



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 4
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS MASSES

On Christmas Eve (24th December)

All Hallows 6.30pm Vigil Mass
St Dyfrig's 9.30pm Carols & Readings
 10.00pm Mass

Christmas Morning

All Hallows 9.15am Mass
St Dyfrig's 10.45am Mass

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS Please make time to check if there are any cards left here for you this weekend. Thank you.

Friends of St Dyfrig's Dec 2014

M Priest £100; B Slaughter £50; K Lewis £20; Miss MP Basini Gazzi £10; Mrs M Davies £10; Mrs J Gregory £10.

May I take this opportunity to wish all members a merry Christmas and to thank you for your continued support. This fund raiser for our church always needs new members. The annual subscription of £13 is due in January and can be paid yearly or monthly. Still lots of numbers left. Contact: Sheila Pugh 01443 203492.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. ALLAN - a prayer for Christmas We thank you gracious God for your

presence, for rewarding our Advent stillness with the gift of yourself, for sanctifying our human flesh by dwelling as one among us. Open our eyes to the wonder of your glory, your power, your light, your Christmas peace. Let us experience the gift of the kingdom that you brought to earth on that first Christmas day. Help us today to bring your love and your gifts of goodness and peace to all the people we meet and all the people we think about on this holy, but hectic, day. O Come, O Come, Immanuel.

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who contribute to the life of our parish family and to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas that is filled with the joys and peace of this wonderful season. Fr Allan

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PARISH NEWS

ALTAR SERVERS There will be an altar servers practice on Tuesday 23rd 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 through 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!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD A very big 'thank you' to everyone who filled a shoe box this year. A total of 68 boxes were collected. Our best ever collection! These will be distributed to needy children in Zambia. If you would like to see the delight and excitement of one young boy who received a shoe box last year log onto www.samaritans-purse.org.uk or search for Operation Christmas Child UK on facebook. Many Thanks, Teresa Jones.

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. 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 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 put your name on the list at the back of Church.

OAP CHRISTMAS LUNCH: A parishioner wishes to express her thanks to all who worked so hard to make the lunch such a happy joyous occasion: excellent food, great waitress service and lots of love and good humour shown. May the parish experience the joys and blessings of the Christmas season. Thank you.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Many thanks to the Sunday Coffee Patrons: £20 was used to buy raffle licence, £110 was given towards OAP Xmas lunch and £60 towards church funds.

QUIZ NIGHT 17th 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

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 12/13 Dec:

Gift Aid Envelopes: £198

Loose Collection: £538.91

Gift Aid Heating: £30.46

With many thanks to you all for your contributions.

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

Date	Time & Place	Service & Intention
Saturday 20 th December	4.30pm St Dyfrig's 5.00pm St Dyfrig's 6.30pm All Hallows	Reconciliation Vigil Mass <i>Stewert Reed</i> Vigil Mass <i>Baby Lynch</i>
<i>Hymn Numbers (St Dyfrig's): Entrance 646; Offertory 273; Communion 141; Recessional 503</i>		
Sunday 21 st December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	9.15am All Hallows 10.45am St Dyfrig's	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Followed by the Children's Nativity Play Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Refreshments after Mass
Monday 22 nd December	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Service of the Word with Holy Comm.
Tuesday 23 rd December	9.30am All Hallows	Mass <i>Catherine McGillicuddy</i>
Wednesday 24 th December <i>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Christmas Vigil</i>	9.45am St Dyfrig's 6.30 pm All Hallows 9.30 pm St Dyfrig's 10.00 pm St Dyfrig's	Mass <i>Cornelius Hayes RIP</i> Vigil Mass Service of Carols and Readings Mass of Christmas Night <i>People of the Parish</i>
Thursday 25 th December <i>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Christmas</i>	9.15 am All Hallows 10.45 am St Dyfrig's	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Mass <i>Ferdous Thomasi & Simon Hormozi</i>
Friday 26 th December <i>St Stephen, The First Martyr</i>	12 noon St Dyfrig's	Mass <i>Cheryl Power</i>
Saturday 27 th December <i>St John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	4.30pm St Dyfrig's 5.00pm St Dyfrig's 6.30pm All Hallows	Reconciliation Mass <i>Martin McCabe & Baby Chown</i> Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 28 th December <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	9.15am All Hallows 10.45am St Dyfrig's	Mass <i>Mona & Ambrose O'Shea RIP</i> Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Refreshments after Mass

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