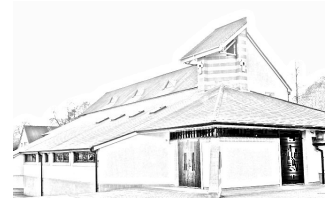


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Sunday 12th March 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

Cycle A Psalter Week 2

NEWS FOR ALL

Lenten Station Mass - The "Station Mass" originated in Rome under the auspices of Pope Gregory the Great (590-604). The Bishop of Rome would make a daily pilgrimage to one of the forty churches in Rome dedicated to the memory of the martyrs and saints. Pilgrims would walk in the footsteps of the saints and join the Pope in a penitential exercise before celebrating Mass at each "stopping place" or "station". In doing so, they were also following the example of Jesus who went out into the desert and fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for his mission. It is this "journey" which forms the spiritual background to the forty days of Lent and the journey each of us has to make into the desert of our own hearts and lives. The Lenten Station Mass will take place at St. Dyfrig's on Thursday 16th March, 7pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – will take place in All Hallows on Tuesday 21st March 10 am and in St. Dyfrig's on Friday 24th March 10.15.

St. David's Cathedral – Lenten Fasting Lunch (Bread and Soup) In support of the Syrian Family Refugee Project. Each Friday of Lent at 1.30 pm (following the 12.45 Mass) at the Cornerstone. (During lunch, 15 minute Lenten Meditation will be given by Archbishop George).

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Since September, four members of our two parishes, have been meeting every week and going through the RCIA Programme with a view to become members of our Church. Last Sunday, they all, with their sponsors and supporters, attended at St David's Cathedral in Cardiff for the Rite of Election. During this Service, people from all over the Archdiocese seeking Baptism or Full Communion with the Catholic Church, were accepted by the Archbishop and encouraged to continue their journey to Easter when we will welcome them into our Church through the Rites of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. During the course of Lent, Donna Weston and Elwyn Williams, who are wishing to be Baptised, will come before their Parishioners in All Hallows for the first time when Fr Allan will pray the Scrutinies over them. Lauren Morrison, also from All Hallows and Neil Perkins from St Dyfrig's, are seeking Full Communion with our Church, having already been baptised. Please pray for them all, welcome them and encourage them as they continue their journey.

We have a Spring Fayre at Nazareth House, on Saturday 18 March, doors open at 1.30pm., entry is £1.00.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4; Second Reading: 2Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Response to the Psalm: May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From this bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

An Invitation to a Lenten Retreat 1st April 10.30-3.00

St. David's Sixth Form Cardiff – an opportunity to stop and listen to God's voice within us. A retreat of prayer run according to Ignatian Spirituality. During the course of the day there will be two talks, imaginative contemplation, time for silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and time for group sharing. The day is open to people of all faiths and no faith and is free of charge. Lunch will be provided. To make a booking please contact Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 or email

christianmahoney2@gmail.com

Assumption Volunteers – an opportunity to experience a new culture for a year, serving young people in poor communities as a volunteer. Locations in the Philippines, India and Lithuania. There are 10 placements which are sponsored by the Sisters of the Assumption. For an application – vc@assumptionvolunteers.org.uk

Forty Days for Life Vigil continues for 5 hours a day between 11 am and 4 pm until the beginning of Holy Week. If you are able to give up some time to support the group of volunteers who hold a prayer vigil at the abortion facility in St. Mary's Street Cardiff please contact Janet Thomas on 02920 512397 or email

jelthomas@btinternet.com

The March for Life takes place in Birmingham on Saturday 20th May. There will be a coach going from Cardiff to this event which includes Mass, addresses by several guest speakers. All are welcome. To reserve a place on the coach contact mcwalsh2@googlemail.com or 7893522851.

Week of Prayer & Awareness for Dementia: 12th March to 19th March. The **ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** will be celebrated on **Saturday 18th March at 2:30pm in Llantarnam Abbey, Cwmbran, Torfaen, NP44 3YJ** for people with dementia and their carers. Please consider bringing your loved one or come simply as a relative, carer, or friend of people with dementia, to pray for them. We also especially remember those who have died as a result of dementia over the past year. Following Mass, refreshments will be served.

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 11th March 2017

Saturday Mass: 6.30 p.m.

Euch Ministers: D F-Herbert/Herbert/C Barrion
Readers: Sharon Beatty/Bindu Cardoza
Offertory: G. Edwards/Family

Sunday Mass 9.15. a.m.

Euch Ministers: Hensley/C & D Lyons
Readers: Teresa Bressington/Therese Charnock
Offertory: Sue Collyer
Children's Lit: Alyson Thomas. Theresa Spiller
Collection: Kathy and Tony Jacobs
Tea: Teresa Bressington
Cleaning: Team 6 Sue Collyer's Team
Servers: Brian/Dafydd/Edward/George

Offices for w/c 18th March 2017

Saturday Mass: 6.30 p.m.

Euch Ministers: D F-Herbert/P Herbert/C Barrion
Readers: K Attfield/A Draper
Offertory: M Trigg & R Wilson

Sunday Mass 9.15. a.m.

Euch Ministers: T Mahoney/A Thomas/K Thomas
Readers: P Davies & R Evans
Offertory: Team UCM
Children's Lit: C Lyons/G Robertson
Collection: M Drake & S Howells
Tea: Sandra Corp
Cleaning: Team 7 Norman's Team
Servers: Brian/Dafydd/Edward/George

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

Collections 26 February 2017: Gift Aid: £544.84

Non Gift Aid: £77.00 Loose Plate: £149.07

Collections 5th March 2017: Gift Aid £

Non Gift Aid: £ Loose Plate:

The Second collection at all Masses this weekend is for the CAFOD Family Fast Day.

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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES...The new boxes of envelopes will be available on the weekend of the 19th March.

New and existing parishioners who do not currently use offertory envelopes are encouraged to request a set by adding their name and address to the list that is available in the Church foyer.

If you are a taxpayer, then monies you give to the Church in the envelopes or by standing order can be increased by 25% by simply signing a gift aid form. Please contact Tony Yule on 029 20890621 for further details.

FORTHCOMING FUTURE EVENTS:

9 Days to Heaven -At Masses at All Hallows on **Sat 18th March 6:30 pm & Sun 19th March 9:15 am** parishioner author Teresa O'Driscoll will present her book *9 Days to Heaven*, how to make everlasting meaning of your life. Through this novena God's input is invited on daily stress, challenges and fears. This gives a wonderfully different perspective on everything. Published by O Books it is helpful at any time, including Lent. Books will be available to buy.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS –This weekend during the Sunday morning mass there will be a commitment service and the first communicants will be presented to the parish. Please remember in your prayers all our young people preparing for the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

First Communion Commitment Mass

PARENTS COMMITMENT:

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We the members of All Hallows Parish will support our young people in preparing for the reception of the Sacraments by modelling our own faith as an example, and by encouraging them to grow even closer to Jesus. We will do our best each week to welcome them and encourage them within our community, so that they will find, through us, a place where they belong.

Lenten Lunch – Our grateful thanks and appreciation to all those involved in the Lenten Lunch at All Hallows last weekend. **The total sum raised towards the nominated charities was £510.00.** Many thanks to the people who made the delicious soups, the flowers, the table decorations, preparation of the hall etc., and the kindness of those who donated raffle prizes. Well done to all concerned.

The next Lenten Lunch will be held on Saturday 18th March at St Paul's Church, Pontyclun from 12.00 noon

Please support the Parishes of the Community in coming along to the Lenten Lunches. Cost the Lunch is £3.00 per person

LENTEN LUNCHESES 2017

18th March – St Paul's Pontyclun
25th March – Bethel Chapel, Pontyclun
1st April – Joint Lunch – Bethel Chapel.
8th April – St Illtyd's Church, LLanharry.

The charities supported by the Lenten Lunches are: Street Pastors, Pontypridd PONT (Uganda), HCPT, Parkinson Society.

ALL HALLOWS SPRING AND EASTER CRAFT AND VINTAGE FAYRE – ReminderThe weeks are flying by and planning arrangements are well on course for our ***Annual Spring and Easter Craft Fayre*** which is being held on **Saturday 29th April 2017**. We have a great deal of interest in this event this year with many new crafts being available. **The Fayre will commence at 12.00 noon until 4.00 p.m.**

Please help and make our Spring and Easter Craft and Vintage Fayre a success, ***we are again appealing to your generosity for items for the Bottle Stall, Plants,***

CAKES, and items for Pandora's Box (toiletries, jewellery, unwanted gift sets etc.)

APPEAL FOR RAFFLE ITEMS: Many thanks to those who have supported us with the donation of raffle prizes. We are extremely grateful to you for your kindness and consideration when we ask for your help. As you are aware, these donations help us in our fund raising ventures to help raise money for the parish and our adopted charities. Don't forget if you are starting your spring cleaning and you come across items that you consider a suitable gift for someone else, we would be glad to take them off your hands.

If you have any bottles, gifts, toiletries, that you would like to donate, please leave them in the church porch marked for the attention of the UCM.

BAKE AND BOOK SALE... Reminder.... BAKE AND BOOK SALE Sunday 19th March.....

Don't forget to keep this date free and come along and see the varied and interesting books that we have available for sale. Plus the added bonus of buying a cake, and enjoying a cup of coffee/tea and a chat.

It is the aim of the UCM to continue with our fund raising for the HCPT organisation in helping to send sick people to Lourdes. With this in mind, we will be holding a **BAKE AND BOOK SALE** on **Sunday 19th March** after the 9.15am mass. Why not start baking a cake to help us in our task, we have a number of interesting books for sale, all reasonably priced.

PARISH ANNUAL SUMMER TRIP.... The coach is filling up so don't leave it too late to book your seat for our Annual Summer Trip on **Saturday 13 May 2017**. This year we are going to **OXFORD....** cost of coach seat £13.00 this will include a tip for the driver. The coach will be leaving the church car park at 8.30 a.m. and returning in time for the Saturday evening Mass at 6.30 p.m. If you would like to come with us and enjoy a leisurely day in OXFORD, please give your name to Teresa Bressington (01443 204830) or any member of the UCM.

TEA/COFFEE.... We all enjoy the refreshments after the 9.15 am mass on Sunday mornings, but our list of

helpers is diminishing..... anyone like to help out, we would greatly appreciate a hand.....

Reminder... If you have any unwanted Spectacles, we would be grateful to receive them for our World in Sight Appeal.

Postage Stamps.... please remember to collect postage stamps for our support to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart in Ireland. Please leave them in the church porch or see any member of the UCM.

Baby Sensory Classes – These classes are held in the Parish Hall every Wednesday from 9.00 am – 2.30 p.m. Details will be available shortly for any Mum and Baby to join the classes.

Baby and Adult Yoga Classes – These are held from 10.00 am – 12.00noon every Thursday in the parish hall. Contact: Michelle Lewis on 0776 0802088 if anyone is interested in joining the class.

Mrs Mary Jones who has been going to All Hallows for 50 years has now moved – Hilary – 01296 730093

ST DYFRIG'S NEWS

FIRST COMMUNION COMMITMENT

On Sunday we present to St. Dyfrig's our First Communion Candidates.

**ALEX EFA ISABELLA JUDE MARIA
MARTYNA PETER RHIANNON WOJCIECK**

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community, so that they will find, through us, a place where they belong.

Walk Around Llanwonno – St. Dyfrig’s Family Group are organising a walk on Sunday 12th March. We will meet at Llanwonno where a wide range of walks are available to suit all ages and abilities. Everyone in the parish, along with their wider family are welcome to come along. If you do not have transport, we will gather in St. Dyfrig’s car park at 12.30 pm or we will meet at the Llanwonno Forestry Commission Car Park and Picnic Site (about 350 yards from the Brynffynon Pub) at 1 pm. Please bring a picnic and your walking shoes! Everyone is welcome, Catholic and non-Catholic: all members of your family. More details on the flyers in the Narthex or from Teresa and Alan de Ste Croix, 01443 406564.

Pontypridd Christians Together, Lenten Lunches.

March 17th - St. Dyfrig’s

March 24th – St. John’s Graig

March 31st – St. David’s Hopkinstown

April 7th – Bethel Baptist Hawthorn

April 14th – St. David’s Uniting Gelliwastad Road

Thank you to everyone who offered to help at our (St. Dyfrig’s) Lenten Lunch. As there is a retiring collection for Cafod this weekend, for family fast day, we will have a retiring collection next weekend, 18/19th

We have taken delivery of a new consignment of pens engraved with the parish details. These very attractive black ink pens also have a stylus suitable for use with iPads, phones etc. and are available in the Narthex priced £1.

We are hoping to hold an Easter raffle to raise funds for the ongoing repairs for the Church, therefore we are looking for donations to make up an Easter Raffle. Many thanks from the Fundraising Team.

The Catholic Bible School is holding its next event here in St. Dyfrig’s on Saturday 25th March. **The Birth of Jesus to the Last Amen** – what is actually in the New Testament, besides the stories of Jesus we find in the Gospels, and how does it all fit together? Why should we be concerned with these ancient letters

and stories? What can they possibly have to do with us as modern people? Alan de Ste Croix will lead us through the entire New Testament exploring the stories of the major characters and why they are still relevant to us today. We will meet in St. Dyfrig’s Church Hall at 10 am until 3 pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own packed lunch. For more information see the posters or fliers in the Narthex or go to www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/mar17 or email catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com

Confessions- Wednesday evening (15th) 7pm – 8pm

PAC -Weds 15th 8pm

HYMN NUMBERS (Sat Mass) 11th March, Entrance 131; Offertory 443; Communion 628; Recessional 378.

COLLECTIONS: 4th March

Gift Aid Envelopes £279; Loose Collection £390.29; GA Heating £12.

Friends of St. Dyfrig’s – 1st J L Wide £50; 2nd Maureen Carter £20; 3rd Anne Cleary, Francesca Jeremy, Miss D. Lindsey, £10.

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	Margaret Burtonwood
Cyril & Albert Davies	Pam & David Coombes
Maureen Biddiscombe	Brian Parker
Chris Silva Rosa	Pina Morrish
Leslie Shinton	Maurice and Marian Robert
Betty John	Val Davies
Esther Davies	Jeanette Mears
Anne Locke	Myra Price
Rose Newman	Donna Jones
Chris Yews	Sian Russell
Thomas Zanchi	Rene Marengi
Agnes Hughes	Peggy Kawulok
Monica Hampton	Jackie Jones
Winnifred Davies	Joan Kimpton

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

	Time & Place	Service & Intention
Saturday 11th March	4.30 pm St. Dyfrig's 5.00 pm St. Dyfrig's 6.30 pm All Hallows	Reconciliation Mass – People of the Parish Mass – People of the Parish
Sunday 12th March Second Sunday of Lent	9.15 am All Hallows 10.45 am St. Dyfrig's	Mass – Bressington Family Int. Mass – Charlotte Whitcombe
Monday 13th March	9.30 am St. Dyfrig's 9.45 am St. Dyfrig's 9.30 All Hallows	Morning Prayer Service of the Word and Holy Communion Mass – Timothy & Pat Coakley
Tuesday 14th March	9.30 am All Hallows	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 15th March	9.30 am St. Dyfrig's 9.45 am St. Dyfrig's 10.45 St. Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Mass – Agnes Thomas Funeral Service Gareth Rowsell
Thursday 16th March	All Hallows 11.45 St. Dyfrig's 2.15pm All Hallows 7 pm St. Dyfrig's	No Mass in All Hallows Requiem Mass Tony Cawulok UCM Meeting Deanery Station Mass, Main Concelebrant Archbishop Stack
Friday 17th March St. Patrick	9.30 am St. Dyfrig's 9.45 am St. Dyfrig's 6.30 pm St Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Mass – Thanksgiving (St. Joseph) Followed by Exposition until 3 pm Evening Prayer for Evangelisation
Saturday 18th March Commemoration of St. Cyril of Jerusalem	4.30 pm 5.00 pm St. Dyfrig's 6.30 pm All Hallows	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass – Minoly Paul RiP Mass – Colin Jones RIP
Sunday 19th March Second Sunday of Lent	9.15 am All Hallows 10.45 am St. Dyfrig's	Mass – People of the Parish Mass – People of the Parish

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Hospital Catholic Chaplains. The Heath, Cardiff: Br Brian 029 2074 3230

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

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