



# St Dyfrig's & All Hallows Catholic Churches

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**Sunday 29th November 2015**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year C)**

**Cycle II Psalter Week1**

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES & SERVICES**

Please note the following times. They are the same as last year.

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am	<b>Mass</b>	<i>All Hallows</i>
6.30pm	<b>Vigil Mass of Christmas</b>	<i>All Hallows</i>
9.30pm	<b>Service of Carol &amp; Readings</b>	<i>St Dyfrig's</i>
10.00pm	<b>Mass of Christmas Night</b>	<i>St Dyfrig's</i>

**There will be NO midnight Mass**

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

9.15am	<b>Mass of Christmas Morning</b>	<i>All Hallows</i>
10.45am	<b>Mass of Christmas Morning</b>	<i>St Dyfrig's</i>

There will be a **Christmas Carol Service** on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at **7.00pm** at All Hallows followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

## **YEAR OF MERCY**

The Year of Mercy, designated by Pope Francis, will officially begin on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of The Immaculate Conception and, as it happens, the Patron of our Diocese. As a Christian people, we believe in a kind, benevolent and forgiving God who sees no difference between peoples. This is what we mean by calling God 'merciful'. As baptized Christians incorporated into One Body of Christ, we are called to reflect the mercy of God in our daily lives, following the Lord's instruction 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy (Matthew 5:7). By showing mercy, we help continue the great work of Jesus in building up the Kingdom of God here on earth and live

out his call to 'store up treasure for yourself in heaven.'

Pope Francis says that being merciful is a powerful tool for evangelization; more powerful than standing on street corners handing out leaflets. The Year of Mercy is an invitation to both receive and live out the great virtue of mercy in our lives.

We can receive mercy into our own lives most powerfully through the Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confession. Throughout the year, as always, we shall have the opportunity to celebrate this most important sacrament. Apart from the regular times (4.30pm on Sat. in St Dyfrig's, 10.15 – 11.15am on 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of every month in All Hallows), there will be extra confessions during Advent and Lent. We shall also publish the times of confessions in our neighbouring parishes.

We also have prayer baskets, prayer cards, explanations of the Works of Mercy, and banners to help us focus on mercy over the next year. I am sure it will be a period of Grace for us all. **Fr. Allan**

## **NEWS FOR ALL**

### **NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

Please leave names to be entered in the Book of Remembrance in an envelope and place them in the basket provided.

**DATE FOR YOUR 2016 DIARY** Diocesan day of recollection for Ministers of Communion will be held at the Pastoral Centre, located in St Illtyd's High School, Cardiff on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

**Response to Psalm:** *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Jeremiah 33:14-16;* **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2;* **Gospel:** *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

**HOLY HOUR** On Tuesday 8th December at 7pm there will be a Holy Hour in St Dyfrig's on the theme of Mercy/Advent. It will be led by the students but all are parishioners are invited.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT** by **Kate Duffin** on Wednesdays at 7.30 – 8.55 pm in St Dyfrig's Parish Hall.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Exodus and Exile

9<sup>th</sup> Dec. The Prophets

The journey of the Hebrew people is a journey that would infuse history even to our present time, a journey in which the person of faith would see an unfolding of the history of salvation. This is a short programme offering an insight in to how this story becomes our story.

**VOLUNTEERING WITH MARRIAGE CARE** Have you ever longed to make a difference to society? Do you believe healthy relationships can lead to a better society? Would you like to gain skills and experience whilst helping others build better relationships? Then Marriage Care has the opportunity you are looking for!

Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation that draws on its Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. We provide marriage preparation courses and relationship counselling for couples across England and Wales.

Our Cardiff Centre is currently looking for **Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators** to support our couples preparing to marry in the Catholic church (training is provided). We are also looking for **qualified counsellors** to provide relationship counselling for those in need (BACP-endorsed training in Relationship Counselling is offered to counsellors not trained as relationship counsellors).

For more information, without any commitment, or to apply visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk/](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/) or email [volunteer@marriage.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriage.org.uk).

**THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK** Clare McCullough will talk about the inspiring Pro-Life work of The Good Counsel Network that is bringing hope to women and saving countless babies' lives from abortion. You can watch episode 5 of Three Wise Women on EWTN at 11am on Monday 30th November, 8pm on Wednesday 2nd December or at 00.30am Saturday

5th December 2015. You can watch EWTN on Sky 589 or online [www.EWTN.co.uk](http://www.EWTN.co.uk). For more information about The Good Counsel Networks life changing and lifesaving work see; [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

## **ALL HALLOWS NEWS**

### **OFFICES FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 29 Nov. 2015**

#### **Saturday Mass 6.30 pm**

Euch Minister: Dermot Lyons

Readers: Carolyn Lyons/Lucy Fernandez

Offertory: G. Edwards and Family

#### **Sunday Mass: 9.15 am**

Euch Ministers: M.Fernandez/C.Barrion/T.Mahoney

Readers: Kath Bond/Teresa Bressington

Offertory: Terry/Mary Aherne

Collection: Sandra Corp/Noreen Jones

Tea: Kath Bond

Cleaning: Team 2 Maureen Creigiau Team

Servers: Brian/Edward/George

### **OFFICES FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 6 Dec. 2015**

#### **Saturday Mass 6.30 pm**

Euch Minister: C Hensley

Readers: U Rajapakse & W Brown

Offertory: B Cardoza & family

#### **Sunday Mass: 9.15 am**

Euch Ministers: C & D Lyons & A Thomas

Readers: T Charnock & H Drake

Offertory: M Mortley & T Mackay

Collection: T & N Spiller

Tea: Jean Smith

Cleaning: Team 3 Jo Gorman's Team

Servers: Brian/Edward/George

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

This Week: C. Lyons/Geraldine Robertson

Next Week: S Stacey/ T Spiller

**CONFESSION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month  
10.15 – 11.15 a.m.

### **COLLECTIONS for WEEKEND 21 November 2015**

*Gift Aid:* £646.10 *Non Gift Aid:* £92.00

*Loose Plate:* £150.40

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:** *Suzy Stacey has undertaken the role of Parish Administrator for us at All Hallows. Please contact Suzy for any administrative requests/information/mass intentions etc. on 01443 223184 or 07734 701449.*

**Music Ministry – If you are interested in helping with the Christmas preparations or wish to join in with the music ministry, please contact Teresa Bressington.**

**TESCO VOUCHER SCHEME....** We have a thriving Tesco scheme ongoing and we hope to encourage more people to join us and generate extra income and provide parishioners with a savings scheme/weekly/monthly vouchers Why not set up a direct debit through Jim and join the scheme?

**ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December... Last Call...** Please ensure that you have given your menu details to Teresa this weekend. If you have not already done so, Teresa will be collecting the money for the Christmas dinner this weekend and next. The cost of the dinner, which includes a glass of wine is £18.50. The choice is Beef/Turkey/Vegetarian Dinner, soup of the day and either Christmas pudding or Gateaux. ***“More than a Song Community Choir”***. *have kindly agreed to entertain us after the Christmas Dinner and we look forward to an enjoyable evening. There is still time to put your names down for the dinner, please give Teresa a call on 01443 204830.. We have a super raffle on the night, and thank everyone who has generously donated prizes.*

**RED MISSION BOXES... Reminder... Last reminder for this quarter..... Please bring them in asap. Thank you.**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE... We are having a Carol Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m** followed by mulled wine and mince pies. This is a celebration of traditional/contemporary Christmas Carols with readings and reflections. Please join with us in preparation for the Feast of Christmas and the Birth of Our Blessed Lord.

**STAMPS AND UNWANTED SPECTACLES...** Don't forget to keep your used postage stamps for our adopted charity with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart and also your unused spectacles for the World in Sight Appeal. Please leave these items at the back of church.

**PONTYCLUN FOODBANK.** Many thanks to all who support this very worthy cause. Why not bring in something special these next few weeks as a Christmas gesture.

**There will be a brief meeting after mass on Sunday to discuss our Nativity Play which will take place at**

**the end of Mass on Sunday December 20th. If you can't stay but wish to be involved please call Suzy on 07734 701449**

## **ST DYFRIG'S NEWS**

**THE “REAL” MEANING OF CHRISTMAS** I have taken the liberty of ordering a supply of Christmas cards that reflect the joy, peace and happiness of the birth of the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the few places where you could buy such cards was the Catholic Truth Society. As this is no longer trading in Cardiff it has become increasingly more difficult to send greetings that go deeper than the superficial nature of some modern day “Christmases”. I hope parishioners will take advantage of the rarity of the cards! The boxes are £3.99 and the packets at £1.20. (All Hallows already have their own supply.)

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** A collection for the Christmas flowers will take place next weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> December.

**SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER** will be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. List will be at the back for church for you to complete.

**FOODBANK** If you would like to donate Christmas items to the Foodbank please bring them as soon as possible so they can be distributed before Christmas. Selection boxes are welcome but please do not donate Advent Calendars as we still have some left from last year. Many of the people who receive food vouchers are single so small Christmas puddings are welcome. Some people do not have access to cooking facilities so items such as 'Pot Noodles' are also useful. Thank you for your support.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** A very big thank you to everyone who donated a gift filled shoebox to this year's appeal. A total of 94 shoeboxes and a donation of £20 was received. Our highest number ever! They will be distributed to children living in Kurdistan and Moldova. To see the delights of one young boy living in Angola who received a shoebox last Christmas log on to the Operation Christmas child UK Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/occuk/](http://www.facebook.com/occuk/) .

**APF MISSIO RED BOXES** Red Box Holders. For those of you who have not yet had a copy of the recent magazine, nor a copy of next year's Missio calendar,

there are now copies in the Narthex; please do take one. Next collecting 'season', I will try and co-ordinate the return of boxes and magazines, if at all possible. If there are any Red Boxes to come in, then please do return them to the Sacristy; I am unable to be at Saturday/Sunday Mass this week, but I will check for boxes next week. Many thanks. Allan Reeves (01443 206767).

**YOUTH CLUB** will finish this Friday (27th November) for the Christmas break and will restart again in the New Year.

#### **ST DYFRIG'S FUND RAISING**

Thank you to everyone who has been donating to the church restoration fund. If anyone is wishing to make future donations, please can you make it known, either directly to the counters or by attaching a note to the donation that your donation is to be paid into the Church Restoration/Fundraising Account (. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

We are still looking for donations for the **WINTER FAYRE** on Saturday 5th December, and for the Annual Christmas Raffle. Again many thanks for all donations already received

**RAFFLE TICKETS** are still available at the back of church; please return counterfoils and money to the box.

Reminder that tickets are still available for the **CHRISTMAS MEAL AND CABARET** evening on Friday 18th December

**THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC MEN** The Catenians are holding their annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Heritage Park Hotel, Trehafod. If you would like to enjoy this evening of excellent food and entertainment provided by the Penderhys Male Voice Choir and the friendship of Catenian members and their wives from province 12, please contact John Egan 01443 409246 or 07803 199307, Cost £21.50 per person.

**HOLY HOUR FOR EVANGELISATION** in front of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 6.30pm, with the special intention of evangelisation and mission within our Parish and the wider church. Every one welcome: please come and spend an hour with our Lord.

**PRAYING WITH OUR CHILDREN** Every Wednesday morning from 10.15am (after Mass); all welcome: toys & tea provided!

**HYMN NUMBERS (Sat Mass)** Entrance 94; Offertory 641; Communion 240; Recessional 307

#### **PARISH FINANCES**

**14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Gift Aid Envelopes: £262.50; Loose Collection: £394.40

#### **FRIENDS OF ST DYFRIG'S October 2015**

£50 Sue Coggins; £20 J Sullivan; £10 Mrs M McCarthy, Kate Mantle, Veronica Power

#### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES**

**CATHOLIC SOCIETY ADVENT PARTY** All students are invited to the presbytery on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm for the decoration of the Christmas Tree and end of term party!

**HOLY HOUR** On Tuesday 8th December at 7pm there will be a Holy Hour in St Dyfrig's on the theme of Mercy/Advent. It will be led by the students but all are parishioners are invited.

For more information on the USW Catholic Society please visit us on our website: [www.USWCathSoc.org](http://www.USWCathSoc.org), our FaceBook page: [www.facebook.com/USWCathSoc](http://www.facebook.com/USWCathSoc) or on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/USWCathSoc](http://www.twitter.com/USWCathSoc).

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

Date	Time & Place	Service & Intention
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	4.30 pm St Dyfrig's 5.00 pm St Dyfrig's 6.30 pm All Hallows	<b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass – Rita Orsi</b> <b>Mass – People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>1st Sunday of Advent (Year C)</i>	9.15 am All Hallows 10.45 pm St Dyfrig's	<b>Mass – John Banahan</b> <b>Mass – People of the Parish</b> <b>Refreshments after Mass</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>St Andrew, Apostle</i>	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Service of the Word</b> with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	9.30 am All Hallows	<b>Mass – Private Int.</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Mass – Thomas Hill Jones (Evans)</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> <i>St Francis Xavier, priest</i>	9.15 a.m. All Hallows 2.15 pm All Hallows	<b>Mass – Seraphine (in Thanksgiving) for Marita</b> <b>UCM Meeting – Parish Centre</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's  6.30pm St Dyfrig's	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Mass – Picton Family</b> <b>Followed by Exposition</b> until 3.00pm <b>Holy Hour with Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	10.15 am All Hallows 4.30 pm St Dyfrig's 5.00 pm St Dyfrig's 6.30 pm All Hallows	<b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass – People of the Parish</b> <b>Mass - People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9.15 am All Hallows 10.45 pm St Dyfrig's	<b>Mass – Frank Mortley RIP 25 years</b> <b>Mass - Stewert Reed (anniversary)</b> <b>Refreshments after Mass</b>

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**Cardinal Newman Catholic Comprehensive, Dynea Road, Rhydyfelin. (Head: Mr J O'Sullivan) 01443 494110**

#### Hospital Catholic Chaplains

The Heath, Cardiff: Br Brian 029 2074 3230; Royal Glamorgan: Fr Tadeusz 01443 421929

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