



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
**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

PARISH NEWS

BLESSING OF THE GROTTTO As you can see our Lourdes Grotto has been (for the most part) cleared of weeds and brambles and replanted with some beautiful plants and shrubs. It would be a shame to simply leave this unrecognised. We thank Robert Atkins for all his hard work. It seems appropriate that during the month of May – one of the months dedicated to Our Lady that we should bless the grotto. And so after morning Mass this Sunday there will be a short procession and service at the grotto. Everyone welcome to stay.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE HOLY LAND At 3.00pm this Sunday, 25th May, the Pope will be in Bethlehem praying for peace in that troubled land. There is an invitation to all parishes to hold a Holy Hour and Benediction at the same time, uniting ourselves with the pope's intentions and with his courageous initiative at this difficult time in the history of the Middle East. Here in St Dyfrig's we will be holding an hour of prayer at **4pm**. Please come and lend your ears and prayers to this event.

WANTED to complete the annual planting cycle of our grotto: 1 small blue and 1 pink hydrangea. If you could help, please phone 402048 or contact the parish office.

*** CABARET NIGHT ***

***31st May at 7.30pm
in the Church Hall***

Tickets are now available for the Steve Derrick Cabaret Night. Tickets £7.50 and you will have a meal – lasagne, salad & dessert, plus a fantastic night's entertainment. Tickets must be purchased before the event as we will need to know how many to cater for. A vegetarian option of vegetable lasagne will be available. Please state if you would like the veggie option when you buy your ticket.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION This mass will take place on Saturday 7th June at 10.30am.

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

PARISH COLLECTIONS

10th/11th May 2014: Gift Aid: £207.00;
Loose Collection: £297.85

HYMN NUMBERS Sat eve: Entrance 234;
Offertory 273; Communion 163;
Recessional 194

FRIENDS OF ST DYFRIG'S – APRIL 2014

91 - ES Griffiths (£50), 18 - S Martin (£20),
124 T. Meek (£10), 138 T Morgan (£10),
226 T Jones & M Carter (£10)

ST DYFRIG'S JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

The most recent meeting of the St Dyfrig's Justice & Peace Group took place at the church hall annex on Wednesday 14th May. The guest speaker at the meeting was Mr Richard Withers, the local representative of the Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Mr Withers told the meeting about the circumstances surrounding the setting up of ACN in the aftermath of World War II. The founder, Fr Werenfried van Straaten, a Dutch Norbertine priest, was so moved by the poverty and destitution that he found in Germany in the immediate post war period, that in a truly inspiring act of reconciliation he organised emergency relief to meet the material and spiritual needs of German Catholics and the wider community.

Today ACN works in 130 countries throughout the world, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians wherever they face persecution, oppression or pastoral need. Mr Withers pointed out that in many countries today being a follower of Jesus Christ can lead to discrimination, persecution or even death. Everyone present at the meeting spoke about how they came to understand the importance of supporting persecuted Christians through prayer and actions such as letter writing. Mr Withers handed out ACN prayer cards and encouraged everyone to continue to show solidarity with the suffering Church.

ACN Prayer for Persecuted Christians

Father in Heaven, you make your sun shine on good and bad alike.

Your Son Jesus Christ died for us all and in his glorious Resurrection.

He still retains the five wounds of his Passion.

With his divine power he now sustains all those who suffer persecution and martyrdom for the sake of their fidelity to the faith of the Church.

May persecuted Christians around the world remain, like Mary, their Mother, together at the foot of the cross of Christ the Martyr.

Comfort those menaced by violence and those oppressed by uncertainty.

May your Holy Spirit of love make fruitful the witness and the blood of those who die forgiving.

Amen.



CHAPLAINCY AT THE MEETING HOUSE

St Dyfrig's is the base for the Catholic Chaplain, Fr Allan. There won't be mass at either the Glyntaf Campus or the Meeting House this week. This is because Fr Allan has to attend the Archdiocesan retreat. Please see the newsletters and website for details regarding the Summer Term. See the University of South Wales website: chaplaincy.southwales.ac.uk

FUND RAISING GROUP FEEDBACK

The Fund raising group continue to meet regularly but new members would be most welcome. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3rd June at 6.00 pm.**

There have been several successful fund raising events. These have included; an Irish night, Easter raffle, a Quiz night and a sponsored walk. Recent events have included a Table Top sale and a Jumble sale.

The next Fund raising event will be a Cabaret Night, (see above). On 20th June there will be an evening with the Phoenix Choir and on 19th July there will be a Race Night. Please try and attend these events.

Other possible ideas that are being considered are a Tea Dance and a summer Family Day.

We are keen to receive any suggestions for Fund Raising. There is a form at the back of the Church where you can put any suggestion or you could email them to mayofam@btinternet.com, telephone 01443 209850 or attend a Fund Raising meeting.

OTHER NEWS

EXPLORING VOCATION WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE Following on from the Vocations appeal earlier in May, the diocese has launched a website to help people discern their vocation. www.cardiffvocations.com

LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT Do you need renewal in your Christian life and faith? Do

you want a “refresher” or perhaps you are looking for a “starter”? Do you know much about the Holy Spirit? A series of seven weekly gatherings will continue at St Brigid’s Church, Cardiff at 7.30pm. For more info tel 029 2075 2389 or email matthew@3churches.org

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION There will be Eucharistic Adoration for the unborn and their families from 9am – 6pm in St. David’s Cathedral Cardiff on Thursday 29th May with 12.45 Mass . All are welcome.

150 YEARS OF SSJA PRESENCE Join us to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy's arrival in Britain at an Open Day at Llantarnam Abbey, 21st June 2014, 10.30-3.00. Meet the Sisters, films, photographic exhibition, refreshments, shop, tours of the house. Free admission but donations welcome. Contact Sr. Marianne on 01633 252321 or ssjavocations@hotmail.com.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES from 26th July (by Coach) or 27th July (by air) to 1st August. Prices from £465pp. www.waleslourdes.com

† Liturgy/Masses for 24th May – 1st June 2014

Saturday 24th May **5.15pm** Reconciliation
First Mass of Sunday **6.00pm** Mass (*People of the Parish*)

Sunday 25th May **6th SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A**
 10.30am Mass (*Daniel Bernard Picton – RIP*)
 11.30am Blessing of the Grotto
 Refreshments after Mass
 4.00pm Holy hour for the Holy Land

The church is open for private prayer from 9.30am – 5.00pm during the week.

Monday 26th May **9.30am** Morning Prayer
St Philip Neri, Priest **9.45am** Mass

Tuesday 27th May **9.30am** Morning Prayer
 9.45am Mass (*Thanksgiving - Shrine Pappachan Vincy Pappachan*)

Wednesday 28th May **9.30am** Morning Prayer
 9.45am Mass (*Terry Lloyd Webb*)

Thursday 29th May **9.30am** Morning Prayer
 9.45am Mass (*For all those who have died*)

Friday 30th May **9.30am** Morning Prayer
 9.45am Mass (*Harold Robert Brown*)
 followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until
 3.00pm Divine Mercy prayers and Benediction

Saturday 31st May **9.45am** Morning Prayer
Visitation of **10.00am** Mass
 Blessed Virgin Mary **5.15pm** Reconciliation
First Mass of Sunday **6.00pm** Mass (*People of the Parish*)

Sunday 1st June **ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A**
 10.30am Mass (*Thanksgiving – 40th Wedding Anniversary D&M Priest*)
 Refreshments after Mass

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