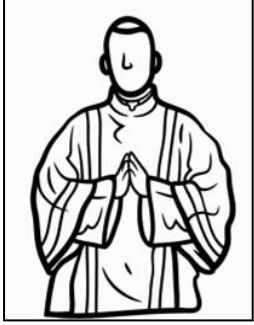




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Pastor Gareth writes: **NEW BEGINNINGS**



As we bid farewell to the festive season, I would like to **put my thanks in writing**, first of all to everyone who helped with the practicalities of our Christmas events (from building cribs to serving mince pies) and to all the benefactors who have blessed our parishes, our seasonal charities, and me personally during these weeks of celebration. A special shout-out goes to the Tea Dance Group at All Hallows, who donated the proceeds of their most recent event to the Presbytery Renovation fund.

On Monday evening, despite the threat of snow, we had an excellent turnout for our **guest speaker**, Allegra Mutanda. Allegra enthused all present with dreams of what our parishes could become, and then spent the

following day with the Pastorate Leadership team, sharing from the experience of her four-church parish and helping us take the first steps to turn some of those dreams into reality.

We have made a strong start to the "Year of Prayer" with our **"5 a day" prayer campaign**. If you haven't yet taken a flier with the suggested topics for 5 minutes of prayer each day, there will be spares available for the next few weeks. We will also make a map available in each church so you can show your pledge to pray by placing a pin in the map.

Given the limited number of applications received for older pupils to make **First Holy Communion** in 2024, we are now able to open this year's preparation in All Hallows and St Dyfrig's to **all Year 3 Pupils**. Application forms ONLY for Year 3 pupils (or their older siblings in primary school) will be available this weekend and next weekend after Sunday Mass.

Please note that siblings already in Secondary School are too old to participate in these First Communion groups and should instead prepare through our Young Disciples group which resumes on Monday evening.

The week spanning 18 – 25 January is the annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. We are holding prayer services in All Hallows and St Dyfrig's, and supporting a Rhondda service in St Barnabas, Penygraig, CF40 1LF. That week's on-line prayer service on Monday afternoon (22 Jan) will also be a Christian Unity service. If you have friends who are Christians who worship in other churches, do invite them to come!

Finally, if you haven't looked at our [amdg.page](#) blog recently, you're missing out on news of multiple good things – try it!

Upcoming events:

Review of Liturgy and Worship	All Hallows Church	Sunday 14 th January 10.45 am
<i>Ways of Praying</i> (Anna Mayer)	tinyurl.com/Ways2Pray ZOOM	Monday 15 th January 2-3 pm
Young Disciples returns	St Mary Magdalene Hall	Monday 15 th January at 7pm
Christian Unity Prayer Evening	St Dyfrig's Church	Friday 19 th January at 6pm
Eucharistic Adoration	All Hallows Church	Saturday 20 th January after 10am mass
Review of Liturgy and Worship	St Dyfrig's Church	Sunday 21 st January 1.30 pm (bring lunch)
Christian Unity Service	All Hallows Church	Monday 22 nd January at 11am
Qurbana (Syro Malabar Mass)	St Dyfrig's Church	Tuesday 23 rd January at 7 pm
Christian Unity Service	St Barnabas	Thursday 25 th January at 7 pm
<i>Following Christ</i>	ZOOM & St Dyfrig's Church	Monday 22 nd January 7-9 pm (Session 1)
Jumble Sale	St Dyfrig's Hall	Saturday 27 th January at 1pm

For more information on any of these events, please contact treforest@rcadc.org – also contact if you wish to book a place on the *Ways of Praying* or *Following Christ* courses.

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Entrance Antiphon: *All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
And shall sing to you; shall sing to your name, O Most High.*

Psalm response: *Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: **We have come to know**

and to believe in the love that God has for us.

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 3-10

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1: 35-42

Please pray for the recently deceased in our churches:

Elwyn Williams

Peter Anzani

Dorino Cavalli

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 & 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 January Prayer intentions:

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Parish Directory

Baptism	Wendy Marsh
Becoming Catholic	Pastor Gareth
Confirmation	Lizzy de-Ste-Croix (St Dyfrig's office)
First Communion (St Dyfrig's)	Teresa (07500668424) & Alan de-Ste-Croix
First Communion (All Hallows)	Sarah Horton (07447456824)
First Communion (Rhondda churches)	Through St Gabriel and Raphael School
Weekend Club	Marita Fernandez (07960206916)
Hall Hire (St Dyfrig's)	Treforest Office (or Sue Cleary)
Hall Hire (All Hallows')	Pamela Harding (01443556796)
Maintenance (All Hallows')	Shamus Harding (01443556796)
Marriage	Pastor Gareth
Mass Intentions	Individual Parish Administrator
Music Ministry (All Hallows')	Teresa Bressington (07599155418) Anne Thomas (organist)
Music Ministry (SS Gabriel and Raphael)	Bridget Green (organist) David Hoban (folk group) (07811707458)
Music Ministry (St Mary Magdalene)	Joachim Biddulph
Music Ministry (St Dyfrig's)	Chidie Ejiogu (07950642266)
Newsletter	Parish Offices
Safeguarding (St Dyfrig's)	Maggie White (01443 410593) or Roy Mayo (01443 209850)
Safeguarding (All Hallows')	Suzy Stacey (07734 701449) or Diane Franks-Herbert (07999 891 009)
Safeguarding (Rhondda churches)	Maria Hughes (07811011674)
UCM – Union of Catholic Mothers	Suzy Stacey (07734 701449)

HOSPITAL CARE

To arrange communion for someone in hospital, contact:

Royal Glamorgan (RGH)

Marita Fernandez,
mfwhat58@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

Collection figures (24th/31st December):

St Dyfrig's

Gift Aid: £209.20
Loose Plate: £315.65
Standing Orders: £239.41

All Hallows'

Gift Aid: £928.21
Loose Plate: £353.44
Non Gift Aid: £35.97

Collection figures (7th January):

St Dyfrig's

Gift Aid: £185.00
Loose Plate: £362.80
Standing Orders: £239.41

All Hallows'

Gift Aid: £454.00
Loose Plate: £155.37
Non Gift Aid: £20.00

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

- ❖ More on [Peace Sunday](#)
- ❖ [Torchlight](#) procession for Peace
- ❖ [First Communion](#) open to year 3 pupils
- ❖ A workshop on the [Synodal Mission Church](#), please book online.
- ❖ A chance to become part of [CAFOD's Mission](#)

Our local Catholic Schools:

Cardinal Newman RC Secondary, Rhydfelin 01443 494110

Email: headteacher@cardinalnewman.co.uk

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

Email: admin@ssgabrielraphaelrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru

St Michael's RC Primary, Treforest 01443 570090

Email: admin@stmichaelsrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru

Collection figures (24th/31st Dec, 7th Jan):

Ss Gabriel + Raphael

Gift Aid: £143.00
Loose: £100.00
Standing Orders: £140.50

St Mary Magdalene

Loose: £44.00

The Latest News

The Ways of Praying

Every Monday by Zoom from 15th Jan – 12th Feb, we'll be exploring the Ways of Praying.

Join the call from 1.45 pm, guest speaker at 2 pm leading into a prayer exercise. At 2.45 you're free to drop off if you're on the school run or stay for Q&A. Call ends at 3 pm. To book: tinyurl.com/Ways2Pray or contact 01443 402439.

The course is free but you must register to get the Zoom link. This week: Lectio Divina.

Following Christ

Starting Monday 22nd January, *Following Christ* will be open for everyone at St Dyfrig's Parish Presbytery on Mondays from 7pm to 9pm. You're welcome to join in person or via Zoom. Please book: tinyurl.com/FC-Spring24 or call 01443 402439. *Dates: Jan 22, 29. Feb 5, 12, [not 19th], 26. March 4, 11. Retreat Day (in person only): Sat 24th Feb.*

Reviewing our Worship

What's working well with the way we worship on Sunday? What needs improving? Are there prayer things we'd like to do on weekdays which aren't currently happening? Each parish will have an Open Review meeting to look at these topics. For All Hallows it follows Mass this Sunday (14th January) – we'll have a cuppa in the hall and then start the meeting there. At St Dyfrig's it will be after Mass Sunday 21st, but given Mass doesn't finish until 12.30 we will have a bring-and-share meal before starting the meeting. The Rhondda Churches will have similar meetings when the weather is less wintry.

St Dyfrig's Newsletter

We are looking for volunteers to fold the Newsletter at St Dyfrig's on a Thursday. If you think that you'd be able to volunteer to help us then contact Lizzy in the office via treforest@rcadc.org

All Hallows' Newsletter

We're looking for two more people who are willing to help print and fold our newsletter each week at All Hallows. With a team of four, it would only be your turn once every four weeks. If this is something you think you could help with full training will be given please contact Suzy on [07734 701449](tel:07734701449).

Foodbank – Nile Street [Pontypridd](tel:01443404692) 01443 404 692 and [Taff Ely](tel:01443520730) Foodbank 01443 520 730

All Hallows Church: We would like to make an appeal for more donations please. An item per family would fill the weekly box. Thank you for your generosity. The box at All Hallows is emptied every Wednesday.

St Dyfrig's: Thank you to everyone who has donated the foodbank, the Christmas parcels are starting to go out to families in Pontypridd and Treforest. We are still giving out the regular food parcels and are running short of: Packets of biscuits, jars of curry sauce, jars of jam or peanut butter, tins of meat. Thank you again for your continued support.

Eucharistic Adoration

The next eucharistic adoration at All Hallows will be on 20th **January** 2024. All are welcome to join in our prayers.

Jumble Sale – January 27th at 1pm

St Dyfrig's Community Hall will be open on Friday 26th January from 10am to 2pm to receive items for the jumble sale. Please do not leave them earlier than this as we have nowhere to store them. Any volunteers to help with sorting and pricing on the Friday will be very welcome. Also, volunteers on the Saturday will also be welcome.

A big Thank You from St Dyfrig's Hall

A big thank you to all the volunteers in St Dyfrig's Hall who help with the regular weekly cleaning, setting up for events (sometimes at very short notice!), putting tables and chairs away after events, making tea and coffee on a Sunday (and keeping the supplies topped up!), helping with small DIY projects and generally making sure the hall can function on a regular basis. There is also a small group who are looking at different grants for repairs and refurbishment of the hall. If you would like to help with any of these tasks, please let the office know and we will be in touch.

Friends of St Dyfrig's Christmas winners

Congratulations to all the winners of the Christmas draw, you can collect your prizes from the St Dyfrig's Sacristy.

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| 1: Helen Friel (106) (£100) | 2: Alwyn Pugh (83) (£50) |
| 3: Wayne Coughlin (61) (£20) | 4: Joyce Dyer (159) (£10) |
| 5: M. White (53) (£10) | 6: Veronica Atkins (81) (£10) |

Sheila writes: Merry Christmas to you all. Once again, I would like to thank you for your support over the last 23 year

Young Disciples:

Lizzy de-Ste-Croix writes: **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. **The next meeting will be on Monday 15th January from 7pm – 9pm at St Mary Magdalene's hall.**

Mass and Service times for this week

	<i>Place</i>	<i>Tme</i>	<i>Service with intentions</i>
Saturday 13 th January	All Hallows, Miskin	10am	Mass – The Illsey Family
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass – For deceased Clergy and parishioners
Sunday 14 th January 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time White Flower appeal for SPUC	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Josephine Rees
	All Hallows, Miskin	2:15pm	Baptism – Reuben Michael Evans
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass - Hilda Paul
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	Confession
Monday 15 th January	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am 9:30am	Morning prayer Service of the word with Holy Communion
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11 am	Mass – Lauren Gaule <i>RIP</i> <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon.</i>
	All Hallows, Miskin	4 pm	Reception of the Body of Elwyn Williams
Tuesday 16 th January	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	9:00am 10am	Adoration with 9.40 Morning Prayer Mass –
	All Hallows, Miskin	12noon	Requiem Mass – Elwyn Morgan Williams <i>Followed by cremation at Glyntaff Crematorium</i>
	From home	9pm	Rosary for the sick members of our parish
Wednesday 17 th January <i>St Anthony</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am 9:30am	Morning prayer Service of the word with Holy Communion
	All Hallows', Miskin	10am	Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10am	Service of the Word with Communion <i>Church open for prayer until 2pm</i>
Thursday 18 th January	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10 am	<i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i>
	All Hallows, Miskin	6pm	Mass –
Friday 19 th January	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am 10:00am	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	6:00pm	Christian Unity Service
Saturday 20 th January	All Hallows, Miskin	10am	Mass – Reparation for Our Lord's Abandonment <i>Followed by adoration until 12noon</i>
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass –
Sunday 21 st January 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Deceased souls of the McGarry Family
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass -
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	Confession

Note to our Syro-Malabar Community: Qurbana at St Dyfrig's Tue 23rd January at 7 pm.