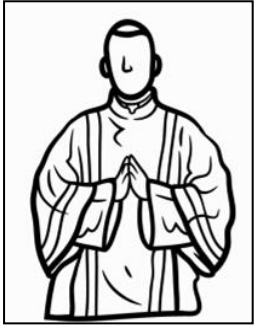




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Pastor Gareth writes: **THE EVE OF ALL THINGS HOLY**



Hallowe'en. The eve of All Hallows Day. In the world around us, thanks to American television, it's become a festival of all things dark and scary. But for us who are the children of light, we know better. It is the beginning of our celebration of all the saints, those canonised and those known to God alone. So why would we, as followers of Jesus, celebrate darkness when we can celebrate light? So if you have children, I strongly encourage you to come to the 6 pm event at St Dyfrig's to celebrate your favourite saint rather than the alternatives available which focus on the dark. You might say the darkness is only a bit of fun. But if you can celebrate what is true and good and have fun at the same time – why wouldn't you?

All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses Tue 31 Oct 6.30 pm at St Mary Magdalene and 8 pm at St Dyfrig's, then Wed 1 Nov 10.45 at Ss Gabriel & Raphael, 7 pm at All Hallows. If you're coming to All Hallows, please bring some food to share after Mass because it's the patronal feast – Hallow is just an Anglo-Saxon word for Saint!

For All Souls' Day on Thu 2 Nov, Mass 10.45 am at Ss Gabriel & Raphael, 6 pm at All Hallows and 8 pm at St Dyfrig's.

As I write these words I am in transit from my pilgrimage in Greece to my retreat in Scotland. I will be mostly off grid now until Monday, and back on duty Tuesday afternoon. I held the parishes and schools in prayer especially when I was in Crete, before the icons of St Michael and St Gabriel at the Church of St Titus.

We send our best wishes to Mary Merlin James, who had to step down early as housekeeper of at St Dyfrig's and Health & Safety Officer for the Rhondda Parishes, due to family circumstances. News about vacancies will be published next week.

There will be a second collection next weekend, where we'll be collecting money for the sick and retired clergy in our diocese.

Upcoming events:

Nearly New Ladies Fashion Sale	St Dyfrig's Hall	Friday 27 th , Saturday 28 th October 10am – 5pm
Real Hallowe'en	St Dyfrig's Hall	Tuesday 31 st October at 6pm
Memorial Mass	S.S. Gabriel and Raphael	Thursday 2 nd November at 10:45am
Eucharistic Adoration	All Hallows	Saturday 4 th November 10:30 am – 12 noon
Autumn/Christmas craft fayre	All Hallows' Hall	Saturday 4 th November, 12noon – 4pm
Discovering Christ - Session 6	Cwm Farm Shop, Treorchy All Hallows' Hall Pick & Shovel, Treforest	Monday 6 th November 12.30 pm Monday 6 th November 12.30 pm Thursday 9 th November 6.30 pm
Young Disciples first meeting	St Mary Magdalene Hall	Monday 6 th November at 7pm – 9pm
Memorial Mass	St Dyfrig's Church	Friday 10 th November at 6:30pm
Memorial Mass	All Hallows' Church	Saturday 11 th November at 3:00 pm
Weekend Club	All Hallows' Hall	Saturday 11 th /Sunday 12 th November am
Memorial Mass	St Mary Magdalene Church	Saturday 18 th November at 11:00am
Christmas Fayre	St Dyfrig's Hall	Saturday 18 th November

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

30th Sunday, Year A

Entrance Antiphon: ***Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; Constantly seek his face.***

Psalm response: ***I love you, Lord, my strength***

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open, our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: ***We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.***

1st Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

Please pray for the recently deceased in our churches:

Fred McNamara

Philip Rowland

Sheila Barnes

Please also remember in prayer all our sick and housebound.

Our Churches:

St Dyfrig's, Treforest

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Treforest,
Pontypridd
CF37 1DB

St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir

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Call: 01443 421 929

Address:

St Mary Magdalene
4 Gynor Ave,
Porth
CF39 0NH

Ss Gabriel and 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

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Call: 01443 228 866

Address:

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

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; Anne Thomas (Organist)
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 (22nd October):

Some of our parishes take longer to count and bank collection than other. We have a legal duty to publish our weekly figures; so the collection for 21/22 October will be published next week.

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

- ❖ Information on this year's [shoebox appeal](#)
- ❖ Where is your parish going? Invite to the [Catholic Parish Summit](#).
- ❖ All are welcome to the [Good Counsel Ball](#)
- ❖ Information on a [Catholic Youth Ministry Internship](#)
- ❖ Invitation to Llandaf Cathedral's [Saying Goodbye Service](#)
- ❖ Time for an [SVP retreat for young people](#), limited spaces

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

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The Latest News

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 Hallow's 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. (Ages 7 and up).

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 start in St Dyfrig's Parish Hall at 6pm, with Mass in St Dyfrig's Church at 8pm (this fulfils your Sunday obligation). Come and join the fun!

A Weekend club project – All Hallows Community Garden

We are planning to start our raised bed for the All Hallows Community Garden, on the morning of Saturday 11th November and Sunday 12th November.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this project. If you can help please come along, bring tools if you have some. We look forward to your ideas and interest, it is a project meant for all ages and abilities.

For further information contact Marita Fernandez or Diane Franks-Herbert

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 will be on 6th November.**

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.

St Dyfrig's: Thank you for your continued support as the need for the foodbank is greater than ever. If you can manage to make a donation, the foodbank are desperate for jars of jam, chocolates and both men's and women's toiletries. Many thanks for your continued support.

Christmas Raffle at St Dyfrig's

The raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle have been ordered and should be available soon. There is the £100 cash first prize plus lots of other prizes.

ST DYFRIG'S CHURCH CLEANING

We will be cleaning the church on Wednesday 1st November 2023 from 10.30am. Anyone who can spend an hour or two to help will most welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided to help keep us going!

Friends of St Dyfrig's September winners

Congratulations to all the winners of last month's draw, you can collect your prizes from the St Dyfrig's Sacristy.

- 1 – Maureen Carter (154) (£50);
- 2 – Pauline Hankins (104) (£20);
- 3 – E. Mayo (99) (£10);
- 4 – Alan d-S-Croix (107) (£10);
- 5 – Anita Egan (202) (£10).

St Dyfrig's Christmas Fayre - Saturday 18th November

The fundraising committee are organising a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 18th November and they are looking for donations of bottles and toiletries for the gift stall and the bottle stall. All donations can be left in the Narthex at the back of the church. Thank you

A note from the Parker family

Our mother, Anne Parker, was the only person we knew who would say grace before meals at McDonald's, prayer was that important to her. Thanks for all your prayers, Masses, thoughts and support given over the last year and in helping to give Mam the best send. We're very grateful. We'd love to read your memories of Mam. Please write in her book which is on the table as you come into St Dyfrig's. Thank you. - The Parker family.

The All Hallows Tea Dancers

A total of £500.00 was raised by the All Hallows tea dance. UCM will allocate this to a charity we support with our grateful thanks to Kathy and Tony Jacobs, who organised the event and the UCM ladies who made the teas and coffees.

Operation Christmas Child

It's reached that time of year, when we get to show God's love even more to those children in difficult circumstances all over the world. At St Dyfrig's and All Hallows, you will be able to collect a shoebox then fill it with all different (non-food, non-liquid) treats as a Christmas present for a child in a different part of our world. To find out more visit our parish blog or talk to Teresa Jones from St Dyfrig's.

BEWARE OF SCAMS!

If you get a call from someone claiming to be your bank, you can hang up and dial 159, as you would 111 for the NHS. The number is run by Stop Scams UK, a collaboration of most banks including Monzo, Natwest and Barclays, and ensures that if you ring the line you'll be directed to your bank and can feel confident you're speaking to them and no one else.

Mass and Service times for this week

	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service with intentions</i>
Saturday 28 th October <i>Sts Simon and Jude</i>	All Hallows, Miskin	9 am	Mass -
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass – Orphaned Souls
Sunday 29 th October 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – Suzy Stacey in Thanksgiving
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Anne Parker <i>RIP</i>
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass – Joe Cavalli <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	NO Confession – see note below
Monday 30 th October	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am	Morning prayer and Service of the word
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11am	Mass – Picton Family <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon .</i>
Tuesday 31 st October	All Hallows, Miskin	10 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	6:30pm	All Saints Vigil Mass – People of the parishes
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	8pm	Mass – Anne & Brian Parker <i>RIP</i>
	From home	9pm	Rosary for the sick members of our parish
Wednesday 1 st November All Saints	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10am	<i>Church open for prayer until 2pm</i>
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	10:45am	Mass – people of the parish
	All Hallows', Miskin	7pm	Mass – Mary Fodor <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 2 nd November All Souls	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10 am	<i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i>
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	10:45am	Memorial Mass – names submitted
	All Hallows, Miskin	6pm	Mass – Holy Souls (especially resting here)
	St Dyfrig's	8pm	Mass – Pope Francis' intentions
Friday 3 rd November <i>St Winefride</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am 10am	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	6pm	Adoration with praise music
Saturday 4 th November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	9am	Mass – intention for Peace in the World
	All Hallows, Miskin	10am 10:30am	Mass - Adoration
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass –
Sunday 5 th November 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – Patrick Goode <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am 2:30pm	Mass – Angela & Johnny Zanchi <i>RIP</i> Baptism – Samuel & Godwin Ugwuanyi
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	Confession

Please note that Wednesday is a Holy Day of obligation, the Catholic Church teaches that these are days to go to mass.

While Pastor Gareth is away, there will be no 7 pm Confessions in St Dyfrig's – if you wish to go to confession in St Dyfrig's please approach the priest celebrating Mass on Sunday or Monday at the end of Mass.