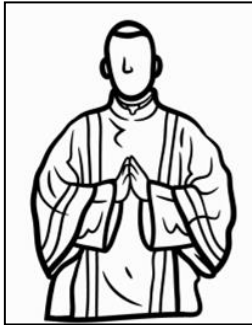


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Pastor Gareth writes: **THE NEEDS OF THE MANY**

CAFOD, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, is the official charity of the Catholic Church in England and Wales for helping people in need across the globe. Twice each year CAFOD invites us to fast on a Friday in solidarity with people in need, and to make an offering towards their work. Each time this happens, they focus on a person or group which has benefitted from your donation, and this year they have chosen Dr Nasha and her team from Pakistan. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed.

In this weekend's gospel, we hear the story of two sons. One says he will help his father, but doesn't. The other refuses at first, but then goes and does what he is asked. We are called to consider which child of God we are. Are we the one who says the right thing, who is full of good intentions, but somehow doesn't quite manage to follow through? Or are we the one who might make a mistake, but ultimately does what we know to be right? Let's think today about how we can put our faith into action, not simply paying lip service to the Lord, but answering his call to serve him and to love our neighbours – people like Meera – as ourselves.

You can donate to CAFOD using the envelope given out this weekend, which will be collected next weekend. Or you can give online at Cafod.co.uk or scan the QR code on the right.

You can hear Meera and Dr Nasha tell you more of their story online: youtu.be/NJr5jOvp1hU



CATHOLIC ROOTS: Another chance to hear Pastor Gareth's series on the roots of our faith.

We believe in Faith and Science. Can we believe in the Catholic Faith and trust in science? Aren't there contradictions if we try to believe in creation or miracles? Can prayer work? **This talk is given Sunday 1st October at 5.15 pm in St Mary Magdalene's, Ynyshir.**

Upcoming events:

Discovering Christ - Session 2	Cwm Farm Shop, Treorchy All Hallows' Hall Pick & Shovel, Treforest	Monday 2 nd October 12.30 pm Monday 2 nd October 12.30 pm Thursday 5 th October 6.30 pm
Eucharistic Adoration	All Hallows	Saturday 7 th October 10:30 am – 12 noon
Macmillan Coffee Morning	St Dyfrig's & All Hallows Halls	Sunday 1 st October <i>following Sunday Mass</i>
Weekend Club	All Hallows' Hall	Friday 6 th October at 7 pm
Syro-Malabar Qurbana (Mass)	All Hallows	Wednesday 11 th October at 7.30 pm
Afternoon Tea	St Dyfrig's Hall	Friday 13 th October at 2 pm (£5 per person)
Mass, confession & praise beforehand	St Dyfrig's Church	Friday 13 th October from 6pm
Nearly New Ladies' Fashion Sale	St Dyfrig's Hall	Friday 27 th , Saturday 28 th October 10am – 5pm
Young Disciples first meeting	St Mary Magdalene Hall	Monday 6 th November at 7pm – 8:30pm

For more information on any of these events, please contact treforest@rcadc.org

26th Sunday, Year A

Entrance Antiphon: ***All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement,
For we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments.***

But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Psalm response: ***The Lord is close to all who call him.***

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

***If anyone loves me they will keep my word and my father will love them,
And we shall come to love them. Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: ***By this we come to know the love of God, that Christ laid down his life for us;
So we ought to lay down our lives for one another.***

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Please pray for the recently deceased in our churches:

Joyce Russell

Anne Parker

Dr Cleophas
Benedict

Please also remember in prayer all our sick and housebound.

Our Churches:

St Dyfrig's, Treforest

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Pontypridd
CF37 1DB

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St Mary Magdalene
4 Gynor Ave,
Porth
CF39 0NH

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Tonypany
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All Hallows' Catholic Church
School Rd, Miskin,
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The Pope's Prayer intentions:

During October, Pope Francis is dedicating his prayer for the Synod. Let us pray for the church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Parish Directory

Baptism	Wendy Marsh
Becoming Catholic	
Confirmation	Lizzy de-Ste-Croix
First Communion (St Dyfrig's)	Teresa & Alan de-Ste-Croix
First Communion (All Hallows)	Sarah Horton
First Communion (Rhondda churches)	Through St Gabriel and Raphael School
Weekend Club	Marita Fernandez
Hall Hire (St Dyfrig's)	Treforest Office (or Sue Cleary)
Hall Hire (All Hallows')	Pamela Harding
Maintenance (All Hallows')	Shamus Harding
Marriage	Pr Gareth
Mass Intentions	Individual Parish Administrator
Music Ministry (All Hallows')	Teresa Bressington
Music Ministry (SS Gabriel and Raphael)	Bridget Green (organist) David Hoban (folk group)
Music Ministry (St Mary Magdalene)	Joachim Biddulph
Music Ministry (St Dyfrig's)	Chidie Ejiogu
Newsletter	Parish Offices
Safeguarding (St Dyfrig's)	Maggie White (01443 410593) or Roy Mayo (01443 209850)
Safeguarding (All Hallows')	Suzy Stacey (07359 463013) or Diane Franks-Herbet
Safeguarding (Rhondda churches)	Maria Hughes (07811011674)
UCM – Union of Catholic Mothers	Suzy Stacey

HOSPITAL CARE

To arrange communion for someone in hospital, contact:

Royal Glamorgan (RGH)

Marita Fernandez,
kochuma@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 (17th Sept):

St Dyfrig's

Gift Aid: £

Loose Plate: £

All Hallows'

Gift Aid: £

Loose Plate: £

Non Gift Aid: £

St Mary Magdalene

Gift Aid: £

Loose Plate: £

2 Ss Gabriel and Raphael

Gift Aid: £

Loose Plate: £

Here are the latest articles on our parish blog: amdg.page

- ❖ Archdiocesan Thanksgiving [Mass for Marriage](#), Cardiff 7 Oct
- ❖ A [Welcome to Students](#) from Pastor Gareth
- ❖ [Autumn Update](#), what is happening?
- ❖ Information on the [SVP Young Adult Retreat](#)
- ❖ [LOUDfence Wales](#) event at the end of October

Our local Catholic Schools:

Cardinal Newman RC Secondary, Rhydfelin 01443 494110

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

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St Michael's RC Primary, Treforest 01443 570090

Email: admin@stmichaelsrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru

The Latest News

Young Disciples

Lizzy de-Ste-Croix writes: We are excited to announce that we will be introducing a youth group into our pastorate. **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. **This first meeting has been postponed until after the Autumn half term.** Meanwhile, all are welcome to join us on the 31st October for "Real Hallowe'en" (see *Seekers'* notice below).

Weekend Club

We meet on the first Friday of the month in the hall of All Hallows Church at 7pm. The aim of the club is to create opportunities to develop fellowship within our parish communities and then to reach out to others outside the church. Come along and invite your friends too. (Next opportunity: 6th October.)

Seekers - what next?

The next Seekers event will be a "Real Hallowe'en" on Tuesday 31st October in St Dyfrig's. An evening of dressing up as saints, games, food, music and loads of fun! It will culminate in the Vigil Mass for All Saints day. All young people in KS2 and above are welcome. So please mark it in your calendar now: **Tuesday 31st October**. More details to follow.

Foodbank – Nile Street [Pontypridd](#) 01443 404 692 and [Taff Ely](#) Foodbank 01443 520 730

All Hallows Church: Please check Taff Ely Foodbank Facebook page for urgently needed items or see the list in the church foyer. Please gift aid your monetary donations. Forms are available in the foyer. The donation box at All Hallows is emptied every Wednesday.

Most in need at St Dyfrig's: toiletries – shower gel, shampoo, deodorant and baby toiletries. There is also a need for tins of potatoes, UHT milk and fruit juices.

Any donations can be left in the baskets at church or dropped off in the foodbank itself. As ever, any donations of tinned food or toiletries and cleaning items are most welcome as everyone is struggling in the current financial climate. The Foodbanks are also in need of volunteers, and financial gifts can be Gift Aided. Many thanks for your continued support.

All Hallows newsletter printing

We are looking for a volunteer to help with printing and folding the newsletter once every three weeks as part of our newsletter team. This needs to take place on a Thursday or Friday and if you think this something could you help with, please contact Suzy: llantrisant@rcadc.org or 07359 463013

Requiem Mass & Celebration of the Life of ANNE ROSINA PARKER

Anne's coffin will be received into St Dyfrig's Church on Wednesday evening, 4th October, time yet to be finalised. A Requiem Mass will take place at 2pm on Thursday 5th October followed by a service in Glyntaff Crematorium at 3 pm. Please join the family in St Dyfrig's Hall afterwards to remember and celebrate Anne's life.

Thank you for all the love and support given to our lovely mam and our family over the years.

It is requested that there are family flowers only, but donations can be made to 'The Little Way Association' (Cheques payable to The Little Way Association, and post to Sacred Heart House, 119 Cedars Road, Clapham Common, London SW4 0PR or see donation page online at littlewayassociation.com/Donate/donate.html)

A message from St Dyfrig's:

Anne Parker, nee Zanchi, died this week aged 84 years old. She was a life-long parishioner of St Dyfrig's, widow of Brian, and mother of 7 children. She was humble, loving, compassionate, understanding and had a firm belief in the power of prayer bringing before the Lord at daily mass those concerns of people she had met that morning at the bus stop. She had a particular love of the rosary and a devotion to Padre Pio whose prayer group she led here at St Dyfrig's for many years. She was a reader, minister of Holy Communion, and held prayer meetings in her home for neighbours. As a President of the St Vincent de Paul group, she was active pre covid with visits, organizing trips and, during covid, with phone calls, and lately with written messages. She was housekeeper to the priests in the presbytery – a job she loved and considered a privilege retiring at 70 years of age. When organizing the jumble sales here, she used to gather the stallholders together, before the doors opened, offering up prayers for a good crowd and that everybody would have an harmonious time. Ill health meant that, lately, her visits to this church were less frequent but she remained one of the stalwarts of the local church. 'Go to your just reward, good and faithful servant.' I know that she would be grateful if you would remember her family in your prayers.

PASTOR GARETH adds a note of his gratitude for her service as housekeeper when he first moved into St Dyfrig's in 2007.

Mass and Service times for this week

	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service with intentions</i>
Saturday 30 th September <i>St Jerome, Priest</i>	All Hallows, Miskin	10am	(No Saturday morning Mass this week)
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass – Tom Murphy <i>RIP</i>
Sunday 1 st October 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – Yvonne Bacchetta <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – The deceased members of the McGarry family and friends <i>RIP</i>
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass – Moises and Teresita Nobres <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	Confession
Monday 2 nd October <i>Guardian Angels</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy	9:15am 9:30am	Morning prayer Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11am	Mass – <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon</i>
Tuesday 3 rd October	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	9:00am 10am	Adoration with 9.40 am Morning Prayer Mass –
	All Hallows, Miskin	10 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	From home	9pm	Rosary for the sick members of our parish
Wednesday 4 th October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy	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 Holy Communion <i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7 pm	Reception of the body of Anne Parker
Thursday 5 th October	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10 am 2 pm	<i>Church open for prayer</i> Funeral Mass of Anne Rosina Parker
	All Hallows, Miskin	6pm	Mass – Holy Souls at rest in Columbarium
Friday 6 th October	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy	9:15am 10am	Morning Prayer and Adoration Service of the Word & Holy Communion
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	6 pm 7 pm	Adoration with Praise music Mass - Sudiksha Thirumalesh <i>then Rosary</i>
Saturday 7 th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	All Hallows, Miskin	10am	Mass - Danny's Intention <i>(followed by Adoration, with confessions)</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	12 noon	Wedding of Daphne & Israel
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass – Derek and Hilary Hopkins (Golden wedding anniversary)
Sunday 8 th October 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – Maurice Healy <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Elson's 60 th Wedding Anniversary
	All Hallows, Miskin	2.15 pm	Baptism of Dylan Davies
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Confession
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Mass – Renato Carpanini <i>RIP (Anniversary)</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	Confession