



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 2
**PALM SUNDAY
& HOLY WEEK**

HOLY WEEK

I now invite you to enter into the most holy week of the Church's calendar. These final days in the earthly life of Jesus begin with his triumphal entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem. The liturgy of Palm Sunday too begins with this joyful entry into Jerusalem, the procession with palm branches. These branches are not simply blessed objects, but signs of joyful participation in this procession and an expression of the faith of the Church in Christ. Later we listen attentively to the account of the Passion from St Matthew's Gospel. There is therefore this double characteristic, glory and suffering, the characteristic which is present throughout the whole of Holy Week.

What do we do from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday?

Holy Thursday brings the end to Lent. The mass of the Lord's Supper begins the Three Days that are the centre of our year. Why are these Three Days - the "Triduum" so important? What do they mean for you? You are invited to make these Three Days different from all the days of the year.

Someone called "Gabe Huck" says, "Adults in the community are invited to plan ahead so that the whole time from Thursday night until the Easter Vigil is

free from social engagements, ... free of entertainments, free of meals except for the simplest nourishment. We are asked during Good Friday to continue fasting" (and also abstain from meat). The "Three Days Fast keeps going all through Holy Saturday so that we come to the Easter Vigil hungry and full of excitement! We make Good Friday and Holy Saturday free for prayer and reflection and preparation and silence. The church is getting ready.

Whether we are young, old, currently active in the parish or not, please set these days aside. All of us should know that our presence at the liturgies is not just by invitation. We are all needed here. All of us need this whole community together on its greatest days. Please see the times of the various liturgies and events and above all come on Saturday night for the Vigil.

We begin as Holy Thursday ends.

At the mass of the Lord's Supper we do something strange. We wash feet. Some of us go down on our knees with pitchers of water, basins and towels. Jesus gave us this image of what the church is supposed to look like, feel like, and act like. This is a rehearsal for Christian life; as is the next thing we do, which is take a collection for the poor. In our parish this will be given to the **Let**

The Children Live Charity. This mass has no ending. Whether we stay to pray or leave, we are now in the quiet and peace and glory of the Triduum.

And we continue through Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

We gather quietly on Friday and listen to scripture. We pray for all the world's needs. Then there is something that, once again, we only do once a year. The holy cross is held up and we come forward one by one to do reverence with a kiss, a bow or a genuflection. The rest and quiet continue all through Saturday. This is Christ's repose in the tomb.

Until the night between Saturday and Sunday.

The intention is that we arrive at the Easter Vigil hungry and excited! The church gathers in darkness and lights a new fire and a new candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible and we pray to our saints to stand with us as we go to the font and bless the waters. In St Dyfrig's one adult will be baptised. At this point in the Vigil death and life meet. Together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. Easter Sunday begins and we are ready for the Fifty Days of rejoicing until Pentecost Sunday!

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER THE EASTER VIGIL TO CONTINUE THE CELEBRATIONS IN A DIFFERENT KEY!

DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICE There will be a Deanery Penitential Service on the Monday 14th April at 7.00pm here in St Dyfrig's.

HOLY WEEK AND THE TRIDUUM – Please see the lists in the Narthex asking for volunteers for the Holy Week and Triduum ministries.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Easter Raffle There is a box in the Narthex for donations to our Easter Raffle- items to make up an Easter hamper, wine, biscuits, etc. Tickets will be available soon. Thank you.

Quiz Night We will be holding a quiz night on Friday 25th April. Doors open 7.30pm.

Thank You to all the Sunday Coffee Patrons. We have raised £165 for church funds!

Future Events

31st May - Steve Derrick Cabaret Night

20th June - Phoenix Choir

19th July- Race Night

FOR A TRIAL PERIOD the church will remain open for private prayer until 5.00pm each day during the week from Monday to Friday. Of course the church will be open longer than usual during Holy Week.

THE YOUTH CLUB is closed until after half term. We will be starting up again on Friday 6th June at 6.30pm.

SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS If anyone has inadvertently taken any of the crosses, please can they be returned? Thank you.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

5th/6th Apr 2014: Gift Aid: £319.58; Loose Collection: £287.47

HYMN NUMBERS Sat eve: Entrance tbc; Offertory 273; Communion 870; Recessional 593

FRIENDS OF ST DYFRIG'S – MARCH 2014

1st Prize Jenny Coggins 2nd Prize Brenda Slaughter 3rd Prize Mrs J Sullivan 4th Prize Teresa de Ste Croix 5th Prize Mr A Cordani



CHAPLAINCY AT THE MEETING HOUSE

St Dyfrig's is the base for the Catholic Chaplain, Fr Allan. As we have now come to the end of the term and the Easter Vacation has begun there won't be masses either at Glyntaf or The Meeting House. Please see the newsletters and website for details regarding the Summer Term. See the University of South Wales website: chaplaincy.southwales.ac.uk

PONTYPRIDD CHRISTIANS TOGETHER

GOOD FRIDAY

Walk of Witness

Meet 11:45am at Pontypridd Museum

Soup, Bread & Cheese Lunch

12.45 – 2.00 - St David's Uniting

Church Hall

suggested donation £2.50

EASTER DAY

"Sonrise Service"

6.30 am – Rockingstone on

Pontypridd Common

ALL WELCOME

OTHER NEWS

CARDINAL NEWMAN - SITE MANAGER ADVERT The Governing Body of Cardinal Newman Comprehensive wish to appoint a motivated and forward thinking Site Manager to help raise standards at this successful and aspirational school. Applications are invited from candidates with experience of general property maintenance and the ability to lead a caretaking team. For further details, to express an interest or to apply please visit www.cardinalnewman.co.uk

CELEBRATE WALES WEEKEND 3rd – 4th May at Corpus Christi High School. Pick up a leaflet at the back of the church, download a booking form at the website www.celebrateconference.org/wales or phone 07961 346343 for more details.

† Liturgy/Masses for 12th – 20th April 2014

Saturday 12th April	10.00am	Mass (<i>Roger Atkins</i>)
	5.15pm	Reconciliation
<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	6.00pm	Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)

Sunday 13th April	Palm Sunday of the PASSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A
	10.30am Mass (<i>Special Intention - MR</i>) Refreshments after Mass
Monday 14th April	9.30am Morning Prayer 9.45am Mass (<i>James Kelly – deceased</i>) 7.00pm Deanery Penitential Service
Tuesday 15th April	9.30am Morning Prayer 9.45am Mass (<i>Bernadette Curtin – deceased</i>)
Wednesday 16th April	11.30pm Chrism Mass at St David’s Cathedral, Cardiff
Thursday 17th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIDUUM 7.30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper (<i>Brian Dyer</i>) Watching until 10.00 pm 10.00pm Night Prayer
Friday 18^h April <i>Good Friday</i>	9.45am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.45am Children’s Stations of the Cross 12 noon Walk of Witness, Pontypridd 3.00pm Passion of the Lord <i>inc. reading of the Passion,</i> <i>Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion</i> 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 19th April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	19.45am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 11.00am Blessing of gifts and food for the Polish Community 8.30pm EASTER VIGIL (<i>Ron & Emily Wide & Sheila Loveless</i>) <u>Followed by an Easter Celebration in the Church Hall</u>
Sunday 20th April	EASTER SUNDAY 10.30am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) THE END OF THE TRIDUUM

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