



St Dyfrig's Catholic Church

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

Year (B) Weekdays: Cycle 1
Psalter Week 1
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT

Preparing for Christmas

"THE LIGHT IS ON" is the title of a national initiative to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in every parish in England and Wales throughout Advent. Here in **St Dyfrig's**, there will be the opportunity to go to Confession on the 3rd and 17th December and in **All Hallows** on the 10th December. Over in St Helen's Caerphilly on the 3rd, 10th and 17th December. All from 7 – 8 pm. Fr John Kelly will be at St Dyfrig's and All Hallows and Fr Allan will be at St Helen's Caerphilly

'WALK WITH ME: A Journey of Prayer for Advent and Christmastide 2014' Copies of this pocket-size booklet of prayers and reflections for Advent and Christmas 2014 are now available. 'Walk With Me' costs £1, copies are on sale at the back of the Church. Proceeds to Church funds. If you know of anyone who would benefit from the booklet then please take one.

WEEKDAY ROTAS If anyone would like to "sign up" for reading/Eucharistic ministry please sign the list at the back of Church.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

On Christmas Eve (24th December):
6.30pm Vigil Mass All Hallows
10.00pm Mass St Dyfrig's

On Christmas Morning :
9.15am Mass All Hallows
10.45am Mass St Dyfrig's.

Sheets are on the notice board in the narthex for you to enter your names for the various ministries.

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU! Our Autumn Fair last Saturday was a tremendous success: Thank God! Thank you St Dyfrig's for the lovely items you sent in. Thank you for attending on the day and many many thanks to the lovely help we had on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Our big "Thank You" goes to Julia who is unstinting with the time she spends on these fundraisers. We must thank two Fathers: Christmas and Allan! We had so many children visiting Santa that we ran out of sweets for them. But Fr Allan supplied a big bag of lovely sweets. Some kids even had a second helping and Santa didn't end up with egg on his face! Final total raised: £1,032. Thank you all and God Bless. Next Jumble Sale – Mid January. Anne

CHURCH CLEANERS You may have noticed how clean our church is: sacristy, porch and toilet. This is thanks to the hard work of our 3 teams of cleaners. We are all very grateful for their hard work but many of them are past 70. Would some younger people in our parish like to give a hand and keep God's house spick and span? Please see Fr Allan or a member of the PAC if you could spare 1 hour once a month. Thank you cleaners!

WANTED! *Plant pots for church grounds.*

MASS INTENTIONS Please use the brown envelopes in the narthex. It would be helpful to the Parish Office if parishioners could add their phone numbers in case of any query about dates requested etc. Thanks.

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL At the moment there are five places vacant on the PAC. Nomination forms will be available for you to nominate someone who you think could fill those positions. As with the last elections each person needs to be nominated and seconded as well. Please think carefully of people who could play an active role in the life of the parish and would be willing and able to do so. Existing PAC members will be visible by their name tags.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OAP CHRISTMAS DINNER 1pm on Sunday 14th December in the Parish Hall; There is a form in the Narthex for you to fill in name, address, telephone number and tick if you would like a lift.

CHRISTMAS DRAW After Mass on Sunday 14th December; Tickets now available.

COFFEE MORNING After Mass on Sunday 21st December. This will include a cake stall.

QUIZ NIGHT – moved to 17th January 2015; more details to follow soon.

TEXT BOOKS Some free text books in Marketing, Accountancy, Economics and Business Studies are available in a box in the Narthex. Students, please help yourselves.

FUNDRAISING GROUP Two weeks ago at Mass details of the need to improve the financial position of the Church were discussed. There was an appeal for an increase in weekly contributions and for funding for essential repairs needed in the Presbytery. The Fund Raising Group has received suggestions that parishioners, if they are able, make individual donations for these needed repairs. If you are able to make any contribution please put them in an envelope and if you gift aid please put the gift aid number on the envelope. Gift Aid Declarations, along with standing order forms are now available on our website under "Finance Appeal". There is also a link on our official Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/StDyfrigsTreforest

RCIA Three people have joined the RCIA group – Helen, Susan and Louisa. We all have different stories to tell with regards to our faith - a wonderful sign of the richness that is ours. For more details contact Fr. Allan or Cath and Tony Carroll on 01442 207576 or 07796 652319.

ST DYFRIG'S PENS The last few of these are available in the Narthex. Price £1 Each

PARISH COLLECTIONS

22nd/23rd Nov 2014 Gift Aid: £233.00;
Loose Collection: £397.50; Bazaar: £1,032

With many thanks to you all for your contributions.

FRIENDS OF ST DYFRIG'S

Nov 2014 £50 T Loveless; £20 J Gilbertson;
£10 Mrs M McCarthy; £10 Mrs S Coggins;
£10 Mr J Murray

University of South Wales CATHOLIC SOCIETY

Students should now have received the current newsletter from Cath Soc President Dan! If you haven't please see Fr Allan. It gives details about World Youth Day 2016, and other events besides. On Tuesday 2nd December there will be a Service in Church to reflect on the wonderful season of Advent. The theme of this Service will be "Waiting in Joyful Hope". It will start at 6.30pm. As usual there will be mass at the Meeting House, Treforest Campus on Thursday at 12.15. I realise that it is difficult for some to come along due to your lecture timetable but please know that you will be more than welcome especially in these last weeks before the end of term. Please check with the newsletter, Facebook etc if there are any changes. See www.USWCathSoc.org
www.facebook.com/USWCathSoc
www.twitter.com/USWCathSoc

OTHER NEWS

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION – LOURDES, MIRACLES & GRACE

On Wednesday 3rd December at the Catholic Chaplaincy on 62 Park Place, Mr. Patrick Coyle will be sharing his experiences as a Healthcare professional in Lourdes over the last 15 years with HCPT. There will be dinner (Spag Bol) provided at £2 a head for anyone interested. More details email Michaela Blackwell at Cardiffcmabranh@gmail.com

HEARTS OF GOLD CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT in St David Cathedral, Cardiff on Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm; tickets £5.00; Contact 02920 786521. Please see poster in the narthex.

GLORIA - CÔR GODRE'R GARTH A 40th Anniversary Concert on Saturday 6th December at St Catherine's Church, Pontypridd, at 7pm; Tickets £ 12 (£ 10 children and pensioners) - contact 07837 007 076 or corgodrergarth@gmail.com.

HOLY MASS at TINTERN ABBEY Saturday 6th December at 10am, followed in **Tintern Village Hall** at 11.30am Refreshments, 12noon Talk by Fr Thomas Dunton CSJ "*The Immaculate Conception – a mystery of mercy for a confused world*", 1pm Soup Lunch - Bring your own sandwiches if you wish, coffee and tea provided. Cost £5 (on the day) All are welcome to attend the Mass but remember to wrap up warm and bring a folding chair! Enter via the Abbey Shop. Public parking is available in the vicinity of the abbey. Please book for the talk & lunch by phoning 01594 530612 or email elizabethhunterjohnston@gmail.com.

Liturgy/Masses at St Dyfrig's Treforest and All Hallows, Miskin

Date	Time & Place	Service & Intention
<i>Evening: The Beginning of ADVENT & LITURGICAL YEAR B</i>		
Saturday 29th November	4.30pm St Dyfrig's 5.00pm St Dyfrig's 6.30pm All Hallows	Reconciliation Mass Marilyn & Jeff Shakespeare Mass People of the Parish
Hymn Numbers: Entrance 94; Offertory 362; Communion 521; Recessional 307		
Sunday 30th November <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	9.15am All Hallows 10.45am St Dyfrig's	Mass Marie & Roy Hopkins Mass People of the Parish Refreshments after Mass
Monday 1st December	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Service of the Word with Holy Comm.
Tuesday 2nd December	9.30am All Hallows	Mass Special Intention- L & C Jenkins
Wednesday 3rd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45am St Dyfrig's 7.00 – 8.00 pm St Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Mass Agnes Chidgey RIP "The Light Is On" - Reconciliation
Thursday 4th December	9.30am All Hallows	Mass Chris Murphy
Friday 5th December	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45am St Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Mass Marilyn Shakespeare Followed by Exposition until 3.00pm
Saturday 6th December	4.30pm St Dyfrig's 5.00pm St Dyfrig's 6.30pm All Hallows	Reconciliation Mass Stewart Reed Mass John McGrath RIP
Sunday 7th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.15am All Hallows 10.45am St Dyfrig's	Mass People of the Parish Mass People of the Parish Refreshments after Mass

PARISH DIRECTORY

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* * **Newsletter** All items for inclusion no later than 9am Thursday morning please * *