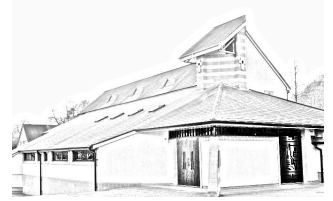


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Sunday 25th December 2016 The Nativity of the Lord (Year A) Cycle A Psalter Week 1



"Grant us, O Lord, a sign of life, show us, O God how much we mean to you. Come into our world with your word of creation. Make us fit to receive you and grant us your peace."

With all the joys of this wonderful Season of Christmas to you and your families, Fr. Allan.

The Nativity of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7; Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Response to the Psalm: Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

First Reading Numbers 6:22-27; Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Luke 2:16-21

Response to the Psalm: O God be gracious and bless us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

NEWS FOR ALL

CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER This week our journey of prayer round our Diocese takes us to the Archbishop's Intentions. For more information about the Pilgrimage Prayer, please visit the Archdiocese of Cardiff's website:

<http://rcadc.org/100th-anniversary/the-prayer>.

We welcome Nicholas Williams to our parishes. Nick is a Seminarian for the Archdiocese. He is studying at St. Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. He will be at St. Dyfrig's and All Hallows for the month of January as a part of his pastoral placements. I am sure that he will get a great welcome from both parishes.

Your prayers are asked especially for Pat Coakley who died last week. Her Requiem Mass will take place in All Hallows on Wednesday 28th December, 12.45pm

Also would you please remember in your prayers our oldest parishioner Kate Lenahan who will be 102 in February. She isn't very well at the moment.

Our Lady & St. Michael RC Primary School

Abergavenny – the Governors would like to appoint an inspiring Foundation Class Teacher, commencing 27th February 2017. Further information is available from ourladystmichaels@monmouthshire.gov.uk closing date for applications is 16th January 2017.

Yemen Crisis - CAFOD is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) – a coalition of leading aid agencies which has launched an appeal to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. The UN estimates that the conflict, between the Houthi ethnic group and supporters of Yemen's Government has killed more than 10,000 people, and more than 7 million people in Yemen not knowing where their next meal will come from. If you would like to support this appeal, you can donate online or send in donations to CAFOD. You can also download prayers from the website.

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 25th December 2016

Saturday Mass: 6.00 p.m.

Euch Ministers: K Thomas/J Dendle/T Charnock
Readers: S Beatty & S Drake
Offertory: P & D Franks-Herbert/G Robertson

Sunday Mass 9.15. a.m.

Euch Ministers: C & D Lyons
Readers: Rosemary Evans/Emyr Adlam
Offertory: t.b.a
Children's Lit: No Children's Liturgy
Collection: t.b.a
Tea: No Tea/Coffee today
Cleaning: Team 3 Creigiau Team
Servers: Brian/ Dafydd/Edward/George

Offices for w/c 1st January 2017

Saturday Mass: 6.30 p.m.

Euch Ministers: T Jacobs/J Dendle/T Mahoney
Readers: P Davies & L Fernandez
Offertory: S Williams & E James

Sunday Mass 9.15. a.m.

Euch Ministers: C & D Lyons/M Nathan
Readers: G Robertson & T Spiller
Offertory: Team UCM
Children's Lit: No Children's Liturgy
Collection: N & S Flint
Tea: Teresa Bressington
Cleaning: Team 4 Teresa Bressington's Team
Servers: Brian/ Dafydd/Edward/George

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

Collections 18 December 2016: Gift Aid: £808.55

Non Gift Aid: £64.50; Loose Plate: £222.50

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.

Christmas Offerings

The collections for this weekend will be your offering to our priest.

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.

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

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)

Helen Friel would like to thank all parishioners for their prayers and support received on the death of John Friel. (Helen has sometimes been written as 'Mary' in the prayer list.)

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Draw. A total of £665 was raised towards the (much needed) Church Restoration Fund. Congratulations to Pat Mason who won first prize! A full list of winners will be displayed on the notice board in the Narthex.

HYMN NUMBERS (Sat Mass) 31st December, Entrance 646; Offertory 583; Communion 723; Recessional 622.

COLLECTIONS: 18th December

Gift Aid Envelopes: £423; Loose Collection: £258; Heating £36.

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:

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

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

| | Time & Place | Service & Intention |
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| Saturday 24th December Christmas Vigil | 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 |
| Monday 26th December St. Stephen, the First Martyr | 12 noon St Dyfrig's | Mass |
| Tuesday 27th December St. John the Apostle | 9.30 am All Hallows | Mass – Patsy MacDermott |
| Wednesday 28th December The Holy Innocents | 9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's 12.45 pm All Hallows | Morning Prayer Mass – Anne Atkins Requiem Mass – Pat Coakley |
| Thursday 29th December The Holy Family | 9.30 am All Hallows | Mass – Percy Patrick Grey RIP |
| Friday 30th December | 9.30 am St. Dyfrig's 9.45 am St. Dyfrig's 6.30 pm St Dyfrig's | Morning Prayer Mass – John Zanchi NO EXPOSITION – Adoration will restart on 6 th January, 2017 Holy Hour |
| Saturday 31st December St. Sylvester | 4.30 pm St Dyfrig's 5.00 pm St. Dyfrig's 6.30 pm All Hallows | Reconciliation Mass – Sharon Rosser (RiP), & Selwyn Parry (RiP) Mass – Kingston & Shillam Family (Deceased Members) |
| Sunday 1st January Mary, The Holy Mother of God | 9.15 am All Hallows 10.45 am St Dyfrig's | Mass - People of the Parish Mass – People of the Parish |

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

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| Monday 2nd January Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen | 9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's | Morning Prayer Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 3rd January The Most Holy Name of Jesus | 9.30 am All Hallows | Mass |
| Wednesday 4th January | 9.30 am St Dyfrig's 9.45 am St Dyfrig's | Morning Prayer Mass – John Zanchi |
| Thursday 5th January | 9.30 am All Hallows | Mass |
| Friday 6th January | 9.30 am St. Dyfrig's 9.45 am St. Dyfrig's 6.30 pm St Dyfrig's | Morning Prayer Mass – Julie Ann Edwards Followed by Exposition until 3 pm Holy Hour |
| Saturday 7th January St. Raymond Penafort | 4.30 pm St Dyfrig's 5.00 pm St. Dyfrig's 6.30 pm All Hallows | Reconciliation Mass – People of the Parish Mass – |
| Sunday 8th January The Epiphany of the Lord | 9.15 am All Hallows 10.45 am St Dyfrig's | Mass – Private Intention Mass – |

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