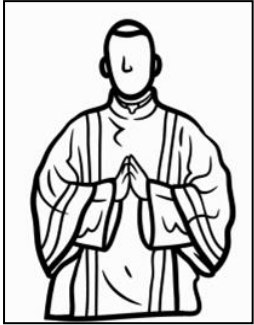




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*Pastor Gareth writes:* **COVERING OUR COSTS**



Over the last couple of weeks we've been reflecting on the cost of running our churches. It's easy to miss some details in what has been announced, so I want to make a couple of things clear. You will have heard that the Rhondda Parishes "would not have covered their running costs" in 2022-23 unless we'd received a legacy. By that we meant "covered from this year's income" – of course those costs could have been covered from the parish's savings, but we can't live that way forever. At St Dyfrig's, I heard the feedback "We were given a legacy but we had to give it to the diocese". The context to that is that St Dyfrig's has a debt of £43,000 to the diocese and the condition of the loan is that unexpected income must repay it.

Three of our churches have healthy levels of savings in the bank (Ynyshir: £154k; Tonypany £250k; Misken £307k). St Dyfrig's has a more complex arrangement, where we have £117k of ring-fenced savings which can only be used for "Church Restoration" alongside the £43k debt we are still repaying to the Diocese. In last week's leaflet, the Diocese suggested that a healthy church covers all its annual running costs plus 20% which can be saved towards long term maintenance. None of our parishes manage this – even at All Hallows, at last week's Finance Committee we predicted that the parish might have a deficit rather than a surplus in Financial Year 2024-25.

We can only spend our savings once, and buildings are expensive to run. Any church which cannot cover its annual costs must eventually face the question: "How do we continue to worship without carrying the costs of this building?" The answer might be sharing a building with another Christian denomination or hiring a hall. We have a safety net. We don't have to face this question for a few years. That gives us time to do something about it, and the best thing we can possibly do is work on activities to grow our parishes – to reach out to Catholics who have dropped out, and to share our faith with people who do not yet know Jesus. This is why my first priority as parish priest is arranging *Discovering Christ* and similar outreach courses. The future of our parishes depends on it.

**You can see the 2022-23 annual accounts for each parish online here:** [tinyurl.com/OLOV22-23](https://tinyurl.com/OLOV22-23)

## Upcoming events:

Ways of Praying (Ignatian Meditation)	Zoom	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February at 1:45 pm
Following Christ: Session 3	St Dyfrig's Presbytery + Zoom	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February at 7pm
Young Disciples	St Mary Magdalene Hall	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February at 7pm
UCM Meeting	All Hallows' Hall	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February at 2:15pm
Afternoon Tea	St Dyfrig's Hall	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February at 2pm
Catholic Medical Speaker	St Dyfrig's Hall	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February at 12.45 pm
Mass with Anointing the Sick	All Hallows	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 11.30 am
Station Mass with Archbishop Mark	All Hallows	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February - evening

*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.*

*Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Every Catholic over 14 is asked to abstain from meat; every Catholic aged 18-60 is asked to fast by eating not more than one modest meal and two snacks. (Medical exemptions apply.) Younger Catholics should join the spirit of the day as much as they are able. Masses with Ashes are:*

**10 am at All Hallows    10.45 am at Ss Gabriel & Raphael    7 pm at both St Dyfrig's and St Mary Magdalene**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Entrance Antiphon: ***O come, let us worship God, and bow low before the God who made us, for his the Lord our God.***

Psalm response: ***Praise the Lord for his kindness and mercy.***

Gospel Acclamation:

***Alleluia, Alleluia!***

***He took our sickness away,***

***And carried our diseases for us. Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: ***Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men;  
For he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.***

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1: 29 - 39

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

Kevin Power

Mary Rigley

Elwyn Williams

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

**Our Churches:**

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Treforest,  
Pontypridd  
CF37 1DB

**St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir**

Email: [rhondda@rcadc.org](mailto: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](mailto:rhondda@rcadc.org)

Call: 01443 421 929

**Address:**

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

**All Hallows, Miskin**

Email: [miskin@rcadc.org](mailto:miskin@rcadc.org)

Call: 01443 228 866

**Address:**

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

**The Pope's February Prayer intentions:**

**For the terminally ill**  
*We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.*

**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)	Contact: <a href="mailto:treforest.hall@outlook.com">treforest.hall@outlook.com</a>
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,  
[mfwat58@hotmail.com](mailto:mfwat58@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 (28<sup>th</sup> January):**

**St Dyfrig's**

Gift Aid: £187.50  
Loose Plate: £456.35  
Standing Orders: £239.41

**All Hallows'**

Gift Aid: £884.00  
Loose Plate: £263.90  
Non Gift Aid: £20.10

**Ss Gabriel & Raphael**

Gift Aid: £153  
Loose Plate: £84.80  
Standing Orders: £140.50

**St Mary Magdalene**

Loose Plate: £52.40

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

- ❖ Details on the [Friends of the Holy Land Webinar](#)
- ❖ The chance to [reflect on the Four Constitutions](#).
- ❖ An invitation to ['Come and See'](#) religious life
- ❖ Our latest [Parish Financial Reports](#)
- ❖ And plenty of job opportunities (mostly in schools)

**Our local Catholic Schools:**

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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

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## The Latest News

### The Ways of Praying

Every Monday by Zoom from 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – 12<sup>th</sup> 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:

<https://olovrct.churchsuite.com/events/nztqlwbb> or contact 01443 402439. *The course is free but you must register to get the Zoom link.*

### Catholic Medical Association

Did you know there is a national association for Catholics working in healthcare or medical ethics? Michał Pruski is the Cardiff rep for the **Catholic Medical Association** and he will be speaking about the CMA following a pizza lunch in St Dyfrig's Hall on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February. If you'd like to find out more, come along!

### Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

You are invited to join the All Hallows Union of Catholic Mothers. We meet in the church hall every Thursday at 2:15 pm for prayers, a chat and a cuppa. Find out more on our Parish Blog:

[olovrct.org.uk/union-of-catholic-mothers-ucm/](http://olovrct.org.uk/union-of-catholic-mothers-ucm/)

### Empty Shoe Box Request!

Do you have an empty shoe box which can be used for Children's Stations of the Cross? If so, please leave it in the sacristy. Thank you.

**Foodbank** – Nile Street [Pontypridd](#) 01443 404 692 and [Taff Ely](#) 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 for the continued support and donations from the parish. This week, the foodbank is desperate for **sugar, jam, UHT milk, tins of meat and tins of veg**. Please keep saving your empty fabric conditioner bottles for us as well. Many thanks

### Mass with anointing of the sick

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 11:30 at All Hallows Church followed by a light buffet in the hall.

### All Hallows church cleaning

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30am. Help needed and greatly appreciated.

### Are you an International Student or their dependent?

From this week, Pontypridd Foodbank will no longer be issuing food parcels directly.

If you are in need of a food parcel, please go to **Block H** on the campus and speak to the **International Student Services** and they will issue you with a voucher which you can then take to the foodbank in Nile Street - Thank you

### May Procession

Could we organize a procession in honour of Our Lady this May? A procession needs a working group of people willing to help with the practical things – stewards, safety, preparing the order of service and crafting the float to be carried in procession. If you'd like to make this happen, Pastor Gareth invites you to a planning meeting at All Hallows 11 am on Saturday 9 March. (Provisional date for the procession: Sat 18 May.)

### Elwyn Williams

Maria Williams and family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Tuesday Rosary Group and everyone for all the prayers and support provided to Elwyn. A big thank you for your mass and sympathy cards. We are forever grateful. May God bless you all.

### St Dyfrig's Sunday Tea and Coffee

We are looking to find two more volunteers to help out with tea and coffee after mass on a Sunday. The role entails setting up the annex (making sure the tables and chairs are set up, preparing jugs of coffee, a pot of tea, plates of biscuits etc) and serving tea and coffee to parishioners after Mass. All the cups and plates then have to be washed up and replaced in the cupboards. If you would like to help, please see any member of the team or pass your name and contact details to the office.

### 'Walk with Me, Lent 2024'

This pocket-size booklet of prayers and reflections for Lent 2024 is now available. Archbishop Mark O'Toole has written a foreword to the booklet and recommends it as an aid to prayer. *Walk with Me* booklets are £1 each. Why not give a copy to a friend, relative or work colleague?

### Day of Fasting

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, the Vigil of the Feast Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

### Afternoon Tea

The next Afternoon Tea is on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** in the Annex at 2pm. All welcome.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at All Hallows will continue on the first and third Saturdays following 10am mass until 12. There will be confessions on the first Saturdays after mass. There is no Adoration on 17<sup>th</sup> February as there is Mass with Anointing of the Sick. The next dates for adoration are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. Starting in February, the church will remain open for prayer from 10am till noon every Saturday. Come in and spend time with Our Lord

**Mass and Service times for this week**

	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service with intentions</i>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	All Hallows, Miskin	10am	Mass – Reparation for Our Lord’s abandonment <i>Followed by Adoration until midday</i>
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass – Dave and Pat Price <i>RIP</i> (With Communion Enrolment)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February  <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – George Peter Franks-Herbert <i>RIP</i> (With Communion Enrolment)
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Maureen Davies (With Communion Enrolment)
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass - Norman Paul (With Communion Enrolment)
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	7pm	Confession
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February <i>St Agatha</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am 9:30am	Morning prayer Service of the word with Holy Communion
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	11 am	Mass – <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon.</i>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February <i>St Paul Miki and Companions</i>	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	9:00am 10am	Adoration with 9.40 Morning Prayer Mass –
	From home	9pm	Rosary for the sick members of our parish
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	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 8 <sup>th</sup> February	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	10:30 am	<i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i>
	All Hallows, Miskin	6:00pm	Mass – Jennie Well-being
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February <i>St Teilo</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am 10:00am	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass –
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	6:00pm 6:30pm	Praise and worship Mass – D’Souza Intention
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February <i>St Scholastica</i>	All Hallows, Miskin	10am 10:30am	Mass – 30 minutes of Adoration
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass –
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February  <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass –
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	11:15am	Mass –
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass -
	St Dyfrig’s, Treforest	7pm	Confession

On Sunday 3 March, with help from Canon Pat, confessions will be heard during the Sunday Masses. Please be assured that you will still fulfil your obligation to attend Sunday Mass if you step out of the prayers of the Mass for a few minutes for the sake of confession. (A date for confessions during Saturday evening Mass at Tonypandy will be arranged later in Lent.)