



St Dyfrig's Parish

Registers & Archives

Document 01



Registers at the Roman Catholic Church of St Dyfrig

Original Content:

This document was compiled in autumn 2011 to enable enquirers to get a quick idea of the registers held at St Dyfrig's – and where registers NOT held at St Dyfrig's might be.

On the following pages you will find documented:

- How to access the parish registers
- What we hold
- Where else to look

You may find additional useful information at: www.cardiffcatholicarchive.co.uk

For Further Information

St Dyfrig's Parish Homepage: <http://www.pontypriddrcdeanery.org.uk/churches/treforest.html>

To contact the parish: **Telephone UK** 01443 402 439 / **International Dialling** +44 1443 402 439

In writing: **St Dyfrig's Presbytery, Broadway, Treforest, PONTYPRIDD. CF37 1DB** (Wales, UK)

By email: Use the contact page at <http://www.pontypriddrcdeanery.org.uk/churches/treforest/contact.html> and **please ensure you enter your email address correctly, or we will be unable to reply to you.**

Accessing Parish Registers

Under UK law (Data Protection Act 1998), a person's religious affiliation is a "sensitive" piece of information.

Catholic registers occasional contain material of a confidential nature – illegitimacy, adoption, or concerns about a person's state of mind at the time of a marriage.

For these two reasons, it is not possible to grant enquirers free access to look at parish registers and archives.

On the other hand, St Dyfrig's Parish is very happy to meet legitimate requests for access to data about members of one's own family, for genealogy as well as for church purposes (authorising marriages, confirming eligibility to be godparents, etc.)

If you wish to know about information held in the parish registers, we strongly prefer that you make your request in writing or by email, rather than over the telephone. The office is not staffed full-time, and it is easier to have names in writing than to have to interpret spelling of names left on an answerphone. You can help the parish volunteer staff by stating clearly:

- The full name, including any previous names used by the person(s) concerned (maiden names etc.)
- The approximate date when you expect that the baptism/wedding, etc., took place
- The PURPOSE of your enquiry – authorising a marriage, a godparent, or genealogical interest
- How to send you the information – by email, or your postal address
- A contact number so we can quickly clarify aspects of your request.

Those planning to get married should indicate this, so that the special kind of baptism certificate for this purpose is issued.

Enquiries normally result in a STATEMENT of information, not in a CERTIFICATE.

If replacement copies of baptism or confirmation certificates are needed, the applicant will need to provide proof that they are, or are related to, the person whose certificate is to be re-issued.

There is no charge for accessing data in parish records, but stamped, addressed envelopes are always appreciated, and donations to parish running costs are always gratefully received (bank account: "Parish of St Dyfrig").

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Registers at the Cardiff Catholic Archive

Prior to the establishment of registers for St Dyfrig's Parish, from 1854 until 1868, records for sacraments in Treforest and the whole area surrounding were kept at St Joseph's, Aberdare.

All registers for Aberdare and Mountain Ash, from 1854 to 2006, have now been lodged at the Cardiff Archdiocesan Archives at Archbishop's House in Cardiff:

Website: <http://www.cardiffcatholicarchive.co.uk/>

Email: archivist@rcadc.org

Post: Archivist, Archbishop's House, 41-43 Cathedral Road, Cardiff. CF11 9HD

St Dyfrig's Parish has lodged the following at the Cardiff Catholic Archive:

- Baptism Register – from 30 November 1868 until 2 December 1911.
 - These records are indexed online in document [SDRA-12](#)
- Marriage Register – from 23 December 1879 until 9 October 1911
 - These records are indexed online in document [SDRA-11](#)

Registers held on site at St Dyfrig's Parish

- Baptism Register – from 3 December 1911
- First Holy Communion Register (children) – from 25 January 2009
- Confirmation Register – from 25 March 1928
- Reception into Full Communion With the Church (baptised adults and children) – since 24 August 1978
- Marriage Register – since 10 October 1911
- Convalidations – 17 May 1963 to 28 September 1971, and thereafter included in the Marriage Register
- Deaths – 27 March 1928

Registers kept at St Helen's, Caerphilly

The [Caerphilly parish](#) was founded from St Dyfrig's. If you are looking for information concerning persons living more than a mile east of the A470, you should contact St Helen's for

- Baptisms from 23 June 1921 (it is possible that a register for 1912-1920 is missing)
- Funerals from 3 December 1912

The now-closed parish of All Souls, Senghenydd, was also founded from St Dyfrig's; its records are also at St Helen's.

- Baptisms from 17 June 1927
- Funerals from 20 June 1927

Registers kept at All Hallows', Miskin

The Parish of [All Hallows](#) started keeping its own registers from 1974. If you are looking for information concerning persons living in Llantrisant, Miskin, Pontyclun, Talbot's Green and the surrounding area, you will need to contact All Hallows for information about the following:

- Baptisms from 20 October 1974
- Weddings from 14 February 1975
- Funerals from 2 December 1976
- Confirmations from 20 November 1985

Information stored in other places

Civil records for the Glamorgan area are held at:

Glamorgan Record Office

Glamorgan Archives, Clos Parc Morgannwg, Leckwith, Cardiff CF11 8AW

Tel. 029 2087 2200

email: GlamRO@cardiff.gov.uk

www.glamro.gov.uk