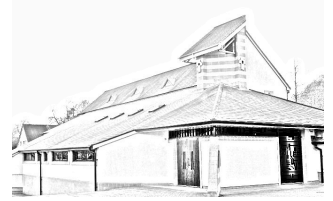


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Sunday 18th December 2016 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A) Cycle A Psalter Week 4

NEWS FOR ALL

CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER This week our journey of prayer round our Diocese takes us St. Joseph's Heath, (Rosminian Fathers) Revd. Ambrose Maliakkal I.C., Revd. Edward Cody I.C., Brother Butler I.C. Revd. Deacon Mark Howe, Heath University Hospital (Chaplain Brother Brian Butler I.C). For more information about the Pilgrimage Prayer, please visit the Archdiocese of Cardiff's website:
<http://rcadc.org/100th-anniversary/the-prayer>.

Marriage Care Cardiff: Marriage Preparation Courses

2017 will take place on the following dates: February 26th, March 26th, April 23rd, May 14th and June 11th. The courses will take place at the Pastoral Resources Centre, Cardiff from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Couples need to bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. To book a place on one of the courses contact 0800 3893801, appointments@marriagecare.org.uk. The Appointments service will collect the payment (£70) at the time of booking.

The Diocese of Menevia is seeking to appoint a Director of Education from the 1st September 2017.

Further details are available from Sr. Angela Murray 01239 612436 or tymair@sisterangela.plus.com 'Watch the Surprise' a wonderful play by Catholic author GK Chesterton this Christmas, Friday 23rd December 9-11 online www.ewtn.co.uk or on sky 589. To read his prayers see www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

'Do You Love Me?' – a spiritual tour. In 2014 the Bishops of England & Wales issued a book of spiritual reflections entitled 'Do You Love Me?', an invitation to explore many different kinds of prayer. One of the authors of the book Kathryn Turner, will be visiting the Diocese in February: Abergavenny on the Morning of Friday 3rd, Belmont Abbey the same evening, and at St David's Sixth Form College, Cardiff on Saturday 4th February. She will offer a taster session on how the book can be used to deepen our prayer life. The Abergavenny event also includes recent research on why committed Catholics became committed Catholics, with suggestions on how this can help shape what we offer our young people. The Cardiff event is also an invitation to everyone offering spiritual activities in the Archdiocese to come and share something about their work.

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14; Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Response to the Psalm: Let the Lord enter! He is the King of glory

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means "God is with us". Alleluia.

Capel Rhondda – Carols by Candlelight Tuesday 20th
December 7 pm, with light refreshments.

ALL HALLOWS NEWS

Parish Administrator: Please contact Suzy for any administrative requests/information/mass intentions etc. on 01443 223184 or 07734 701449. Please note, there are envelopes in the church foyer for Mass intentions.

There are a few vacancies available for Mass intentions, if you would like to have a Mass said please contact Suzy.

Offices for w/c 18th December 2016

Saturday Mass: 6.30 p.m.

Euch Ministers: J Dendle/D Franks-Herbert/P Herbert

Readers: L Fernandez & W Brown

Offertory: M Trigg & R Wilson

Sunday Mass 9.15. a.m.

Euch Ministers: K Thomas, C Barrion, C Hensley

Readers: G Hunt & R Hunt

Offertory: S Collyer

Children's Lit: No Children's Liturgy

Collection: T & N Spiller

Tea: Kath Bond

Cleaning: Team 2 Mrs Dewhurst's Team

Servers: Brian/ Dafydd/Edward/George

Offices for w/c 25th December 2016 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.

Saturday Mass: 6.00 p.m.

Euch Ministers:

Readers:

Offertory:

Sunday Mass 9.15. a.m.

Euch Ministers:

Readers:

Offertory:

Children's Lit: No Children's Liturgy

Collection:

Tea:

Cleaning: Team 3 Creigiau Team

Servers: Brian/ Dafydd/Edward/George

Confessions: First Saturday of every month 10.15 – 11.15 a.m.

Collections 11 December 2016: Gift Aid: £628.30

Non Gift Aid: £122.00; Loose Plate: £159.05

Safeguarding Officer For many years now Mr Mike Clinch has been the Safeguarding Officer for All Hallows Parish. He has carried out his position with great thoroughness and pastoral care and I, as Parish Priest of All Hallows, if only for a relatively short time, would like to thank him for all the work that he has done. His life has now moved on in all sorts of ways and he feels that he is no longer able to carry out his duties as Safeguarding Officer. We say a very big "Thank You Mike". This obviously means that our parish needs a new person to carry out the duties of safeguarding our children and vulnerable adults. If anyone feels able to do this then please contact me, Fr Allan, as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession Fr Allan will be available after mass on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. There will be no Confessions at 4.30pm on Christmas Eve in St Dyfrig's. If anyone would like to make an appointment then please contact Fr Allan

Christmas Offerings

As Christmas day falls on a Sunday this year there will be **NO** parish collection on that day. Instead there will be the normal Christmas gift for our Parish Priest. For those who have envelopes please use the white envelope.

The government allows us to claim gift aid on such gifts subject to the money being paid to the Priest through the parish account. **Hence we ask that all cheques are made payable to "All Hallows" and not the Parish Priest.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION CLASSES.

Reconciliation and First Communion preparation programmes in All Hallows will begin on Wednesday 4th January 2017. The sessions will be held at 7.00 – 7.45 pm. If you wish your child to join the preparation programme, please complete a Proforma found at the back of the church and hand it to Father Allan or one of the catechists.

NEW TO OUR PARISH.... We welcome you, please let us know who you are and we invite you to complete

one of our Parish Census Forms and tell us about yourselves. These forms are available in the Church Porch.

All Hallows Christmas Carols and Readings. - Sunday 11 December 2016..... Many thanks to all those involved and attended last Sunday's Christmas Carol Service with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. It was a very uplifting evening, our appreciation to the Children, Anne the Organist and the Folk Group for leading us in this special celebration as part of our Advent preparations for the great Feast of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS at All Hallows will be at 6.00pm Many thanks to those people who have volunteered to be Ushers and Welcomers at the Vigil Mass we are anticipating a large attendance at the Mass. If you can help in anyway, please give your name to Fr Allan or Teresa.

A List of all Church Services over the Christmas Period is now available.

INTERNATIONAL MASS AT ALL HALLOWS – Sunday 15th January 2017 at 9.15 am.

This Sunday celebrates the 50th World Day of Peace. The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to keep this Sunday as a day of prayer for world peace and to reflect on the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the annual World Peace Day: *Nonviolence: a style of politics for peace.*

This date is an ideal opportunity for us to celebrate our International Mass and plans are ongoing to incorporate our unity for World Peace and Love among all nations and cultures into our mass and liturgy that day. We are blessed with parishioners from many countries, traditions and cultures and we look forward to sharing together our prayers, music and liturgy for peace and harmony in our world. If you would like to help in anyway in the preparation and participation of the celebration please contact Teresa. (01443 204830)

ST DYFRIG'S NEWS

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession Fr Allan will be available after mass on Wednesday and Friday of this week. There will be no confessions at 4.30pm on Christmas Eve. If anyone would like to make an appointment, then please contact Fr Allan.

Health and Safety Officer Mr Roland Fletcher has been the Health and Safety Officer for St Dyfrig's for many years. He was in this position before I, Fr Allan, came to the parish. I must say that it has been a pleasure to work with him. He has always been supportive to me, as parish priest and the safety of the people of the parish has been at the root of all of his work regarding health and safety. Unfortunately, he now feels that he can no longer continue. However, he will remain as Chair of the Parish Advisory Council. On behalf of the parish I would like to thank him for all the work he has done since he became Health and Safety Officer. With all of this in mind our parish needs a new person to replace Roland. Ideally we need several people. If anyone feels able to do this work could they please contact Fr Allan as soon as possible? Thank you very much.

The Church Building, I have now placed a yellow and black cordon across the front of the sanctuary area. This is at the suggestion of the Archdiocesan Property Manager. I have also cordoned off a part of the sanctuary itself. There is no immediate danger here. The next stage in the work to be carried out will be the replacement of the plasterwork around the pillars and then some work on the arch between the sanctuary and the main body of the church. I am not sure when this will happen but it will be as soon as the builders are available. I thank you for your patience. We will need to find a new position for our Christmas Crib. (The Crib Offerings this year will be for the Syrian Families Refugee Fund)

Red Box Missio Collection. In the recent September/October collection a total of £836.25 was collected and banked. For the Missio financial year a total of £1,388.75 was raised and banked (the comparative figure for last year was £1426.27). Very many thanks for all who were involved in any way. Allan Reeves 01443 206767.

The Christmas Raffle will take place after mass on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who have donated raffle prizes, cash and bought and sold raffle tickets. A list of the winners will be on display in the Narthex.

Donate for Kate – Many thanks to the Vocelle Ladies' Choir who kindly gave up their time to perform at St. Dyfrig's Church last Saturday. Particular thanks to Liz Lloyd-Parkes for organising the event, Meryn, the Musical Director and Lisa, the soloist who travelled from West Wales. A total of £573.80 was raised and thanks also go to those who donated generously.

The pupils of Cardinal Newman School in their recent fundraising raised £500 for the appeal.

Since writing the last 'Update for Kate', Elizabeth the lovely Norwegian lady who, seven months ago, had been flown into Hallwang clinic with just a few hours to live has now returned home totally cancer free. As mentioned previously, the success rate, using immunotherapy is 75-80%. Many people from the UK who have been sent home with no hope, have visited this clinic with outcomes of total remission. Please keep praying that Kate will be one of the many success stories. Liz Coakley.

HYMN NUMBERS (Sat Mass) 17th December, Entrance 656; Offertory 175; Communion 141; Recessional 526.

COLLECTIONS: 11th December

Gift Aid Envelopes: £272; Loose Collection: £367.08; Heating £212.

Friends of St. Dyfrig's Christmas Draw December 2016

– Mrs K Mantle £100; Chris Thomas £50; Mrs M. Priest £20; Mrs A. Hobbs, A. Yates, Matthew Loveless £10. Many thanks for your continued support in raising funds for the Church. £13 subs are now due for 2017. Still lots of numbers available if you would like to join or take out an extra number. Contact Sheila Pugh 01443 203492.

There will be no tea/coffee after mass on Sunday 25th December and Sunday 1st January. Normal service will resume on Sunday 8th January. Thanks to all our patrons and helpers wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

ST DYFRIG'S PRAYER WALL

Our Parish Prayer Wall is in the narthex. Please write your intention on a post-it note and add it to the wall.

PARISH PRAYER LIST: We ask your prayers for:

Angela Yates	Kate Coakley
Sue Warrilow	Cyril & Albert Davies
David Meade	Maureen Biddiscombe
Daniel Thomas	Pam & David Coombes
John & Mary Field	Robert & Ethel Davies

Your prayers are also asked for Pat Coakely who died last week. Originally Pat was from St Dyfrig's but had moved to All Hallows where she was very involved in the life of the parish. May she rest in peace.

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

	Time & Place	Service & Intention
Saturday 17th December	4.30 pm St Dyfrig's 5.00 pm St Dyfrig's 6.30 pm All Hallows	Reconciliation Mass – People of the Parish Mass - Deceased Members of Ryan Family
Sunday 18th December Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.15 am All Hallows 10.45 am St Dyfrig's	Mass - People of the Parish Mass – Baptist Lobu (RiP) Refreshments after Mass
Monday 19th December	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 20th December	9.30 am All Hallows	Mass - Kim Davies-Stacey RIP Confession
Wednesday 21st December St. Peter Canisius	9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Mass – John Gilbertson Confession
Thursday 22nd December	9.30 am All Hallows 2.15 pm All Hallows	Mass – Colin Jones RIP - Confession UCM Meeting – Parish Centre
Friday 23rd December St. John of Kanty	9.30 am St. Dyfrig's 9.45 am St. Dyfrig's 6.30 pm St Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Mass – Private Intention - Confession NO EXPOSITION – Adoration will restart on 6th January, 2017 Holy Hour
Saturday 24th December	9.45 am St Dyfrig's 6.00 pm All Hallows 9.30 pm St. Dyfrig's 10.00 pm St. Dyfrig's	Mass Mass – Clifford Keeley Carols and Readings Mass – People of the Parish
Sunday 25th December The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	9.15 am All Hallows 11.00 am St Dyfrig's	Mass – People of the Parish Mass – Ferdos Tohmassi & Simon Hormozi

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Two Churches Newsletter. All items for inclusion no later than 11am Wednesday please

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Copies of this and previous newsletters are also available on both Parish websites.