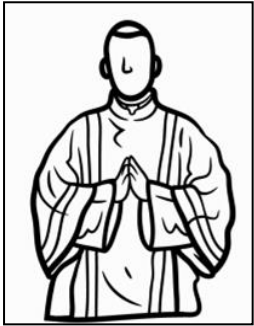




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Pastor Gareth writes: **CHRISTIAN UNITY**



Jesus prayed that all his followers should be 'one' so that the world would believe. (It's part of the very long prayer he prayed for us which you can find in John Chapter 17.) For the first thousand years of Christianity, most Christians were part of the Catholic Church, united under the Bishop of Rome, though there have been 'Oriental Orthodox' churches in East Africa and Armenia since 451. In 1054, the churches of Eastern Europe also broke away, and the Protestant Reformation meant Europe had increasingly fragmented religious communities since 1500. After all, if your parent denomination solved a problem by breaking in two, it's likely that a future major disagreement might be solved the same way.

I think it's fair to say that most Christians today belong to a particular denomination because they were either (a) brought up that way by one or both parents; or (b) joined a particular denomination because they met kind members of that congregation who drew them in. Relatively few Christians are Catholic because they believe the Church should be governed by a Pope, or Baptists because they believe only adults should be baptised. And I think Christian Unity means different things to different Christians. Many evangelical Christians see themselves as equal partners sitting at a round table. "We do a church for students, they do a church for senior citizens, we're each doing our bit for God's Kingdom." As Catholics we see the picture differently: we are the bull's eye in a diagram of concentric circles where the Orthodox, with bishops and seven sacraments, are closest to us; anyone who has water baptism is the next layer out; and others who follow Jesus but don't baptise are on the fringe. For us, full Unity will always mean coming under obedience to the bishop of Rome; but we can, with full integrity, stand alongside other Christians and pray for "the unity which Christ desires".

Since 1908, Catholics and other Christians have marked the days from 18 to 25 January as the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. We have a responsibility to keep praying for this, whether other Christians join us or not. Since no-one else in southern RCT has taken the initiative since covid, the Pastorate of Our Lady of the Valleys (in active partnership with Anglicans in the Rhondda) has organised four opportunities to join in prayer (the first being 6 pm Fri 19 Jan at St Dyfrig's, in case you receive this bulletin early by email). If you have friends who worship in other local churches, please be active in inviting them to come along. If you don't, please come yourself. Our Lord thought praying for the Unity of Christians was crucial, so let's follow his example. And if you can't join us in person or on Zoom, you can at least pray the prayer material at home, which you can find online here: [ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024](http://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024)

## Upcoming events:

New Wineskins	St Dyfrig's Church	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 10am-12noon
Review of Liturgy and Worship	St Dyfrig's Church	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 1.30pm (bring lunch)
Christian Unity Service	All Hallows Church	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January at 11am
<i>Ways of Praying</i> (Christian Unity)	ZOOM	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2-3 pm
Young Disciples	St Mary Magdalene Hall	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January at 7pm
<i>Following Christ</i> (Session 1)	ZOOM & St Dyfrig's Church	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January at 7-9pm
Qurbana (Syro Malabar Mass)	St Dyfrig's Church	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January at 7pm
Christian Unity Service	St Barnabas	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January at 7pm
Jumble Sale	St Dyfrig's Hall	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January at 1pm

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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Entrance Antiphon: *O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

*In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.*

Psalm response: *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation:

***Alleluia, Alleluia!***

***The Kingdom of God is near, says the Lord,***

***Repent and believe in the Good News! Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: ***Look towards the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.***

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 7: 29-31

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

**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	Pr 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-Herbet (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 (14<sup>th</sup> January):**

**St Dyfrig's**

Gift Aid: £191.08  
Loose Plate: £345.03  
Standing Orders: £239.41

**All Hallows'**

Gift Aid: £498.42  
Loose Plate: £153.83  
Non Gift Aid: £20.00

**Ss Gabriel & Raphael**

Gift Aid: £109.00  
Loose Plate: £121.58  
Standing Orders: £140.50

**St Mary Magdalene**

Loose Plate: £87.50

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

- ❖ Job Vacancies: [Class Teacher](#)
- ❖ [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](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

### The Ways of Praying

Every Monday by Zoom up to 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, we'll be exploring the Ways of Praying. This week's topic is "Prayer for Christian Unity" and next week will explore the Rosary. 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:

<https://olovrct.churchsuite.com/events/nztqlwbb> or contact 01443 402439.

*The course is free but you must register to get the Zoom link.*

### Following Christ

Starting THIS Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:

<https://olovrct.churchsuite.com/events/6vzrchvn> or call 01443 402439.

*Dates: Jan 22, 29. Feb 5, 12, 26. March 4, 11. Retreat Day (in person only): Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.*

### All Hallows' Newsletter

We're looking for two more people who are willing to help print and fold our newsletter each week. 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. If you would like to donate money, kindly consider gift aiding your contributions. The forms are in the FB box in the foyer.

**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.

### Donated Items

*All Hallows:* Please do not leave any 'donated' religious items on the tables in the foyer. We cannot dispose of them. We cannot accept anymore Christian books either until we have created a bookshelf for our current books.

### First Communion

This weekend is the last chance for parents to collect First Communion forms for Y3 pupils at Mass. All forms must be returned by noon on Wed 24 Jan.

### Prayer Service for Christian Unity at All Hallows

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January in All Hallows at 11am followed by refreshments in the hall. Please invite your other Christian and non Christian friends too.

### All Hallows Community Garden

There will be a brief meeting in the All Hallows' Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> January after Mass to discuss the way forward and to make plans for the All Hallows Community Garden, and other gardens surrounding the church. Any ideas welcome. Please come along and find out how you can be involved in any way, large or small.

### Jumble Sale – January 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

St Dyfrig's hall will be open on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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:

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

*Sheila writes:* Merry Christmas to you all. Once again, I would like to thank you for your support over the last 23 year. :: *There has been some interest in new leadership for the Friends' Draw: watch this space!*

### Lectio Group

If you would like to join the local *Lectio Divina* group we would be delighted to hear from you. At the moment we meet on Zoom at 6.30 pm on a Tuesday. If this time is not suitable for you we can certainly discuss an alternative time. Either way please get in touch with Anna Mayer so you can be sent the zoom link. Email [anna@mayer.co.uk](mailto:anna@mayer.co.uk)

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January from 7pm – 9pm at St Mary Magdalene's hall.**

### Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at All Hallows will continue on the first and third Saturdays following 10 am mass until 12. We are looking for people to commit an hour of adoration once a month in order to sustain a rota of 'watchers' during adoration. If you can, please contact Marita on [07960 206 916](tel:07960206916). The next dates for adoration are 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February. Come and spend time with Our Lord in silent adoration.



**Mass and Service times for this week**

	<i>Place</i>	<i>Tme</i>	<i>Service with intentions</i>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	All Hallows, Miskin	10 am	Mass – Our Lord’s Abandonment <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon</i>
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	10 am	<i>New Wineskins</i> prayer event ( <i>until 12 noon</i> )
	All Hallows, Miskin (Side Chapel)	12 noon	<i>Memorial Mass (Polish Family)</i>
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypany	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass – Joe Cavalli <i>RIP</i>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>  <b>Sunday of the Word of God</b>	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – Paul Anthony O’Donnell <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Deceased souls McGarry Family
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass -
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	7pm	Confession
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypany	9:15am 9:30am	Morning prayer Service of the word with Holy Communion
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	11 am	Mass – Mrs Angela Jones + family <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon.</i>
	All Hallows, Miskin	11 am	Christian Unity Service
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	9:00am 10am	Adoration with 9.40 Morning Prayer Mass –
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	7 pm	Qurbana (Syro-Malabar Mass)
	From home	9 pm	Rosary for the sick members of our parish
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January  <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypany	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 25 <sup>th</sup> January  <b>The Conversion of St Paul</b>	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	10:30 am	<i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i>
	St Barnabas (C-in-W), Tonypany	7pm	Christian Unity Service
	All Hallows, Miskin	6pm	Mass – Jonas Fernandez <i>RIP 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January  <i>Sts Timothy and Titus</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypany	9:15am 10:00am	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass –
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	6:00pm	Adoration with praise and worship
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	All Hallows, Miskin	10am	Mass –
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypany	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass –
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January  <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – Ken Poole <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Cyril + Albert Davis
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass -
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	7pm	Confession