



## St Dyfrig's Catholic Church

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

Year (A) Weekdays: Cycle II  
Psalter Week 1  
**FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

### **PARISH NEWS**

**VISIT BY ARCHBISHOP GEORGE** - The Archbishop will visit the parish next weekend and celebrate the Sunday morning Mass. After which he will be meeting with some parishioners as a follow up to the Pastoral Strategy meeting a few months ago. I am sure you will make him feel welcome.

**RECONCILIATION/FIRST CONFESSION PRAYER PARTNERS** - Well done to our First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Candidates who made their First Reconciliation this weekend. Thanks to all who had some hand in preparing for this special moment in their lives. As part of our parish commitment to support our children in their preparation you could devote some time each day to pray for them. Please have a look at the display at the back of Church for "Prayer Partners".

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - The purpose of Children's Liturgy is to enable our children, of primary school age, to explore the message of the Gospel at their level of understanding. Liturgy rotas for Saturday and Sunday, an outline of the celebration, with accompanying worksheets, are prepared and distributed to allow plenty of time for preparation of individual sessions. In order to continue to provide

this service for our children we are requesting volunteers to join our loyal teams. To comply with safeguarding guidelines we must ensure that 3 cleared volunteers are present at each session. If you would like to share in this ministry please see Sue Cleary, Maggie White, Fr. Allan or Deacon Michael.

**THE RITE OF ELECTION OF THE RCIA** - Every year those from the parishes of the Archdiocese who are preparing to be baptised or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil are presented to the Archbishop at a special ceremony at St David's Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent. This will take place **TODAY** at 3.00pm. Do come along and offer your support to our candidates.

**CONFIRMATION** sessions continue on Thursday at 6.30pm in the Annexe.

**THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE** will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. We already have some couples who have expressed an interest. Please note that there won't be another session until September. Please contact Margaret (01443 404553) or Brenda (01443 202959).

**IRISH NIGHT 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Music from 'Cheatin' Hearts'. Bar available; bring your

own food. Doors open 7:30pm. Tickets: Adults - £5.00; Children/Students - £2.00; proceeds to Church Restoration Fund. Telephone: Dave Rossiter (01443) 491397 or Christy Cleary (01443) 409083.

**APF MISSIO** Ann Hobbs is retiring as Secretary of Missio (Red Box Collection). If there is anyone who would like to take over from her, would they please contact Fr Allan or telephone Ann on 406277 for more information

**PARISH DIRECTORY** Please send items to **Roland Fletcher** [fletcherfletcher@btinternet.com](mailto:fletcherfletcher@btinternet.com) or the parish email, or hand them in to the presbytery.

**CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING - TUESDAY** from 4.00pm – 7.00pm. This will provide an opportunity for students and parents to meet with tutors; to discuss the range of courses on offer and see the facilities available. The open evening will be held at the new sixth form centre based at the Nantgarw Campus of Coleg y Cymoedd.

**DEANERY STATION MASS** to be held on here at St. Dyfrig's on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm.

**PONTYPRIDD CHRISTIANS TOGETHER - LENTEN LUNCH 2014** Thanks to all who supported the Lenten Lunch we hosted on Friday. Details of other Lenten Lunches are below. The proceeds from the lunches go to Christian Aid. Thank you.

14<sup>th</sup> March: St John's (Graig)  
21<sup>st</sup> March: Castle Square URC (Treforest)

28<sup>th</sup> March: St.David's (Hopkinstown)  
4<sup>th</sup> April: Bethel Baptist (Hawthorn)  
11<sup>th</sup> April: Coedpenmaen Baptist (Trallwn)  
18<sup>th</sup> April: St. Catherine's (Pontypridd)

Suggested Donation £2.50

Fairtrade Stall at Each Venue

The next meeting of the PCT will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St Dyfrig's church hall annex.

**YOUTH CLUB** will restart **this Friday**.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – this Friday**.

Envelopes available in the Narthex for your donations.

### **PARISH COLLECTIONS**

*1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2014: Gift Aid: £270.42; Loose Collection: £411.29 Thank you all very much indeed.*

**FUNDRAISING GROUP** - Father Allan spoke last week about Fund raising (for day to day running of the Church and for the essential repairs to the presbytery, hall and Church) and the planning, organising and arranging of social activities. A small group have met to discuss how we could as a Parish develop these two tasks. If you would like to be involved in any way you would be most welcome to join us.

**Our next meeting will be on 24th March at 7.00pm (in the Annexe).**

There will also be a form at the back of the Church for suggestions for Fund raising and ideas for social activities. You could also send your ideas to Roy Mayo at [mayofam@btinternet.com](mailto:mayofam@btinternet.com). or telephone 01443 209850.

## CHAPLAINCY AT THE MEETING HOUSE

St Dyfrig's is the base for the Catholic Chaplain, Fr Allan. There will be mass at the Tramsheds Building this week. However, there will be mass at the Meeting House Treforest Campus at 12.15pm on Thursday. For future events at St Dyfrig's see the newsletter and for other events, see the University of South Wales website: [chaplaincy.southwales.ac.uk](http://chaplaincy.southwales.ac.uk)

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** If you know of any project, person or group of people who need SVP support please let us know. Please be aware, that there is also a holiday fund available through the District SVP. Also there is an SVP box in the narthex and details of projects, people or groups that need help can be placed in this box. Everyone is more than welcome to come along to the meeting and find out more about the Society. Many thanks for your continued support

## OTHER NEWS

**DIVINE MERCY LENTEN RETREAT** to be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00am - 4.00pm at St David's Cathedral Cardiff. All are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch.

**THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL** An Adult formation Programme will be held at the Cornerstone, St David's Cathedral every Tuesday at 1.45pm – 3.15pm. Bring a packed lunch. Free Tea and Coffee will be served.

**10 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** in early November led by Fr. Richard Aziati of All Saints Parish (Newport). Estimated cost £950 includes flights, services of a guide, half-board accommodation. If interested contact Anita on 01633 842193 or [pilgrimage@dewsland.co.uk](mailto:pilgrimage@dewsland.co.uk)

**WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** – 26<sup>th</sup> July (by Coach) or 27<sup>th</sup> July (by air) – 1<sup>st</sup> August. Prices from £465pp. See poster in Narthex for more information.

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU** - Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm, the doors of St. Dyfrig's are open and The Light is ON for you! Bring a Catholic family member or friend, come in, and rediscover our heavenly Father's heart of mercy in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also called Confession). You won't be judged and a very warm welcome awaits you. To find Confession times in other parishes and for additional resources visit <http://www.rcadc.co.uk/the-light-is-on-for-you.html> Also see: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/confession](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/confession)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** From 5<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil opposite the BPAS clinic in St. Mary's street Cardiff from 8am to 8pm. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Clare Jackson 07580 275698; [clare40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:clare40daysforlife@gmail.com) or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/cardiff](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cardiff).

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† Liturgy/Masses for 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014

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<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Mass ( <i>Theresa Trainor</i> )
	<b>10.30am</b>	Celebration of First Reconciliation
	<b>5.15pm</b>	Reconciliation
<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass ( <i>Shirley Tovey</i> )
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A</b>	
	<b>10.30am</b>	Mass ( <i>The People of the Parish</i> ) Refreshments after Mass
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>9.45am</b>	Mass ( <i>Thomas Cassidy - Sick</i> )
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>9.45am</b>	Mass ( <i>Gerard Jenkins</i> )
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>9.45am</b>	Mass ( <i>Tom Finnegan - Sick</i> ) <i>At mass today we will be joined</i> <i>by Class 4 of St Michael's Primary School</i>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions from 7 – 8pm</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>9.45am</b>	Mass ( <i>Peggy Tuck nee Webber</i> )
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>9.45am</b>	Mass <i>Exposition will take place after mass and will end at 4pm</i> <i>with the Divine Mercy prayers and Benediction</i>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.45am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
	<b>5.15pm</b>	Reconciliation
<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Mass ( <i>People of the Parish</i> )
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A</b>	
	<b>10.30am</b>	Mass ( <i>Agnes Thomas</i> ) Refreshments after Mass

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

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