) 01443 494110

**Hospital Chaplains:**

Royal Glamorgan Chaplain: Fr Silvio (01443 421929 or 07711 804733)

The Heath, Cardiff Chaplain: Br Brian (029 2074 3230)