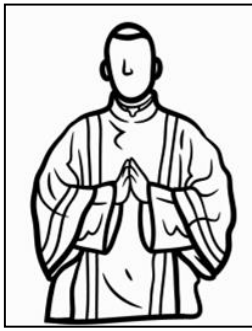




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Pastor Gareth writes: MEETING IN PROGRESS

You'll have probably heard new reports the week about the Synod in Rome, and comments made by Pope Francis. What kind of news report you'll have heard partly depends on the agenda of the reporter. Some will be giving you the impression that the Pope is about to authorize the blessing of same-sex marriages. But what's the real story? The Synod is a month-long gathering which seriously seeks to listen to the contributions of all those who take part - and while the participants have traditionally been selected bishops from around the world, nearly 20% of the participants this time will be laity, including women with full voting rights. We won't know the outcome of the Synod until the end of the month. But what's

generating news this week is that Pope Francis issued a statement for the start of the Synod, responding to questions asked by five Cardinals. In his responses, the Pope says it's not wrong for the Church to "reinterpret" the meaning of passages of the Bible or previous church statements if the word means "interpret better" rather than "radically change".

On the specific question of same-sex relationships, Pope Francis is saying he doesn't want the worldwide church, or local groups of bishops, to set rules about blessings. The Bible clearly defines marriage as between a man and a woman, and the church can't, and doesn't wish to, change that. We are all sinners, so whenever a person receives a blessing, a sinner is being blessed. There is good in every person, and, insofar as a relationship contains love, commitment, self-sacrifice for the sake of another, any relationship can be simply blessed. Pope Francis chose not to make an explicit mention within this statement that the Church considers all sexual acts outside marriage to be sinful; if he had, that would have drawn the headlines. But he has been very clear elsewhere, including an interview in January this year, that he continues to hold this view. He does not want the Church to publish any official texts for blessing friendships. But he wants individual priests to be free to use their judgment to bless a relationship. Some would say that a blessing for any same-sex friendship means the church is hinting that same-sex intimacy is OK. Pope Francis would reply that love and commitment are OK, sexual intimacy outside marriage is not, and it's possible to bless one without affirming the other.

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

We believe in the Blessed Sacrament. Why do we claim a wafer is no longer bread, but truly the Body of Christ? Did the early Christians believe this? How has faith in the Blessed Sacrament shaped worship in the Church? **This talk is given Sunday 8th October at 5.15 pm in St Mary Magdalene's, Ynyshir.**

Upcoming events:

		Autumn/Christmas craft fayre	All Hallows' Hall
Eucharistic Adoration	All Hallows	Young Disciples first meeting Saturday 7 th October 10:30 am - 12 noon Magdalene Hall	St Mary Monday 6 th
Discovering Christ - Session 3 Treorchy October 12.30 pm	Cwm Farm Shop, Monday 9 th	November at 7pm - 8:30pm	
Qurbana (Syro-Malabar Mass)	All Hallows		All Hallows' Hall Monday 9 th October 12.30 pm
Afternoon Tea	St Dyfrig's Hall		Wednesday 11 th October at 7.30 pm
Mass, confession & praise beforehand	St Dyfrig's Church		Friday 13 th October at 2 pm (£5 per person)
New Wineskins Renewal Morning	St Dyfrig's Church		Friday 13 th October from 6pm
Church Cleaning Session Church October from 10:30am	All Hallows' Wednesday 18 th		Saturday 14 th October 10 am - 12 noon
Nearly New Ladies Fashion Sale	St Dyfrig's Hall		Friday 27 th , Saturday 28 th October 10am - 5pm

27th Sunday, Year A

Entrance Antiphon: ***Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heavens and the earths,
And all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.***

Psalm response: ***The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.***

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit,

Fruit that will last, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: ***The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.***

1st Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

Please pray for
the recently
deceased in our
churches:

Joyce Russell

Anne Parker

Sheila Barna

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

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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 (24th Sept):

St Dyfrig's

Gift Aid: £95.00
Loose Plate: £405.81

All Hallows'

Gift Aid: £462.77
Loose Plate: £131.51
Non Gift Aid: £13.00

St Mary Magdalene

Loose Plate: £116.70

Ss Gabriel and Raphael

Gift Aid: £237.00
Loose Plate: £199.35

Collection figures (1st Oct):

St Dyfrig's

Gift Aid: £90.00
Loose Plate: £255.75

All Hallows'

Gift Aid: £482.50
Loose Plate: £142.78
Non Gift Aid: £15.00

St Mary Magdalene

Loose Plate: £120.50

Ss Gabriel and Raphael

Gift Aid: £239.00
Loose Plate: £297.50

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

- ❖ Information on a [Catholic Youth Ministry Internship](#)
- ❖ A [Welcome to Students](#) from Pastor Gareth
- ❖ [Come and be renewed](#), a chance to be ignited with the Spirit
- ❖ Information on the [SVP Young Adult Retreat](#)
- ❖ [LOUDfence Wales](#) event at the end of October

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St Michael's RC Primary, Treforest 01443 570090

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The Latest News

A new Weekend club project – All Hallows Community Garden.

The Weekend club are starting a new project in All Hallows church, a community garden at the back of the church. We will be starting by building a raised bed.

In order to do this we will be raising money through raffles and events. If anyone has any suggestions as to what we can grow or do please do not hesitate to let either Marita Fernandez or Diane Franks-Herbert know.

Watch this space and the plot behind the church.

SYRO-MALABAR MASS

As Christianity spread through the world in the early centuries, lots of different traditions sprang up about how Mass could be celebrated. The way of celebrating Mass in Kerala, a western region of India, is known as Qurbana. In 1570 the Council of Trent standardized the way we celebrated Mass in Europe, but Asian countries were allowed a lot of variations. So Qurbana is not simply Mass in Malayalam, the language of Kerala – it's part of a whole distinct way of being church, yet united to the Pope in Rome. The Indian priest in Cardiff with care of the local community will come to celebrate Qurbana in All Hallows at 7.30 pm this Wednesday, with bring-and-share Indian food afterwards. A minibus (mainly for use by students without transport) will pick up passengers at St Dyfrig's at 7 pm and return them around 10 pm.

REAL HALLOWE'EN – MORE THAN TRICK OR TREAT?

Tuesday 31st October is the eve of All Saints Day, aka All Hallows and from there we get the name All Hallows' Eve - Hallowe'en. And as Catholics we believe there is far more to this day than just tricks or treats!

The Seekers & Young Disciples Teams are coming together to host a one off special event - a REAL HALLOWE'EN evening! It is for any young people in Key Stage 2 and above, and their parents. (That's school Year 3 and upwards if you don't speak "education"!)

There will be food, games, music, a story or two - a fun evening for you all. We are offering prizes for anyone who comes in a saint costume and there will be a treat bag for everyone to take home.

We will also be helping with Mass straight afterwards. This is the Vigil Mass for All Saints Day and will fulfil your Holy Obligation to attend on that day.

We start in St Dyfrig's Parish Hall at 6pm, with Mass in St Dyfrig's Church at 8pm. Come and join the fun! For more details please contact Lizzy in the Parish Office.

Autumn and Christmas Craft and Vintage Fayre

Come along to All Hallows' church hall for the Autumn & Christmas craft and Vintage Fayre on Saturday 4 November from 12.00 - 4.00 pm. Maybe you'll have the chance to find a Christmas bargain or gift for the upcoming season. We'd love to see you all there.

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).

Foodbank – Nile Street [Pontypridd](https://www.pontypriddfoodbank.org.uk) 01443 404 692 and [Taff Ely](https://www.taffelyfoodbank.org.uk) 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.

St Dyfrig's: Thank you for your continued support, this week, we need tins of carrots, tomatoes, potatoes and soup. We also need any toiletries but specifically toothpaste and shampoo. Again, many thanks for your continued support as the foodbank is increasingly being used by families struggling with the current cost of living crisis.

St Dyfrig's Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who made, bought, donated or supported the coffee morning last Sunday. A total of £166.50 was raised for the Macmillan cancer charity – well done everyone!

St Dyfrig's Jumble Sale September 16th

The team would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported the jumble sale. A total of £737.13 was raised. This will go towards church funds.

Congratulations to Hilary & Derek Hopkins on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We wish them every happiness and God's Blessing on their special day. With our love and prayers, all the parishioners.

Mass and Service times for this week

	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service with intentions</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	Nuptial Mass: E.I. Okundia * D.E. Eyaru
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy (Golden wedding anniversary)	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass – Derek and Hilary Hopkins
Sunday 8 th October 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A	All Hallows, Miskin <i>with St Michael's School</i>	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – Maurice Healy <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Elsons' 60 th Wedding Anniversary
	All Hallows, Miskin	2:30pm	Baptism – Dylan Harper
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass – Renato Carpanini <i>RIP (Anniversary)</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	Confession
Monday 9 th October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am 9:30am	Morning prayer Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11am	Mass – Margaret Heath <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon .</i>
Tuesday 10 th October	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	9:00am 10am	Adoration with 9.40 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 11 th October	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am 9:30am	Morning Prayer Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	All Hallows, Miskin	10am	Mass – Anne Parker (KD)
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10am	Service of the word with Holy Communion <i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i>
	All Hallows, Miskin	7.30 pm	Qurbana followed by bring & share
Thursday 12 th October	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10 am	<i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i>
	All Hallows, Miskin	1pm	Wedding Service: Julia Ruder & Gerwyn Thomas
	All Hallows, Miskin	6pm	Mass – Anne Parker (MF)
Friday 13 th October	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am 10am	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	6pm 6:30pm	Praise and worship, confession available Mass – Anne Parker <i>RIP</i> & Family Wellbeing
Saturday 14 th October	All Hallows, Miskin	10am	Mass -
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass –
Sunday 15 th October 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Anne Parker <i>RIP</i> <i>Confession available after Mass</i>
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass –