



# St Dyfrig's & All Hallows Catholic Churches

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Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Cycle A Psalter Week 4



Fr Allan would like to wish all parishioners and their families a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. In these very difficult times it is sometimes hard for us to realise that God is with us. We have been assured that it is precisely when life is at its most difficult and impossible to understand that God carries us. May you know God's presence at this special time.

Pope Benedict XVI reflects on the fact that when Jesus was born there was no room for him, Mary and Joseph in the inn.

"This should cause us to reflect - it points towards the reversal of values found in the figure of Jesus Christ and his message. From the moment of his birth, he belongs outside the realm of what is important and powerful in worldly terms. Yet it is this unimportant and powerless child that proves to be the truly powerful one, the one on whom ultimately everything depends. So one aspect of becoming a Christian is having to leave behind what everyone else thinks and wants, the prevailing standards, in order to enter the light of the truth of our being, and aided by that light to find the right path."

CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM FR ALLAN

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading Second Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Second Reading Romans 16:25-27**

**Gospel Luke 1:26-38**

**Psalm: I will sing forever of your love, O Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!**

**Th Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**First Reading Genesis 15:-6, 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**

**Gospel Luke 2:22-40**

**Psalm: He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant forever.**

**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!**



“The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is His as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14



### Cycle of Prayer for the Parishes of the Archdiocese

This week our prayers are requested Rev Richard Aziati (Archdiocese of Accra) and the parish of All Saints, Ebbw Vale. The staff, Pupils and Governors of All Saints Primary School.

### 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 on request.

### SUNDAY MASS AT ALL HALLOWS

If you wish to attend Sunday Mass at All Hallows, please contact Teresa on 07599 155418 between 11.00am and 2.00 pm each Friday by text or phone call to book a place, if busy, please leave a voice message.

### MASS BOOKINGS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

On Friday 18th December, Teresa will be taking bookings for Mass attendance for the following:

Sunday 20th December	Mass 9.15 am
Christmas Eve (24th)	Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Christmas Day (25th)	Mass 9.15 am
Sunday 27th December (Feast of the Holy Family)	Mass 9.15 am

It is important that if it is your intention to attend any of the above masses that you contact Teresa **between 11.00 am and 2.00pm on Friday 18th December** to ensure that you book a place accordingly. Teresa will confirm with you if a place is available and book you in as appropriate. It is envisaged that this will be a busy time and it is **important that you book your place between the times listed**. Please either **telephone or text Teresa on 07599 155418**

Only people who have booked a place and received confirmation will be allowed to attend mass. We have to adhere to Government regulations on Covid 19 guidelines on the number of people allowed to attend to ensure safe social distancing ruling.

### CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING

In preparation for the Christmas Services we will be having a general clean and freshen up of the church

on Wednesday 23 December at 10.00am. We would be grateful if you can assist in this task and come along at 10.00 am and help. Many hands make light work and it would be greatly appreciated any help that could be offered. Thank you.

**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... have now resumed.** If anyone wishes to visit the Crypt, the church is open **for mass at 10am to 11am Tuesday**, private prayer on **Thursday from 10.00 – 12.00 noon**, you are welcome to visit the Crypt during these times.

### E-Mail Addresses

As we communicate much more by email at the moment please email Suzy at [llantrisant@rcadc.org](mailto:llantrisant@rcadc.org) and we can keep in touch via the Newsletter and other news.

### 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:**

**£ 82.25 in November**

**£ 99.10 in October**

**£203.65 in September**

**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:**

	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Loose
<b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>£ 576.00</b>	<b>£ 72.00</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>£ 353.00</b>	<b>£ 6.00</b>	<b>£227.00</b>

### COLLECTION FOR “SEA SUNDAY” 20<sup>th</sup> December

This collection has been deferred by the Charity because all churches were closed on the normal “Sea Sunday” weekend in July. The collection is to support all of those who work at sea and have to leave their

families, in these uncertain times and endanger their own lives, to provide us with fresh fish. If you do not have a chance to donate in church on this weekend you can do so on-line at <https://www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk/charity/stellararmaris>

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** - Now that Masses are restarting again this year's envelopes are available in the foyer. 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 ABLE TO PRAY TOGETHER WEEKLY IN CHURCH AND MEET VIA ZOOM**

If you would like to join us for our prayers they will start at 12 Noon on each Thursday. Under current COVID 19 regulations: our prayers cannot be followed by a meeting, so we will continue to meet via Zoom at 14:30 each Thursday. If you would like to join us please contact Kath Attfield or Suzy Stacey.

**ALL HALLOWS ROSARY GROUP**

Please join with us at prayer from the comfort of your homes at 9.00 p.m. every Tuesday night when we come together to pray the Rosary for all people affected by the pandemic. The Rosary Group have been praying together throughout the pandemic and not only consist of parishioners of All Hallows but with members from other parishes across the country. You are more than welcome to join with us in the holy rosary and unite in love and prayers.

**RED BOXES**

During these restricting times, it has been extremely difficult in the collection and emptying of the APF Red Mission boxes, from parishioners who regularly contributed to this charity by this means. Without the contributions of the Red Box, missionaries would not be able to reach out to the most vulnerable in society, In many countries of the world where there are no social services, if things get desperate, the Church is the only place they can turn to and know that they will be helped both practically and spiritually. There are other ways to give to the Red Box to help with the continuation of the Brothers and Sisters work overseas if you can help, e.g. Send a cheque, payable

to Missio-Mill Hill and post it to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU, Give online, Bank Transfer, or set up a Direct Debit. For further information on your donation to APF, please contact Teresa (01443 204830) who will advise you accordingly.

**ALL HALLOWS PRAYER WALL**

Our Prayer wall is now available on our website at <http://www.pontypriddrcdeanery.org.uk/churches/Ilantrisant> There is a contact form where you can request an addition to our prayer wall or ask for a mass intention. Or contact [Suzy Ilantrisant@rcadc.org](mailto:SuzyIlantrisant@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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 6.30pm. The Group will be meeting every week via Zoom unless otherwise stated.

**ALL HALLOWS DONATION TO THE POOR CLARES IN HEREFORD**

As we could not visit the Poor Clares this summer, we sent them a donation in June and we have just sent them another donation for Christmas as they depend on donations for food. We look forward to seeing them next summer.

**CAFOD** expressed their thanks for our donation of £208.

**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 need to be updated*

## St. Dyfrig's News

**Requiem Service Paul Davies** – as we must comply with Welsh Government regulations places will be limited. There are a few places still available should you wish to attend please contact Kate on 07709618735 by phone or text. Please only attend if you have been confirmed a place.

**Christian Aid** expressed their thanks for our donation of £130.

### Emergency Food Voucher Scheme

The Archdiocese of Cardiff have been awarded funds to provide £10 food vouchers to individuals or families who are experiencing financial hardship. Each parish has been awarded an initial £500 worth of vouchers and St Michaels and Cardinal Newman school will also been given vouchers. Lesley Hughes Treasurer of St. Dyfrig's SVP has kindly offered to administer the voucher scheme for St. Dyfrig's. If you think you know an individual or family who could benefit from a food voucher Lesley can be contacted via email on [lesleyhughes32@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyhughes32@gmail.com) or by phone on 01443 205077 or 07799613527. Please note we have been asked by the grant giver to monitor how the scheme is used so Lesley will need some basic (not names) information about the individual or family receiving the food voucher.

**Hall Development Group** - we have been awarded a grant of £155 by Pontypridd Town Council as part of their small grants scheme. The grant is for purchasing two more of the new tables to replace the old tables in the hall. The application was made 5 months ago and due to the present Covid situation, it was unclear if the council would continue with the grants but we have secured a very welcome amount of money. As with all groups like ours, we have been hit hard by the loss of income. Normally by now the hall would have made over £2000 just from the regular rentals as well as the money raised for the church through fund raisers such as jumble sales and the Christmas events so any income however small is welcome.

**Newsletter items** – please email [kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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. Last week we had two empty rows as parishioners did not turn

up. If you find that you cannot come to mass please 'phone or text Kate as we now have a waiting list for people who wish to attend mass.

**VIRTUAL TEA & COFFEE** - Our Sunday tea and coffee still carries on after every Sunday Mass. If you want to join us, simply pop the kettle on and click the teacup on the front-page of our website. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to catching up with you over a nice steaming cuppa! **Please note the new joining ID and Passcode.**

*(If you need them: Meeting ID: 810 9907 3706  
Passcode: 676978)*

**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.

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

The British Red Cross will also be available for free and confidential coronavirus support from 10 am to 6 pm 0808 196 3651.

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>

**Collections at St. Dyfrig's** - Details of collections for the last 2 weeks:

Gift aid	£900.00
Loose collection	£560.00
Christmas Offering	£20.00
Craft card donation	£20.00

Parishioner loose change donation £162.00



## Friends of St. Dyfrig's Christmas Draw

1<sup>st</sup> Finlay Humphries £100; 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan David £50; 3<sup>rd</sup> M. McCarthy £20, P. Lane, S. Phillips, T. Loveless £10.

A number of cheques are ready from this and earlier draws. If you would like them to be posted, please contact the Parish Office with your address. Many thanks for your continued support and as always new members are welcome and needed. £13 subs are due in January. Cheques payable to St. Dyfrig's Parish may be sent to Sheila Pugh, 26 Marlborough Close, Llantwit Fardre, CF38 2NP or left at the presbytery marked for my attention. Many thanks Sheila Pugh (tel 01443 203492)

### 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	Chris Da Silva Rosa
Peggy Kawulok	Poppy & Kelly Morris
Brin Davidge	Elizabeth Terry
Verna Caines	Ken Biddiscombe
Pete Leueis	Canon William Isaacs
William, John (Jackie) Picton	
Elizabeth Holland	Lauren Gibson
June Thomas	Celia Thomas
Pat Holmes	Chris Shearan
Ruth Pinder	Anne Atkins
Marion Toms	Giovanna Trigg
Joe Howlin	Cathy Spencer
Wendy Collier	Ann Elson

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

	<b>Time &amp; Place</b>	<b>Service &amp; Intention</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	St Dyfrig's 10 a.m.	Mass Live streamed – John Gilbertson  Fr Allan will say a mass For the People of the Parish privately.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent	All Hallows 9.15 a.m. St Dyfrig's 11 a.m.	Mass with congregation – Kim Davies-Stacey RiP Mass with congregation and Live streamed – Claire Turnbull
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December Commemoration of St. Peter Anisus	St Dyfrig's 10 a.m.	Live stream Mass – Graeme de Ste Croix
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	St. Dyfrig's 9 a.m.  St. Dyfrig's 10.15 a.m.	Thanksgiving for St Dyfrig's  Funeral Service of John Paul Davies, thereafter at Glyntaff Crematorium at 11.15 am
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December Commemoration of St. John Kanty	All Hallows 10 a.m. * PLEASE NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR MASS THIS MORNING THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION AT ST DYFRIG'S *	Mas with a congregation - Alice Fife
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Vigil	St. Dyfrig's 10 am All Hallows 6 p.m. St. Dyfrig's 8.30 pm	Mass Live streamed – Mass with congregation – For the People of the Parish Mass with congregation and Live streamed – Deceased Clergy of St Dyfrig's
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	All Hallows 9.15 a.m. St Dyfrig's 11 a.m.	Mass with congregation – Private Intention Mass with congregation and Live streamed – Private Intention
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December St. Stephen the First Martyr	St Dyfrig's 12 noon	Mass with congregation and Live streamed – Hilary Holloway – no need to book a place
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	All Hallows 9.15 a.m. St Dyfrig's 11 a.m.	Mass with congregation – For the People of the Parish Mass with congregation and Live streamed – John Paul Davies

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Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> December The Holy Innocents	St Dyfrig's 10 a.m.	Live stream Mass – Winefride Browne
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December St. Thomas Beckett Bishop and Martyr	All Hallows 10 a.m.	Mass with congregation – Christina Bazzi
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	St Dyfrig's 10 a.m.	Mass Live streamed and with Congregation (no need to reserve a place) – Anna Corcoran, the health and wellbeing of the Corcoran Family.  *PLEASE NOT THAT THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION TODAY*
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> December St. Sylvester	St Dyfrig's 10 a.m.	Mass Live streamed – Deceased Members of the Power Family
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January Mary the Holy Mother of God	St Dyfrig's 12 noon	Mass with congregation and Live streamed – Julie Ann Edwards and Julie Reed (no need to reserve places)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	St Dyfrig's 10 a.m.	Mass Live streamed – Deceased members of the Browne Family
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January Second Sunday after the Nativity	All Hallows 9.15 a.m. St Dyfrig's 11 a.m.	Mass with congregation – For the People of the Parish Mass with congregation and Live streamed – John Paul Davies

**All Hallows Roman Catholic Church**

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 Parish Admin: Suzy Stacey 07734 701449  
 Hall Bookings: Pamela Harding 01443 556796  
 Maintenance Manager: Shamus Harding 01443 556796 or 07928524176

**St Dyfrig's Roman Catholic Church**

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 Hall Bookings: Dave Rossiter 01443 491397  
 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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