



St Dyfrig's & All Hallows Catholic Churches

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Sunday 6th December 2015

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Cycle II Psalter Week 2

CHRISTMAS MASSES & SERVICES

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

Thursday 24th December

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

There will be NO midnight Mass

Friday 25th December

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

There will be a **Christmas Carol Service** on Sunday 13th 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 this Tuesday December 8th, 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 1st 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

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 27th February.

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.

Response to Psalm: *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9; **2nd Reading:** Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; **Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

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

9th 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.

CAFOD RECRUITING CAFOD is currently looking for a Community Participation Coordinator based from our volunteer centre in Cardiff to cover CAFOD's work in the dioceses of Cardiff and Menevia. This is part time (17.5 hours per week), fixed term contract to 31 July 2017. To read more and to apply please visit cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/UK-Jobs/CPC-South-Wales and complete our online application form by the closing date of 3 Jan 2016. Contact CAFOD South Wales for further details on 029 20 344 882 or email southwales@cafod.org.uk

ALL HALLOWS NEWS

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

OFFICES FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 13 Dec. 2015

Saturday Mass 6.30 pm

Euch Minister: C Hensley, D F Herbert & P Herbert

Readers: L Jones & P Davies

Offertory: C & J Milsom

Sunday Mass: 9.15 am

Euch Ministers: K Thomas, C Barrion & Y Bacchetta

Readers: R Evans & J Fulgoni

Offertory: S Collyer

Collection: T Mahoney & C Hensley

Tea: T Bressington

Cleaning: Team 4 T Bressington's Team

Servers: Brian/Edward/George

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This Week: S Stacey/ T Spiller

Next Week: A Thomas/ T Mahoney

CONFESSION: 1st Saturday of every month

10.15 – 11.15 a.m.

COLLECTIONS for WEEKEND 28 November 2015

Gift Aid: £592.16; Non Gift Aid: £62.00;

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.*

LITURGY MINISTER ROTA FOR DEC 2015 TO FEB 2016

The new Rota for the period 12.12.15 to 14.02.16 is now available. It has been emailed to ministers, where possible, and hard copies will be available at the back of the church from 06 12 15 for those not on E - mail.

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER: Saturday 12th

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.*

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE... We are having a Carol Service on Sunday 13th 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.

NATIVITY PLAY 2015

There will be a meeting after mass on Sunday to prepare our Nativity Play which will take place at the end of Mass on Sunday December 20th. We had a good response last week but I still need a Joseph and there is plenty of room for angels and shepherds. If you would like to be involved with the music and singing please come along to see what the All Hallows Band are doing. If you can't stay this week but wish to be involved please call Suzy on 07734 701449

ALL HALLOWS 200 CLUB

October Prize Draw

1st C&D Lyons (23)

2nd Suzy Stacey (99)

3rd Anna Wilson (105)

November Prize Draw

1st Allison Thomas (4)

2nd S C Drake (20)

3rd Vera Oakley (9)

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?

RED MISSION BOXES... last reminder for this quarter..... Please bring them in ASAP

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.

ST DYFRIG'S NEWS

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS A collection for the Christmas flowers will take place this weekend.

CHRISTMASS MASSES A sign-up list is available in the narthex for Christmas Masses.

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 £2.99 and the packets at £1.20. (All Hallows already have their own supply.)

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS The giving of Christmas Cards is a private matter. However, some people prefer to give Christmas Greetings and not send cards. Instead they may give a donation to a charity. In the narthex is a list for people who wish to enter into the spirit of Christmas in an alternative way.

SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER will be held on Sunday 13th 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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION + Aleksander + Anna + Ava + Claudia + Daniel + David + Ethan + Harrison + Jakub + Joel + Joseph + Lucia + Madison + Milena + Wiktorina + Zachary + Our First Reconciliation candidates have been working hard since October learning about ripples of love, ripples of sin, how their actions affect others, sorrow, forgiveness and reconciliation. They will make their First Confession during a Service of Reconciliation on Saturday 12th December. Please remember them in your prayers as they continue on their journey to the Eucharist.

CHURCH CLEANING St Dyfrig's urgently needs church cleaners, male or female, to keep our beautiful church clean. Are you able to spare approximately 90 minutes every 3 weeks, or less if we have more people come forward? If the answer is **yes** then we would love to hear from you as part of our church cleaning team. It

is not too strenuous – just a handful of willing volunteers helping out. We are very flexible with whatever day you can be available. If you think you can help please contact: Maureen Davies (204983), Janet John (205322) or Christine Thomas (203464).

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 **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

FILMING IN ST DYFRIG'S Over recent months we have been doing some filming and photography at some of the key social events at St. Dyfrig's, which will continue at future events. This is to support the future funding applications for restoration grants St Dyfrig's and may be used on the St Dyfrig's website or Facebook page to promote the activities that we hold. If you have any concerns regarding the filming, please contact Susan on susanmartin76@yahoo.co.uk or let a member of the Social Team know at the event itself.

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 541; Offertory 362; Communion 165; Recessional 503

PARISH FINANCES

28th/29th November 2015

Gift Aid Envelopes: £280; Loose Collection: £395

GIFT AID

A sum of £4,481.12 will be offset against our loan this year from reclaimed tax. Many thanks.

FRIENDS OF ST DYFRIG'S November 2015

£50 Evan Griffiths; £20 Mr B Norris; £10 Wynne Brown, Mrs M McCarthy, Miss Frances Medcraf

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES

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, our FaceBook page: www.facebook.com/USWCathSoc or on Twitter: www.twitter.com/USWCathSoc.

A COMMENT ON THE NEW LAW ON ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION IN WALES

Prof David Albert Jones,
Director, Anscombe Bioethics Centre

The ethics of donating organs after you die

In the words of Pope John Paul II, 'We should rejoice that medicine, in its service of life, has found in organ transplantation a new way of serving the human family.' The Catholic Church is clear that in itself, if certain conditions are met, it is a good and meritorious thing to donate our organs after we are dead. Even while we are alive, actions such as giving blood can be a powerful expression of human solidarity and of Christian charity. Such actions can help build a culture of life, a culture in which life is cherished.

At the same time, organ transplantation involves a complex set of practices. These raise ethical questions that require careful thought. The Catechism teaches that organ transplantation 'is not morally acceptable if the donor or his proxy has not given explicit consent. Moreover, it is not morally admissible to bring about the disabling mutilation or death of a human being, even in order to delay the death of other persons.' This leads us to ask how death can be diagnosed with sufficient confidence to allow the removal of vital organs and, more deeply, what we mean by human death. When can we say with moral certainty that the

soul has departed, that the person is no more, and what remains is no longer a living human body?

The Church is a sure guide on matters of faith and morals, but to apply this faith in practice we also need knowledge of the world. On some questions relating to organ transplantation, including the key issue of how death is diagnosed, Catholics in good standing who are experts in their fields have taken different views. Not everyone believes that ‘brainstem death’, as it is diagnosed in the United Kingdom, is equivalent to the death of the human being. Without a universal consensus among doctors and philosophers, and without definitive teaching from the Church on these matters, it is necessary for people to consider such questions seriously for themselves and then to follow their own honest and informed judgement.

For guidance on some of the key ethical issues involved in organ transplantation see *On the Ethics of Organ Transplantation: A Catholic Perspective*, available from the Anscombe Bioethics Centre either online or as a printed book.

www.bioethics.org.uk/detail/resources/publications

A new and inhumane law

On 1 December 2015 the Human Transplantation (Wales) Act 2013 will come into effect. This law will in principle allow doctors to take organs from people who die in Wales even if they have never expressed any wish to donate and even if their families strongly object to this. We would urge all healthcare professionals in Wales to respect the families of those who have died and have not made any clear statement about organ donation, notwithstanding the powers given by the new and inhumane law. In the words of Pope John Paul II, ‘Above all, this form of treatment is inseparable from a *human act of donation*. In effect, transplantation presupposes a prior, explicit, free and conscious decision on the part of the donor or of someone who legitimately represents the donor, generally the closest relatives.’ Were this context not respected and were it to be replaced by a materialistic or instrumental use of the body, then the practice ‘would no longer correspond to an act of donation but would amount to the dispossession or plundering of a body’.

Anyone currently in living Wales, who has lived in Wales for twelve months or more and is deemed to be ‘ordinarily resident’ in Wales (which could apply, for example, to a student) will be bound by this

legislation. If you are living in Wales and have any hesitations about donating your organs after you die then it is possible to ‘opt out’. This can be done through the website here.

www.organdonation.nhs.uk/register-to-donate/refuse-to-donate/

It is possible to revise your opinion at any time and opting out now will not prevent you from joining the organ donation register later should you so decide. You can always revise your record

www.organdonation.nhs.uk/register-to-donate/amend-your-details-on-the-register/

It is also possible to become a potential donor but to offer to donate only some of your organs. This can also be done via the website.

www.organdonation.nhs.uk/register-to-donate/

In 2010 it was revealed that a system error in the Organ Donation Register had led to 800,000 people having their wishes recorded inaccurately. In more than twenty cases, organs had been taken and used for transplantation despite the explicit refusal in advance by the patient. The source of that mistake has been corrected but in addition to relying on electronic records, whether ‘opting in’ or ‘opting out’, it is wise also to talk about your views with those who are close to you, preferably before registering your wishes. This is a positive thing to do in any case.

Probably the best option if you are living in Wales permanently is to nominate someone who knows you well as your representative. If you nominate a representative then you can be reassured that doctors will not override their views. Unfortunately this option is also the most complicated. It requires printing out a form, obtaining details and signatures and returning the form to NHS Blood and Transplant. However the extra effort may be worth it for peace of mind.

<https://nhsbtdeb.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets/1050/appointing-a-representative.pdf>

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

Date	Time & Place	Service & Intention
Saturday 5th December	10.15 am All Hallows 4.30 pm St Dyfrig's 5.00 pm St Dyfrig's 6.30 pm All Hallows	Reconciliation Reconciliation Mass – People of the Parish Mass - People of the Parish
Sunday 6th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.15 am All Hallows 10.45 pm St Dyfrig's	Mass – Frank Mortley RIP 25 years Mass - Stewert Reed (anniversary) Refreshments after Mass
Monday 7th December <i>St Ambrose</i>	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 8th December <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30 am All Hallows	Mass – Kate Reynolds
Wednesday 9th December	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Mass – Wilfred Thomas (RIP)
Thursday 10th December	9.15 a.m. All Hallows 2.15 pm All Hallows	Mass – Peter O'Brien UCM Meeting – Parish Centre
Friday 11th December	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's 6.30pm St Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Mass – Viv Hobbs Followed by Exposition until 3.00pm Holy Hour with Adoration
Saturday 12th December	4.30 pm St Dyfrig's 5.00 pm St Dyfrig's 6.30 pm All Hallows	Reconciliation Mass – Osmund Paul (RIP) Mass - People of the Parish
Sunday 13th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.15 am All Hallows 10.45 pm St Dyfrig's	Mass – Albert Colin Jones RIP Mass - People of the Parish Refreshments after Mass

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

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