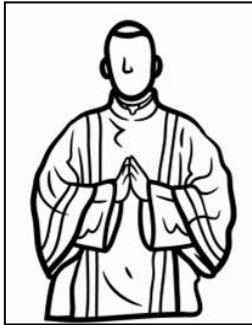




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Pastor Gareth writes: **THE RIGHT TO HOPE**

One of the Masses I will celebrate this week will be for the repose of the soul of a young woman known only as "ST" due to court reporting restrictions. She died last week as a result of a genetic disease. It had been her wish to travel to North America to try an experimental treatment which offered her some slim hope of relief. But the Court of Protection stepped in – this is the legal body which makes judgments about healthcare issues in England & Wales. A judge ruled that ST lacked mental capacity because she was unwilling or unable to contemplate the goodness of the alternative of dying with palliative care.

The judge concluded that ST held a "wrong belief" that her permanent need for a ventilator would be reversed by some experimental procedure. (The treatment might have helped other aspects of her condition but not this.) Given that two psychiatrists agreed that ST did not lack mental capacity and was able to express the view that she "wanted to die trying to live", I find it disturbing to hear that an adult, albeit a young adult, can be denied the right to seek treatment on the basis of a single "wrongly-held belief" which the judge herself acknowledged was likely the result of ST and her family hoping too hard, and this week I wrote to my local MP to express my concern.

**DISCOVERING CHRIST** launches this week! Please pray for this initiative, and it's not too late to invite your friends. Book online at [linktr.ee/olovalleys](http://linktr.ee/olovalleys) or just turn up Monday 12.30 at Cwm Farm Shop Treorchy, or All Hallows Hall, or 6.30 pm Thursday at the Pick & Shovel across the road from St Dyfrig's.

**CATHOLIC ROOTS: Another chance to hear Pastor Gareth's series on the roots of our faith.**

***We believe in the Holy Spirit.*** Why do we believe in a Spirit distinct from the Father and the Son? Why do we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation? How can we build a relationship with this Holy Spirit? **This talk is given Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 5.15 pm in St Mary Magdalene's, Ynyshir.**

### **Upcoming events:**

|                                |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Discovering Christ - Session 1 | Cwm Farm Shop, Treorchy<br>All Hallows' Hall<br>Pick & Shovel, Treforest | Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 12.30 pm<br>Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 12.30 pm<br>Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September, 6.30 pm |
| Eucharistic Adoration          | All Hallows  | Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 10:30 am – 12 noon  |
| Macmillan Coffee Morning       | St Dyfrig's & All Hallows Halls  | Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October <i>following Sunday Mass</i>  |
| Weekend Club                   | All Hallows' Hall  | Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm   |
| Afternoon Tea                  | St Dyfrig's Hall   | Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October at 2 pm (£5 per person)  |
| Nearly New Ladies Fashion Sale | St Dyfrig's Hall   | Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 10am – 3pm   |
| Young Disciples first meeting  | St Mary Magdalene Hall   | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November at 7pm – 8:30pm  |

For more information on any of these events, please contact [treforest@rcadc.org](mailto:treforest@rcadc.org)

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** *The Evangelii Gaudium fund, for our bishops' work of forming us in faith, is open until 29 Sept; late donations can be given in a plain envelope marked "E.G. Fund".*

*CAFOD envelopes will be distributed on the weekend of 1 October and collected on 7/8 October, for the help of people in need across the world.*

### **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year A**

Entrance Antiphon: ***I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.***

***Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them; and I will be their Lord forever.***

Psalm response: ***The Lord is close to all who call him.***

Gospel Acclamation:

***Alleluia, Alleluia!***

***Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord.***

***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: ***You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept.***

***May my ways be firm in keeping your statutes***

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

**Please pray for the recently deceased in our churches:**

Joyce Russell

Angela Zanchi

Dr Cleophas  
Benedict

**Please also remember in prayer all our sick and housebound.**

## Our Churches:

### St Dyfrig's, Treforest

Email: treforest@rcadc.org

Call: 01443 402 439

**Address:**

St Dyfrig's Catholic Church,  
Treforest,  
Pontypridd  
CF37 1DB

### St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir

Email: rhondda@rcadc.org

Call: 01443 421 929

**Address:**

St Mary Magdalene  
4 Gynor Ave,  
Porth  
CF39 0NH

### Ss Gabriel and Raphael, Tonypany

Email: rhondda@rcadc.org

Call: 01443 421 929

**Address:**

S.S. Gabriel and Raphael  
13 Trinity Road,  
Tonypany  
CF40 1DQ

### All Hallows, Miskin

Email: llantrisant@rcadc.org

Call: 01443 228 866

**Address:**

All Hallows' Catholic Church  
School Rd, Miskin,  
Pontyclun  
CF72 8P

## The Pope's Prayer intentions:

*Pope Francis is dedicating his September prayer for people living on the margins, for those living in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*

## Parish Directory

### HOSPITAL CARE

To arrange communion for someone in hospital, contact:

#### Royal Glamorgan (RGH)

Marita Fernandez,  
[kochuma@hotmail.com](mailto:kochuma@hotmail.com)  
07960 206916

#### Llwynypia Hospital

Sr Berenice (Parish Sister for the Rhondda Parishes)  
**Via Tonypany Parish**

#### Cardiff Hospitals (UHW)

Call 02920 747 747 and ask for the on-call Catholic Chaplain

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|---|--|
| Baptism                                 | Wendy Marsh  |
| Becoming Catholic                       | Cath & Tony Carroll                                    |
| Confirmation                            | Lizzy de-Ste-Croix                                     |
| First Communion (St Dyfrig's)           | Teresa & Alan de-Ste-Croix                             |
| First Communion (All Hallows)           | Sarah Horton   |
| First Communion (Rhondda churches)      | Through St Gabriel and Raphael School                  |
| Weekend Club                            | Marita Fernandez                                       |
| Hall Hire (St Dyfrig's)                 | Treforest Office                                       |
| Hall Hire (All Hallows')                | Pamela Harding   |
| Maintenance (All Hallows')              | Shamus Harding   |
| Marriage                                | Pr Gareth  |
| Mass Intentions                         | Individual Parish Administrator                        |
| Music Ministry (All Hallows')           | Teresa Bressington                                     |
| Music Ministry (SS Gabriel and Raphael) | Bridget Green (organist) David Hoban (folk group)      |
| Music Ministry (St Mary Magdalene)      | Joachim Biddulph                                       |
| Music Ministry (St Dyfrig's)            | Chidie Ejiogu  |
| Newsletter                              | Parish Offices   |
| Safeguarding (St Dyfrig's)              | Maggie White (01443 410593) or Roy Mayo (01443 209850) |
| Safeguarding (All Hallows')             | Suzy Stacey (07359 463013) or Diane Franks-Herbet      |
| Safeguarding (Rhondda churches)         | Maria Hughes (07811011674)                             |
| UCM – Union of Catholic Mothers         | Suzy Stacey  |

### Collection figures (17<sup>th</sup> Sept):

#### St Dyfrig's

Gift Aid: £193.02

Loose Plate: £288.89

#### All Hallows'

Gift Aid: £819.50

Loose Plate: £88.22

Non Gift Aid: £29.00

#### St Mary Magdalene (last 2 weeks)

Gift Aid: £ -

Loose Plate: £116.70

#### 2 Ss Gabriel and Raphael (2 weeks)

Gift Aid: £237.00

Loose Plate: £199.35

Here are the latest articles on our parish blog: [amdg.page](#)

- ❖ Archdiocesan Thanksgiving [Mass for Marriage](#), Cardiff 7 Oct
- ❖ The visit of [Our Lady of Fatima](#) statue
- ❖ Job Opportunity ([Safeguarding Manager](#)) in Menevia
- ❖ [Information](#) on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees
- ❖ A video from Archbishop Mark about [Evangelii Gaudium](#)

### Our local Catholic Schools:

**Cardinal Newman RC Secondary, Rhydfelin** 01443 494110

Email: [headteacher@cardinalnewman.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@cardinalnewman.co.uk)

**S.S. Gabriel and Raphael RC Primary, Tonypany** 01443 433094

Email: [admin@ssgabrielraphaelrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru](mailto:admin@ssgabrielraphaelrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru)

**St Michael's RC Primary, Treforest** 01443 570090

Email: [admin@stmichaelsrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru](mailto:admin@stmichaelsrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru)

## The Latest News

Comments by participants on a recent *Discovering Christ* course in Cardiff:

"It helped me to view things in ways that I hadn't thought of. I am more at ease to discuss my faith."

"It did move me, gave me new outlook on my faith. Great to speak to others on a deeper level on faith."

Come and discover ***Discovering Christ*** – **Mondays 12.30 - 3** All Hallows CF72 8PG & **Cwm Farm Shop Treorchy CF42 6DL**  
WALK-INS WELCOME AT ALL VENUES **Thursdays 6.30 – 9** Pick & Shovel CF37 1SG

### Young Disciples

*Lizzy de-Ste-Croix writes:* We are excited to announce that we will be introducing a youth group into our pastorate. ***Young Disciples*** is a weekly group that is aimed for those in secondary school (ages 11 to 16) where they can meet with like-minded young people who want to grow deeper in their faith. Each week, we'll meet for some light food, games and fellowship with the aim to grow into a community dedicated to growing with Christ. **This first meeting has been postponed until after the Autumn half term.** Meanwhile, all are welcome to join us on the 31<sup>st</sup> October for "Real Hallowe'en" (see *Seekers'* notice below).

### Weekend Club

We meet on the first Friday of the month in the hall of All Hallows Church at 7pm. The aim of the club is to create opportunities to develop fellowship within our parish communities and then to reach out to others outside the church. Come along and invite your friends too. (Next opportunity: 6<sup>th</sup> October.)

### Seekers - what next?

The next Seekers event will be a "Real Hallowe'en" on Tuesday 31st October in St Dyfrig's. An evening of dressing up as saints, games, food, music and loads of fun! It will culminate in the Vigil Mass for All Saints day. All young people in KS2 and above are welcome. So please mark it in your calendar now: **Tuesday 31st October**. More details to follow.

### Missio Red Box Collection.

*Allan Reeves writes:* The Autumn collection is starting. Please could you bring in your Red Box for emptying; if the representative is not at Church when you bring it in, it can be safely left in the Sacristy and will be collected from there for counting, please make sure that your name is on the box. Once emptied and counted, it will be returned for you to collect when you are next in Church. **In ST DYFRIG'S**, when you pick up your Red Box From the Narthex, please take a copy of the autumn edition of *Mission Today* which has daily prayer reflections for October and details of World Mission Sunday on 22 October, plus other items highlighting Missio's work.

**Foodbank** – Nile Street [Pontypridd](#) 01443 404 692 and [Taff Ely](#) Foodbank 01443 520 730

**All Hallows Church:** Please check Taff Ely Foodbank Facebook page for urgently needed items or see the list in the church foyer. Please gift aid your monetary donations. Forms are available in the foyer. The donation box at All Hallows is emptied every Wednesday.

**Most in need at St Dyfrig's:** toiletries – shower gel, shampoo, deodorant and baby toiletries. There is also a need for tins of potatoes, UHT milk and fruit juices.

Any donations can be left in the baskets at church or dropped off in the foodbank itself. As ever, any donations of tinned food or toiletries and cleaning items are most welcome as everyone is struggling in the current financial climate. The Foodbanks are also in need of volunteers, and financial gifts can be Gift Aided. Many thanks for your continued support.

### ST DYFRIG'S CHURCH CLEANING

There will be a general clean of the Church on Wednesday 27th September from 10.30am. Anyone willing to come and spend an hour or two helping with the clean will be really welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be on hand to sustain energy levels!

### All Hallows newsletter printing

We are looking for a volunteer to help with printing and folding the newsletter once every three weeks as part of our newsletter team. This needs to take place on a Thursday or Friday and if you think this is something could you help with, please contact Suzy.

### Social Media

Are you a fan of Facebook and Instagram? Don't forget to follow us and join our new parish groups. You can find us on our instagram via @usw\_catholics (our Insta is meant for Catholic Students at the University of South Wales), and our Facebook via "Pastorate of Our Lady of the Valleys". You can also join a parish Facebook group for your local community by searching "St Dyfrig's RC Parish, Treforest"; "All Hallows Catholic Church Miskin"; or "Rhondda Catholic Parishes".

**Mass and Service times for this week**

|   | <i>Place</i>   | <i>Time</i>   | <i>Service with intentions</i>   |
|---|--|---|--|
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September<br><i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>                        | All Hallows, Miskin<br><br>Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy   | 10am<br><br>5pm<br>5:30pm   | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12<br>(No Saturday morning Mass this week)<br><br>Confession<br>Mass – Thelma Cole and Martin Lewis <i>RIP</i>  |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September<br><b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A</b> | All Hallows, Miskin<br><br>St Dyfrig's, Treforest<br><br>Penrhys Shrine<br><br>Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy<br>St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir<br><br>St Dyfrig's, Treforest | 8:45am<br>9:15am<br><br>11:15am<br><br>2:45pm<br><br>3:30pm<br>3:30pm<br>4pm<br><br>7pm | Confession<br>Mass – John McCarthy <i>RIP</i><br><br>Mass – Frances & Alex Jones<br><br>Rosary<br><br>Reception of the body of Joyce Russell<br><br>Confession<br>Mass – Tom Abson, Anniversary <i>RIP</i><br><br>Confession       |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September   | Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy<br>(No Word & Communion today)<br><br>St Dyfrig's, Treforest   | 10:30am<br>12:00<br><br>11am  | Requiem Mass – Joyce Russell<br>Burial in Treorchy Cemetery<br><br>Service of the Word & Holy Communion<br><i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon.</i>   |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September  | St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir<br><br>All Hallows, Miskin<br><br>From home   | 9:00am<br>10am<br><br>10 am<br><br>9pm  | Morning Prayer and Adoration<br>Mass –<br><br>Service of the Word with Holy Communion<br><br>Rosary for the sick members of our parish   |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September<br><i>St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>                   | Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Toypandy<br><br>All Hallows, Miskin<br><br>St Dyfrig's, Treforest  | 9:15am<br>9:30am<br><br>10am<br><br>10am  | Morning Prayer<br>Service of the Word with Holy Communion<br><br>NO MASS AT ALL HALLOWS<br><br>Service of the word with Holy Communion<br><i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i>   |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September   | St Dyfrig's, Treforest<br><br>All Hallows, Miskin  | 10 am<br><br>6pm  | <i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i><br><br>Mass –   |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September<br><b>Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</b>     | Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy<br><br>St Dyfrig's, Treforest  | 10.45am<br><br>6pm  | Mass -<br><br>Adoration with Praise music  |
| Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br><i>St Jerome, Priest</i>                             | All Hallows, Miskin<br><br>Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy   | 10am<br><br>5pm<br>5:30pm   | (No Saturday morning Mass this week)<br><br>Confession<br>Mass – Mr Murphy <i>RIP</i>  |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October<br><b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A</b>    | All Hallows, Miskin<br><br>St Dyfrig's, Treforest<br><br>Penrhys Shrine<br><br>St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir<br><br>St Dyfrig's, Treforest                                    | 8:45am<br>9:15am<br><br>11:15am<br><br>2:45pm<br><br>3:30pm<br>4pm<br><br>7pm           | Confession<br>Mass – Yvonne Bacchetta <i>RIP</i><br><br>Mass – The deceased members of the McGarry family and friends <i>RIP</i><br><br>Rosary<br><br>Confession<br>Mass – Moises and Teresita Nobres <i>RIP</i><br><br>Confession |