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Sunday 8th December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Cycle A Psalter Week 2



**'I will hear what the Lord
God has to say, a voice that
speaks of peace, peace for**

**his people. His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our lands.'** Ps 84:9-14



Scripture Study Days, the Cornerstone, 10 am – 12
noon January 11th 2020 - **The Gospel of Matthew**,
Mrs Sarah Beresford (The Catholic Bible School)

**To mark the Year of the God Who Speaks, copies of
St. Matthew's Gospel are available after Mass this
weekend.**

**Also available – dates for the forthcoming year at the
Cornerstone giving details of Scripture Study days.**

**On YouTube: Cardinal talks about Art and Scripture
at Advent and Christmas.** As part of our 'God Who
Speaks' initiative - a year-long celebration of the Bible
to deepen our understanding of God's Word - Cardinal
Vincent Nichols has visited the National Gallery in
London to reflect on three devotional and dynamic
paintings by different artists to bring to life their
meaning for our times. Today the Cardinal offers his
reflections on a tender nativity scene - perfect for
Advent and Christmas - in which the darkness is
illuminated by Jesus in the manger. It's by the Dutch
artist Geertgen tot Sint Jans and is titled 'The Nativity
at Night'.

**Blessing of Readers and Leaders of the Liturgy of the
Word for Children – this will take place this weekend
at Mass.**

Old Testament and our history of salvation.

Between 2-3.30 pm, led by Alan de Ste Croix. **Sunday
8th and 15th December**

**"The Word of God is something alive and active" –
Advent Retreat December 14th 10.30-15.00.** This
retreat is free of charge and open to people of all
faiths and no faith, lunch will be provided. To enrol
for the day contact Christian Mahoney 07764515864
or email christianmahoney2@gmail.com

Archbishop Stack writes: The Welsh Government
wants to take away the rights of parents to withdraw
their children from both Religious Education (RE) and
Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). They also want
to dumb-down the subject of RE and force schools to
teach children about worldviews instead.

The Church teaches that family is much more than just
a unit in the culture or economy. Parents are the
primary educators of their children and our schools
aid them in that task. While parents may choose
various modes of education for their children it
remains the parents' duty above anyone else's to
teach their children. This necessarily means remaining
informed and involved in the education children are
receiving and supplementing or moderating when the
need arises. The proposals by the Welsh Government
remove this fundamental basic right of parents.

Concern must also be taken when looking at the
Religious Education provision for our children. For
families who do not currently have the option of
sending their children to a Catholic school, they must
be allowed to retain the right to withdraw their child
from RE in their own school. Also, the proposed
introduction of worldviews as a central focus for RE
provision moves the subject away from a theological

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10; Second Reading Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Psalm: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

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

discipline into a sociological model i.e. removing God who is at the centre of everything and replacing Him with secular ideology.

Archbishop George is asking parishioners to urgently contact their Assembly Members and demand that the State does not usurp parents' rights to decide how to teach these sensitive topics to their children. To contact your AMS please visit the Catholic Education Service website www.catholiceducation.org.uk.

Operation Christmas Child – a very big thank you to all at St. Dyfrig's and All Hallows who donated a gift filled shoe box to this year's appeal. The quality of boxes were again excellent. A total of 149 shoe boxes along with cash donations amounting to £170.00 were received.

This Christmas shoeboxes from South Wales will be distributed to needy children in Central Asia and Liberia. Again many thanks for your continued generosity and support. Teresa Jones

Cycle of Prayer for the Parishes of the Archdiocese

This week our prayers are requested Fr Tim McGrath, Deacon Philip Manghan, Deacon Rob Coyne, and Deacon Anthony Martin. St. Mary's Primary School, Archbishop McGrath High School, Princess of Wales Hospital, HM Prison Parc.

St. Michael's News – on Friday the pupils will be raising funds for Save the Children – don't forget to wear your Christmas jumper!

ALL HALLOWS NEWS

New to our Parish: We welcome you; please let us know who you are. We invite you to complete one of our Parish Census Forms and tell us about yourselves. These forms are available in the Church Foyer.

NEWSLETTER - If you are sending information for the newsletter, please send it to llantrisant@rcadc.org. The deadline remains 11am on Wednesday mornings.

CALLIGRAPHER VACANCY

There is a vacancy for a Calligrapher who will be responsible for the entry of family/friends' recollections, of the deceased person, in the "Book of Remembrance". Any interested person(s) should submit their application to the Parish Priest, along with samples of their writing ability. Please mark your envelope with the word, **CALLIGRAPHER**.

Columbarium Co-ordinator Barbara Hillier

01443 204973

Confessions: First Saturday of every month 10.15 – 11.15 am

Collections: 1st December 2019

Gift Aid: £529.25 Non-Gift Aid: £41.00

Loose: £142.14

Offices for Week Commencing 8th December 2019

Saturday Mass 6.30 pm

Euch Ministers: E.Adlam, P Herbert & N Flint

Readers: K Thomas & K Attfield

Offertory: B Cardoza & Family

Sunday Mass 9.15 a.m.

Euch Ministers: T Charnock, C Lyons & D Lyons

Readers: T Howells & S Howells

Offertory: M Mortley

Collection: T & N Spiller

Tea: Teresa Bressington

Cleaning: Team 6 Sue Collyer's Team

Children's Liturgy: L Harris & T Spiller

Altar Servers: George, Donal, Luke, Lara, Brian Faye, Gryff

Offices for Week Commencing 15th December 2019

Saturday Mass 6.30 pm

Euch Ministers: P.Herbert, Nigel & Sue Flint

Readers: E.Adlam & Joanna May

Offertory: Geraldine Edwards & Family

Sunday Mass 9.15 a.m.

Euch Ministers: T.Mahoney, K.Thomas, C.Barrion

Readers: M.Mortley & Theresa Roberts

Offertory: Sue Collyer

Collection: Nigel & Sue Flint

Tea: Kath Attfield

Cleaning: Team 7 Norman's Team

Children's Liturgy: L.Butcher & C.Lyons

Altar Servers: George, Donal, Luke, Lara, Brian Faye, Gryff

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT. We invite you to join with us at our Eucharistic Adoration, which is held on the **first and third Saturday of each month**. The next Eucharistic Adoration will be taking place on **Saturday 21st December from 10.00 am. – 12.00 noon**. It is such a blessing to spend some quiet time in Adoration and listen to God in silence. Please come and spend some precious time in quiet prayer and reflection.

PARISH ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE



Our Parish Annual Carol Service with Readings will be taking place today at 6.00 p.m. followed by Mulled Wine and Mince pies.

This is a wonderful opportunity, as part of your Advent preparations to come along and join with us in our celebration in preparing for the Coming of the Christ child.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS We are anticipating a large congregation for our Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and we are looking for help and assistance as **“Welcomers” and “Ushers”** at the 6.00 p.m. Mass. If you can help, we are looking for five volunteers as part of our Welcoming Team. (Badges will be provided). Please see Teresa for further information.

Also, can we please ask for volunteers to undertake the collection at the Vigil Mass. Please help if you can to undertake these roles within the parish. Could we ask for someone to come forward to co-ordinate the collection team at this Mass.

Nativity Play 2019

There will be a meeting at the end of Mass on Sunday December 8th to rehearse the nativity play which will take place on Sunday December 22nd at the end of Mass. **We still need one Narrator, Mary and Joseph and an Inn Keeper.** Angels and Shepherds can join in on the day. If you cannot attend but wish your child to be involved please contact **Suzy** on **07734 701449**

Tesco Gift Cards.....At this point in time, we are sold out of Tesco Gift Cards. The church in Llantrisant, who we purchase the gift cards with, is having issues getting them as we are not a large purchaser of them. Currently we are in negotiations with Tesco's to allow us to continue purchasing the gift cards at a discount. We will hopefully have an answer before the end of the year and be back to selling them in 2020. As soon as I know, I will come back to you. We are organizing ££'s for the Christmas Savers this year instead of the gift cards. Thanks to everyone for their support over the years with this fundraiser for the church. – Cheryl Hensley

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER.

What a wonderful evening enjoyed by all at the recent Parish Christmas Dinner. Plans are already in place to arrange our event for 2020. Many thanks to everyone who provided the Raffle Prizes they were gratefully received. We have **raised £110.00** as a donation to the Wallich Trust – Lights on Project in providing a Night Shelter for the Homeless.

Tea and Coffee – Social Gathering...Why not join us for Tea/Coffee/Biscuits, call into the Hall after the 9.15am mass on Sunday morning. Call in for a chat and introduce yourselves, ideal way of making new friends in the parish.

CHURCH CLEANERS... Have you a few hours to spare to join our Church Cleaning Teams, we are looking for able recruits to help us keep our beautiful church in pristine condition. No qualifications necessary...

ALL HALLOWS PRAYER WALL

Our Parish Prayer Wall is in the LADY CHAPEL. Please write the name of the person you wish to pray for on a post-it note and add it to the wall.

Please join us in prayer, as we ask for your prayers for:

Cathleen Cardoza & Family

Ceri Philp

Margaret Sidoli

Ken and Kath Bond

Canon Patrick Daly

Bethan Williams

Bacchetta Family

Mary Englehardt

Helen Howells

Heather Duff (Trigg)

Deborah Mortley

Mo Scanlon

Jayne Bird

Elizabeth Stonebank

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL PTA NEWS:

Christmas Party, Friday 20 December – Pontypridd Rugby Club 4pm – 6pm £5.00 per child.

For all St Michael School PTA event enquiries, please contact Francine Morgan 07963 814544

ST. DYFRIG'S NEWS

Christmas Masses – please sign up for the various ministries for our Christmas celebrations, see noticeboard in the narthex.

Notice for Eucharistic Ministers & SVP Visitors

It's that time of year again when we ask for your help with distributing the SVP Christmas Cards to those you visit. The cards are in the Sacristy, which would you please sign for when you have taken them. Very many thanks. SVP

DISCLOSURE & BARRING UPDATE SERVICE

Latest information from the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Commission

"Whilst there is no legislation that says a DBS must be renewed every 3 or 5 years, it is good practice to renew any that were previously CRB checked {that is prior to 2012} and to renew any that are over 5 years old or where a volunteer takes on a different role in the parish."

Thanks to the many volunteers who have received their updates. We now need to address the volunteers whose CRBs are over 5 years old. Please check the display of names and dates in the narthex.

Would those volunteers who have not yet submitted their update applications please do so asap or return the unused forms to Maggie White or Sue Cleary?

Heritage Project

Leaflets outlining the history of our church and recording the life of St. Dyfrig are now available in the narthex. Please feel free to take a copy.



We hope that you are enjoying the two banners exhibiting the history of St. Dyfrig's and the memories of parishioners. Further memories are included in the 'Memories' booklets also in the narthex. Please feel free to borrow a copy to read at your leisure and return it so that others may also enjoy the photos and written memories included in the booklets. Our Welsh language leaflet and banners will be available soon.

Phase 2 of the project is under way as history students at USW are researching patterns of migration to this parish. Thank you to those of you who have agreed to be interviewed. Our oral history interviews will take place in the New Year.

Fundraising The recent Christmas Bazaar - May I thank everyone involved in last Saturday's Bazaar - from those who donated, to those who set up the stalls, all stall holders and those who tidied away. Great job by everyone: the hall looked welcoming with lots on sale, there was a chance to catch up with other parishioners I hadn't seen in a while and there seemed to be a lot of new faces buying. So, all in all, a good day. Thank you everyone. Just over £1200 was raised - well done to everyone involved.

If you have any baskets or hampers that you no longer need, we would be grateful for them to make up the various hampers in the Christmas raffle. Please leave them under the table and the narthex and we will collect them from there.

Also if you have any donations for raffle prizes, we would be most grateful, again if you leave them in the box under the table in the narthex. Many thanks for everything donated so far.

There are still a few raffle tickets left - £1 per ticket, £5 per book All ticket stubs and money to be returned by **Sunday 15th December**. The draw for the raffle will take place on **Wednesday 18th December** this is to enable us to get the winners prizes to them before Christmas.

New Year Jumble sale Saturday 25th January

New Year parish meal Friday 17th January - please see Veronica for details

Wednesday 11th December – End of term party/decorating the Presbytery for students at USW from 7.00 pm onwards.

St. David's Uniting Church – are hosting a 'carols and cocktails' evening from 7.30 pm at clwb-y-bont on Monday 23rd December, everyone welcome.

Collections 30th November/ 1st December: Gift Aid Envelopes £135; Loose Collection £380.32. GA Heating £10. Sick and Retired Clergy £40

Friends of St. Dyfrig's November: 1st Eddie Meek (133) £50; 2nd Veronica Atkins (81) £20; 3rd K. J. Hobbs (77), N. D. Lane (32), K. Norris (8) £10.

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. Please can you write the name clearly.

PARISH PRAYER LIST: We ask your prayers for:

Cyril, Maurice, Albert and Robert Davis
Angela Doyle Mrs Wilks
Brenda Smith Joan Quinn
Agnes Hughes Winifred Davies
Peggy Kawulok Poppy & Kelly Morris
Brin Davidge Elizabeth Terry
Verna Caines Julia Evans
Ken Biddiscombe Pete Leueis
William, John (Jackie) Picton
Rene Marengi Chris Da Silva Rosa
Elizabeth Holland Lauren Gibson
June Thomas Pat Holmes
Celia Thomas Ruth Pinder
Wendy Collier Maureen James
Marion Toms Phyllis Davies
Anne Atkins Matthew Cummings
Elizabeth Baines J. & M Pierce
John Smith Jill Morgan
Meirion Davies

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

	Time & Place	Service & Intention
Saturday 7th December	10-12 noon All Hallows 4.30 pm St. Dyfrig's 5.00 pm St. Dyfrig's 6.30 pm All Hallows	Eucharistic Adoration Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass – Wilfrid Thomas Mass –
Sunday 8th December Second Sunday of Advent Bible Sunday	9.15 am All Hallows 10.45 am St. Dyfrig's 6.00pm All Hallows	Mass – Deceased Members of the Ryan Family Mass - People of the Parish Carol Service/Readings Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
Monday 9th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin	9.30 am St. Dyfrig's 9.45 am St. Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 10th December St. John Roberts	9.30 pm All Hallows 7-8 pm St. Dyfrig's	Mass - O'Carolan Family Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday 11th December St. Damasus	9.30 am St. Dyfrig's 9.45 am St. Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Mass – Stewert Reed, Edward Chominski and Kazia Sokulska
Thursday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe	9.30 am All Hallows 10.45 am All Hallows	Mass: Osmund Paul RIP Funeral Service for Lucretia Ali Khan No UCM Meeting due to Election
Friday 13th December St. Lucy	9.30 am St. Dyfrig's 9.45 am St. Dyfrig's 10.15-2 pm St. Dyfrig's	Morning Prayer Mass – Maureen Biddescombe (RiP) Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday 14th December St. John of the Cross	4.30 pm St. Dyfrig's 5.00 pm St. Dyfrig's 6.30 pm All Hallows	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass – Mass – Deceased Members of the Ryan Family
Sunday 15th December Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	9.15 am All Hallows 10.45 am St. Dyfrig's	Mass – People of the Parish Mass - Gordon Mason and Fr Colin Henneberry

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Hospital Catholic Chaplains. The Heath, Cardiff: Rev. David Prichard

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

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