



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

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

**Year (B) Weekdays: Cycle 1**  
**Psalter Week 2**  
**THIRD SUNDAY**  
**OF ADVENT**

## ADVENT

“**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. On the 17<sup>th</sup> December from 7 – 8 pm Fr John Kelly will be available to hear Confession in **St Dyfrig's** and Fr Allan will be in St Helen's Caerphilly.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**On Christmas Eve** (24<sup>th</sup> December)

<i>All Hallows</i>	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
<i>St Dyfrig's</i>	9.30pm	Carols & Readings
	10.00pm	Mass

### **Christmas Morning**

<i>All Hallows</i>	9.15am	Mass
<i>St Dyfrig's</i>	10.45am	Mass

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

**CHRISTMAS CARD BOX** There is a 'postbox' in the narthex for those who wish to send cards to other parishioners. . A parishioner has suggested that instead of sending cards we donate a sum to the church. However, she hates writing cards and others love it! So it is very much a personal matter best left in your own hands.

## PARISH NEWS

**ALTAR SERVERS** There will be an altar servers practice on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm in the church. This will give us an opportunity for the servers to practice various roles. Come along whether you are attending Christmas Masses at St Dyfrig's or somewhere else!

**FOODBANK** The Pontypridd foodbank is grateful for all the food donated to the many local people who need this vital support especially at this time of year. Currently the following items are priorities: tins of meat or fish; tins of peas, carrots or other veg; longlife fruit juice or milk; tinned puddings - sponges or fruit; treats such as packs of individually wrapped chocolate biscuits or small bags of sweets for children. Many thanks for your generosity.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** As usual; we have boxes of biscuits and Christmas cards in the Sacristy to be given to people visited by SVP or Eucharistic Ministers. Would you please pick and deliver where appropriate and cross off names on the list. We take this opportunity to thank you all for your donations of cash or household material to SVP thru the year. God bless

you with a happy & holy Christmas.

**WINTER CAFÉ** The Winter Café is run by St. Dyfrig's parishioners and is located at St David's United Church, Gelliwastad Road, Pontypridd. It opens on a Sunday evening and provides a hot meal and drink for the homeless, roofless and lonely people in the local area. Many local supermarkets have been generous with their donations but a special mention must be given to Tesco, who have given many donations of soup & rolls over the past year. Thank you Tesco!

**THE PARISH DIRECTORY** has been compiled and is currently available online. It can be found via a link on the parish website, or by going directly to [www.pontypriddrcdeanery.org.uk/churches/treforest/Parish-Directory](http://www.pontypriddrcdeanery.org.uk/churches/treforest/Parish-Directory). If you have access to the webpage please take a look at it and provide any feedback to Roland Fletcher by either emailing [fletcherfletcher@btinternet.com](mailto:fletcherfletcher@btinternet.com) or phone 01443-204496. Hard-copies of the directory will be made available in January 2015.

**URGENTLY REQUIRED** Adults who can help with safeguarding the Altar Servers on a Saturday night. We should have 2 adults with the young altar servers at all times, but at present we have only one volunteer. Can you spare 15 minutes before Mass to be in the sacristy?

**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.

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

**THANK YOU** On the noticeboard in the narthex is a letter thanking everyone for the part proceeds of our last jumble sale. £250 was sent to the Philippines to Fr Shay Cullens who cares for girls & boys in prison. Thank you again. Your generosity and love go all over the world.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**CHRISTMAS DRAW** will be drawn after Mass this Sunday. Tickets still available.

**OAP CHRISTMAS DINNER** This Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm in the Parish Hall;

**COFFEE MORNING** After Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. This will include a cake stall.

**QUIZ NIGHT** – moved to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015; more details to follow soon.

## **FINANCE**

Thank you very much for the many donations to the appeal for one off donations for the urgent presbytery repair. A running total will be publicised shortly. Many thanks also to those who have increased their regular giving.

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](http://www.facebook.com/StDyfrigsTreforest)

Paper copies of both forms will be available in the narthex shortly.

**GRANTS FOR CHURCH RENOVATION & REPAIR** A team of parishioners have been working towards obtaining grants to fund the repairs urgently needed to prevent further damage to our historic church, presbytery and hall. It is a very slow process and requires a lot of planning and preparation. Next year we hope to submit applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

However, in his Autumn Statement, the Chancellor announced a new fund to repair the roofs and rainwater disposal systems of listed places of worship across the UK. We are intending to submit an application for help with repairs to the church roof. The closing date is January 30th so we have to meet a tight deadline. We will receive a decision in March and keep you informed about progress made with all our attempts to gain badly needed funding.

#### **PARISH COLLECTIONS**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014** Standing Orders received:  
Gift Aid £309; Non Gift Aid £122

**6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014** Gift Aid: £419; Loose Collection: £438.66; Heating GA: £54; Finance Appeal £100

*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. The last mass of the current term will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at 12.15 at the Meeting House, Treforest Campus 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 for this last mass before the end of term. Please check with the newsletter, Facebook etc if there are any changes. See [www.USWCathSoc.org](http://www.USWCathSoc.org)

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[www.twitter.com/USWCathSoc](http://www.twitter.com/USWCathSoc)

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **CARDINAL NEWMAN CAROL SERVICE**

Wednesday 17th December at 6.30 p.m.

Come and join us in preparing for the coming of the Lord this Christmas.

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

Date	Time & Place	Service & Intention
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b> December <i>St Lucy</i>	4.30pm St Dyfrig's 5.00pm St Dyfrig's 6.30pm All Hallows	<b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass People of the Parish</b> <b>Mass Colin Jones</b>
<b>Hymn Numbers: Entrance 220; Offertory 538; Communion 470; Recessional 297</b>		
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> December <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9.15am All Hallows 10.45am St Dyfrig's	<b>Mass People of the Parish</b> <b>Mass Osmund Paul</b> <b>Refreshments after Mass</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b> December	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Service of the Word with Holy Comm.</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b> December	9.30am All Hallows	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b> December	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45am St Dyfrig's 7.00 – 8.00 pm St Dyfrig's	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Mass Marilyn Shakespeare</b> <b>"The Light Is On" - Reconciliation</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b> December	9.30am All Hallows	<b>Mass Jonathan Scott</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b> December	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45am St Dyfrig's	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>Followed by Exposition until 3.00pm</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b> December <i>St Lucy</i>	4.30pm St Dyfrig's 5.00pm St Dyfrig's 6.30pm All Hallows	<b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass Stewert Reed</b> <b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b> December <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9.15am All Hallows 10.45am St Dyfrig's	<b>Mass</b> <b>Mass People of the Parish</b> <b>Refreshments after Mass</b>

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

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