

# St Dyfrig's & All Hallows Catholic Churches

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time


Cycle A Psalter Week 4


Please note that the time of mass could be changed if Fr Allan has to conduct a funeral. You will be notified by the parish website and Facebook.

**COVID 19** -At the moment it is not possible for Fr Allan or Eucharistic Ministers to visit the Royal Glamorgan Hospital. Therefore it will not be possible for patients to receive Holy Communion in the normal way and Fr Allan will say the words of the Sacrament of the Sick remotely. During this time the Church encourages us to make a spiritual communion. The words are as follows:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen".

Our prayers are asked for Fr Michael Ronan who died on Tuesday. Fr Michael was from Maesteg and had served in St Mary's, Merthyr, Our Lady's, Dinas Powys and St Gabriel's, Newport before he retired about 18 months ago.

 'All Scripture is inspired by God and useful for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be upright. This becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.' (2Timothy 3:16)

 **Saint of the Month** - although very little evidence exists surrounding the life of St. Cecilia, she was an incredibly popular and famous Saint and Roman Martyr of the early



church.

Her feast has been celebrated since at least 545 AD. Legend records that she was a young Christian of high rank who, although forced into marriage, maintained her virginity and converted her husband to Christianity. Her husband and his brother were later martyred for refusing to sacrifice to the Roman gods. Cecilia also met the same fate not long after – however, legend surrounding her death states that she continued to live for three days after being struck three times on the neck with a sword. During that time she gave all she had to the poor, preached the Gospel for the conversion of many and asked the pope to convert her home into a church. Since the Renaissance, St. Cecilia has usually been portrayed with a viola or small organ and has become the Patron Saint of musicians. She has come to symbolise the integral role of music in the liturgy and the importance of singing praises to God, both in our hearts and sometimes with our voices. Just as King David said in the Psalms: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music. (Psalm 101:1)

### The God Who Speaks to us and sustains us

Life can be bleak in these troubled times, particularly when the challenges of dealing with the Covid pandemic for ourselves, and our loved ones, seem overwhelming and many restrictions are still in place. When so many uncertainties need to be faced, it is not surprising that our well-being and mental health suffer at the same time.

The writer of the psalm admits to a whole range of emotions – being forgotten, rejected and much more. The list covers almost every woe possible – '*You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths*'... indeed the psalmist echoes so many of the emotions

**First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16; Second Reading Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**Gospel Matthew 25:1-13**

**Responsorial Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!**

felt during the Covid crisis. *'You have taken from me my closest friends... I am confined and cannot escape'* echoes the feelings many of us have had during lockdown and restrictions on our social gatherings, as well as the many losses faced through the presence of the Covid virus.

But the psalmist strikes a note of confidence – *'Lord, you are the God who saves me, day and night I cry out to you'*. God may be silent, but he is not absent. Just as he promises never to leave us (Deuteronomy 31:6) we can be assured that he is there in the darkness with us. Throughout the psalm the writer cries out to God, just as Jesus on the Cross cries out to the Father. Those powerful words *'Are your wonders known in the place of darkness, or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion'* chime with the feelings of so many of us whose mental health has suffered. *'Many of us can identify with the plea 'You have taken from me friend and neighbour – darkness is my closest friend...'. But our comfort is in those opening lines – 'Lord, you are the God who saves me'.*

In the New Testament, Philippians brings comfort as well: *'And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus'*. (Philippians 4:19)

In the midst of the challenges to our own mental health and those of our loved ones, someone we can turn to is often an anchor for sustaining our wellbeing. I find the story of the road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35) particularly comforting at these times. Just as Jesus walks alongside bringing comfort and hope, so we can walk alongside those whose lives have been touched by the virus in the same way.

#### ***A prayer in the midst of the Covid Pandemic***

*Lord Jesus,*

*Just as you journeyed alongside the disciples on the road to Emmaus, be alongside us as we journey through these dark times.*

*Help us to reflect and find comfort from the comforting words of the Bible where divine love, mercy and justice are ever present.*

*We remember all those whose lives have been touched by the Covid virus – may your loving kindness keep them close to you.*

*Inspire us with your message of hope in the Resurrection, as we seek to keep ourselves and those who are close to us safe and well in these challenging times.*

*We ask this prayer in your name's sake.*

*Amen*

**November: Month of The Holy Souls:** As is our custom, a Book of Remembrance will be displayed in both Parishes during the month of November. I shall celebrate a Mass for the Holy Souls at various stages throughout November. This year we have to do things a bit different. Should you wish to have the names of deceased family or friends entered in the Book of Remembrance you can either:

Email Kate or text for St. Dyfrig's – 07709618735  
kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk

Text/email Teresa for All Hallows –07599155418  
Teresabressington33@sky.com

Or put a note through the presbytery door. Fr Allan will add the names throughout the month.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** – this week we are asked to pray for Rev Brian Cuddihy, I.C. Rev Eric Willett I.C. (rtrd) and the parishioners of Saint Patrick, Newport, Provincial ate of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Annecy and the staff, pupils and governors of Saint Patrick's Primary School.

**Operation Christmas Child** - Filled shoe boxes can be left at the back of church, hopefully on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> November, Talbot Florist or my home address. I am also happy to collect them from individual homes still complying with Government guidelines and social distancing. Last dates are 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> November. My telephone number is: 01443 207108, 07399655844. Address: 15 Llanerch Goed, Meadow Farm, Llantwit Fardre, CF38 2TB. However, you can also donate a shoebox on line at [shoebonline.org.uk](http://shoebonline.org.uk) and select from a range of gifts. With thanks for your continued support, Teresa Jones

#### **Preparing to Celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus**

**Christ.** Let's join together this Advent to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Christmas season. We will be holding a series of interactive talks through Zoom, led by Alan de Ste Croix and Kate Duffin on the following Tuesday evenings:

December 1st – the origin and purpose of the Infancy Narratives

December 8<sup>th</sup> – The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

December 15<sup>th</sup> – The Annunciation Stories

#### **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](mailto:llantrisant@rcadc.org). The deadline remains 11am on Wednesday mornings.

**Columbarium Co-ordinator Barbara Hillier**  
01443 204973

**Visits to the Crypt... are currently not available but when we reopen it will resume.** If anyone wishes to visit the Crypt, the church is open **for mass at 10am each Tuesday** and private prayer on **Thursday each week from 10.00 – 12.00 noon**, you are welcome to visit the Crypt during these times.

#### **Donations to All Hallows Funds**

As our church is open in a limited in capacity, those who give regular donations during mass can donate at:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AllHallowsChurch>

**Donations for the last three months are:**

**£ 99.10 in October**

**£203.65 in September**

**£406.95 in August**

**COLLECTIONS** - Many parishioners are making regular monthly and weekly donations via the virgin money portal. These welcomed donations can be made anonymously but please record what the donation is for: Mass Stipends, Weekly or Monthly Collections or any other specific donation e.g. SVP donations, Easter Offerings etc. This will ensure we can allocate the donations correctly.

**COLLECTIONS – In Masses have been as follows:**

	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Non-Gift Aid</b>	<b>Loose</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>£ 3038.69</b>	<b>£ 144</b>	<b>£ 56.98</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>£ 883</b>	<b>£ 32</b>	<b>£ 29</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>£ 2216.90</b>	<b>£ 58</b>	<b>£ 53.99</b>

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** - Now that Masses are restarting again this year's envelopes are available in the foyer. The first 15 of these, for the months of April to July, have been removed. The Easter Offering envelope for Fr Davies-Hale has been retained. As we have been asked not to apply to attend Mass every week then please place all your donations in a single envelope on the weeks you do attend. Envelopes and cash can be placed in a basket at the back of the Church as you leave.

Last year's Gift Aid receipts are also available in the

foyer. Please inform Tony Yule by phone (029 20890621) or email ([apyule@bcs.org.uk](mailto:apyule@bcs.org.uk)) if your address has changed from that on the receipt of if you have any other queries regarding the scheme.

#### **UCM MEMBERS ARE MEETING WEEKLY VIA ZOOM**

if you would like to join us the meeting starts at 2:30 pm each Thursday for our prayers and a chat. As the warm weather has deserted us, going forward all meetings will be via ZOOM, until we can use the hall again. If you have formed a bubble with another UCM member you can meet them and join us by ZOOM. Please let Kath Attfield or Suzy Stacey know and you will be sent the code and password for the meeting. The meeting lasts for 45 minutes and you are welcome to join us.

#### **ALL HALLOWS PRAYER WALL**

Our Prayer wall is now available on our website at <http://www.pontypriddrcdeanery.org.uk/churches/llantrisant> There is a contact form where you can request an addition to our prayer wall or ask for a mass intention. Or contact Suzy via [llantrisant@rcadc.org](mailto:llantrisant@rcadc.org)

**LECTIO DIVINA** - please contact Anna Mayer at [Anna@mayer.co.uk](mailto:Anna@mayer.co.uk) if you wish to join the group. The next Lectio Divina Group will be Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 6.30pm. The Group will be meeting every week via Zoom unless otherwise stated.

#### **ALL HALLOWS PARISH 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Next year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of our Parish Church here at Misikin. We have had a few names of interested people who have offered their help to plan for this occasion within our parish. Due the COVID situation, this has held up any chance to take things forward. However, not to say this will not happen, we will, as soon as things become more normal arrange to meet and discuss ideas and plans to make 2021 a special year for our Parish. Your help and participation in this will be gratefully received.

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 or email Suzy

*Please join us in prayer, as we ask for your prayers for*  
**Margaret and Silvano Sidoli**      **Bacchetta Family**  
**Helen Howell**      **Bassam Fathola**  
**Ceri Philip**      **Heather Duff (Trigg)**  
**Canon Patrick Daly**      **Maureen Fuller**  
**Cardoza & Alexander Families**

*Please help us to manage our Prayer Wall by letting us know when names may be removed.*

## St. Dyfrig's News

### Newsletter items – please email

kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk, no later than 11 am on Wednesdays. Mass Bookings between 11 am and 2pm on Wednesday 07709618735 by text or phone call, if busy please leave a voice message.

**Staying Together While Apart project** - We have received a lot of positive feedback regarding this project and the newsletters are getting out to parishioners. We have also received a few new names to add to our list as well as names being taken off as parishioners now have their own access to the newsletters online. If you do know of anyone who would like to receive the newsletter then please let us know and we can add their details to our weekly mailing list. Many thanks for the continued support of the parish for this project as it does help with keeping in contact with all of our parishioners. Contact details Sue Cleary – 07576 319082  
Lesley Hughes – 07799 613527

### VIRTUAL TEA & COFFEE (Bring your own drink!)

St Dyfrig's first 'Virtual' Tea & Coffee after the 11.00am Mass. Signup to the website zoom.us To join us. Then after the Mass pop the kettle on, fire up Zoom and use meeting ID: 656-227-9087. We look forward to catching up with you over a nice steaming cuppa! (If you need any technical advice please call Teresa de Ste Croix on 07500 668424.)

**SVP Support Lines** - St. Dyfrig's SVP - if you or anyone else you know is isolated and lonely and would welcome a chat, we are here on the end of the phone. If we can help in any other way we will, but obviously within the Government guidelines. Our love and prayers to you all. Keep well, keep safe, stay at home.

Angela Hunter:	01443 207935
Allan Cleary:	01443 400605
Ann Cleary:	01443 400605
Anne Parker:	01443 842825
Cath Carroll:	01443 207576: 07482 406215
Julie Gilbertson:	01443 205041
Lesley Hughes:	01443 205077: 07799 613527
Mary Richards:	07855 241289
Richard Boyle:	01443 400189
Sandra Phillips:	01443 203207

We now have pages on Virgin Money Giving for donations to be made to both parishes during this time when normal collections cannot be taken. When donating via Virgin Money there is a box available for

comment. Parishioners can specify in this section a specific destination for their donation, e.g. Parish Funds, Easter Offering, Mass Intention etc. The links for donations are as follows:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StDyfrigsChurchTreforest>

**Friends of St. Dyfrig's March:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lesley Hughes £50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kath Lewis £20; 3<sup>rd</sup> Matthew Loveless, P. Loveless, T. Jones, £10.

**April:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anne Cleary £50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Joanne Harris £20; 3<sup>rd</sup> A. Egan, Theresa Meek, R. Mears, £10.

**May:** 1<sup>st</sup> E. Mayo £50; 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Chowdhury £20; 3<sup>rd</sup> Allan Reeves, E. Egan, Rachel Porter, £10.

**June:** 1<sup>st</sup> Christie Cleary £50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Denise Mohan £20; 3<sup>rd</sup> Kath Lewis, Joan Gregory, Veronica Power, £10.

**July:** 1<sup>st</sup> T. Loveless £50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Anthony Sower £20; 3<sup>rd</sup> Norah Morris, Veronica Power, S. Coggins, £10.

**August:** 1<sup>st</sup> M. McCarthy £50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Allan Reeves £20; 3<sup>rd</sup> Brenda Slaughter, P. Loveless, M. Basini Gazzi, £10.

**September:** 1<sup>st</sup> Leigh Jenkins £50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Geoff Morgan £20; 3<sup>rd</sup> D. Reynolds, D. Rossiter, E. Antoniazzi, £10.

### ST. DYFRIG'S PRAYER WALL

#### Prayer for Our Community:

*O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world. [Please add your own intentions.] . . . Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God, amen. (Fr Richard Rohr)*

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	Ken Biddiscombe
Pete Leueis	Canon William Isaacs
William, John (Jackie) Picton	
Rene Marengi	Chris Da Silva Rosa
Elizabeth Holland	Lauren Gibson
June Thomas	Celia Thomas
Pat Holmes	Chris Shearan
Ruth Pinder	Anne Atkins
Fr Ambrose Walsh	Giovanna Trigg

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

	<b>Time &amp; Place</b>	<b>Service &amp; Intention</b>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November Votive Memorial of Our Lady	St Dyfrig's 10 a.m.	Mass Live streamed – People of the Parish
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday	St Dyfrig's 11 a.m.	Mass Live streamed – For the men and women who have died as a result of wars
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	St Dyfrig's 10 a.m.	Live stream Mass – Mary Morgan
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November St. Leo the Great Pope and doctor of the Church	All Hallows 10 a.m.	Mass with congregation –
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November St. Martin of Tours	St Dyfrig's 10 a.m.	Mass Live streamed and with Congregation - (no need to reserve a place) Holy Souls Followed by Private Prayer and Adoration until 12 noon
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November St. Josaphat	St Dyfrig's 10 a.m. All Hallows 10-12 noon	Mass Live streamed – Private Prayer
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	St Dyfrig's 10 a.m.	Mass Live streamed –
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November Feast of St. Dyfrig	St Dyfrig's 10 a.m.	Mass Live streamed – John Friel (RiP)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	All Hallows St Dyfrig's 11 a.m.	Mass with congregation - Private Intention (CH) Mass with congregation and Live streamed – People of the Parish

**All Hallows Roman Catholic Church**

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 drossiter2011@btinternet.com  
 Safeguarding Rep: Maggie White 01443 410593

Schools: St Michael's RC Primary School, John Place, Treforest. (Head: Mrs J. Taylor) 01443 570090  
 Cardinal Newman Catholic Comprehensive, Dynea Road, Rhydyfelin. (Head: Mr J O'Sullivan) 01443 494110

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