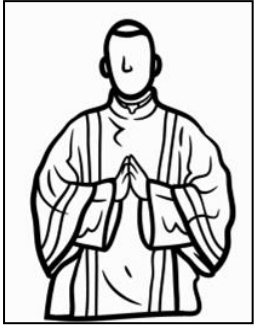




Catholic Churches serving southern RCT  
Parishes of the Archdiocese of Cardiff  
Registered Charity No. 1177272

To Contact Pastor Gareth,  
Email: [gareth.leyshon@rcadc.org](mailto:gareth.leyshon@rcadc.org)  
Call: 01443 402439

Pastor Gareth writes: **INVITATIONS FROM BISHOPS**



In December, we received a [pastoral letter](#) from Archbishop Mark concerning the proposed merger of the Archdiocese of Cardiff with the Diocese of Menevia. We have now received further information about the “Open Listening” sessions where anyone can come to have their say about this. The sessions are combined with the Station Masses, where Archbishop Mark travels through the diocese during Lent. We now understand that these meetings begin with a short time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 pm before a listening session at 5.30 pm and then Mass celebrated by the Archbishop at 7 pm.

**Our local listening event and Station Mass takes place at All Hallows, Miskin, on Monday 19 February.**

If that date doesn't work for you but you do wish to come and have your say, there are similar events at St Mary's, Newport, 10<sup>th</sup> April; St Illtyd's, Dowlais (Merthyr) 24<sup>th</sup> April; and at Cardiff's Cathedral 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Meanwhile, all the bishops of England & Wales have jointly asked us to mark this “Year of Prayer” by spending Lent reflecting on the Lord's Prayer. This weekend a little booklet will be available entitled **We Dare To Hope** with material for 5 sessions. The bishops ask you to read one chapter each week and then come together with other believers to reflect on what you have read. **You can host a reflection group with friends in your own home, or we will make parish property available for anyone who wishes to lead a group at a suitable time. If you do wish to host such a group, please contact me (Pastor Gareth) as soon as possible so we can announce the arrangements next weekend.**

*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**

## Upcoming events:

Catholic Medical Speaker	St Dyfrig's Hall	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February at 12.45 pm
Ways of Praying	Zoom	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February at 1:45 pm
Following Christ: Session 4	St Dyfrig's Presbytery + Zoom	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February at 7pm
Stations of the Cross	St Dyfrig's Church	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February at 6pm
Mass with Anointing the Sick	All Hallows	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 11.30 am
Young Disciples	St Mary Magdalene Hall	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February at 7pm
Open Listening and Station Mass	All Hallows	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 5pm
Stations of the Cross	Ss Gabriel & Raphael Church	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February (after service)
Stations of the Cross	All Hallows Church	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February (after Mass)

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

*Congratulations to all our young people who enrolled for First Holy Communion last weekend – please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion.*

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

Entrance Antiphon: **Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.**

**For you are my rock my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

Psalm response: **You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
So that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
They were not disappointed in what they craved.**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 7: 32-35

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

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

Kevin Power

Mary Rigley

Jemima

McDonald

**Please also remember in prayer all our sick**

**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 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,  
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 (4<sup>th</sup> February):**

**St Dyfrig's**

Gift Aid: £163.30

Loose Plate: £458.75

Standing Orders: £239.41

**All Hallows'**

Gift Aid: £496.00

Loose Plate: £332.75

Non Gift Aid: £23.00

**The Rhondda Parishes**

Loose Plate (Tonypany): £125.70

Loose Plate (Ynyshir): £80.70

Gift Aid: £81.00

Standing Orders: £140.50

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

- ❖ Details on the [National Day of Fasting and Prayer for life](#)
- ❖ The chance to join the [Diocesan Youth Retreat](#)
- ❖ An invitation to ['Come and See'](#) religious life
- ❖ Our latest [Parish Financial Reports](#)
- ❖ And plenty of job opportunities

**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

Our final session exploring the Ways of Praying explores the **Divine Office** this Monday. 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/)

**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 1130 at All Hallows Church followed by a light buffet in the hall.

### Novena to St Joseph

Let's join with the rest of the country to ask for the prayer intentions of St Joseph, wife of Mary and earthly Father of Jesus. Join the National Novena to St Joseph from 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March. To find out more,

visit [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena)

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

### Lent Confessions

On Saturday 24 February and 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.

### 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)

### 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 10 <sup>th</sup> February <i>St Scholastica</i>	All Hallows, Miskin Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy	10am 5pm 5:30pm	Mass – Rachel Ann Cowley <i>RIP</i> Confession Mass – Dave and Pat Price <i>RIP</i>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	All Hallows, Miskin St Dyfrig's, Treforest Penrhys Shrine St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir St Dyfrig's, Treforest	8:45am 9:15am 11:15am 2:45pm 3:30pm 4pm 7pm	Confession Mass – Mary Rigley <i>RIP</i> Mass – For the late Christian Lewis Rosary Confession Mass - Dilys Thomas <i>RIP</i> and John Phelan <i>RIP</i> Confession
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy St Dyfrig's, Treforest	9:15am 9:30am 11 am	Morning prayer Service of the word with Holy Communion Mass – <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon.</i>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>St Dyfrig's, Treforest</b> (not St Mary Magdalene today) From home	9:00am 10am 9pm	Adoration with 9.40 Morning Prayer Mass – Rosary for the sick members of our parish
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	All Hallows', Miskin Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy St Dyfrig's, Treforest St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	10am 10:45am 7pm 7pm	Mass, with ashes – Elwyn Williams <i>RIP</i> Mass, with ashes – Mass, with ashes – Mass, with ashes –
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	St Dyfrig's, Treforest All Hallows, Miskin	10:30 am 6:00pm	<i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i> Mass –
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy St Dyfrig's, Treforest	9:15am 10:00am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass – Stations of the Cross
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	All Hallows, Miskin Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy	11:30am 5pm 5:30pm	Mass – Reparation of Our Lord's Abandonment <i>(with anointing of the sick)</i> Confession Mass –
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	All Hallows, Miskin St Dyfrig's, Treforest Penrhys Shrine St David's Cathedral, Cardiff St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir St Dyfrig's, Treforest	8:45am 9:15am 11:15am 2:45pm 3pm 3pm 4pm 7pm	Confession Mass – Mass – Rosary The Rite of Election Confession Mass - Confession

A box for collecting Lenten Alms will be made available in each of our churches from Ash Wednesday. At the direction of Archbishop Mark, the Lenten Alms this year will go towards aid to the Holy Land, through the work of Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre and Friends of the Holy Land, as well as Caritas Cardiff & Menevia. Meanwhile CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day this year falls on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February with a collection in our churches on 24/25<sup>th</sup>.