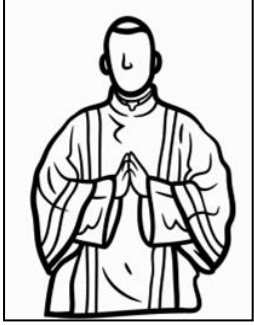




Pastor Gareth writes: **MOVING ON UP**



Applications for children's First Holy Communion are now open. Booking forms can be collected at the end of Sunday Masses. Families unable to attend Sunday Mass between now and Christmas should contact me to arrange a home visit.

Children in the Rhondda in school years 3-6 can apply for the Rhondda course. In All Hallows and St Dyfrig's, we are recovering from a missed year due to covid. To keep group sizes manageable, this year's courses in these churches will be open to the oldest third of Year 3 (birthdays in Sep-Dec), and Years 4-6. Over the next two years we will stepwise return to being able to invite all children in Year 3.

This week we launch our **Young Disciples** group which is the pathway for young people of secondary school age to prepare for Confirmation (and if they haven't received these sacraments yet, First Communion and even Baptism). *See page 3.*

If you are an adult who has not yet been confirmed or made your First Holy Communion, we are considering running a short course in the spring which will be a pathway to this. Where and when this might run partly depends on where the demand is. So please contact me if you are interested in completing your sacramental initiation. E-mail is most helpful.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE: Our departed loved ones will be remembered at the following special Masses which will be followed by refreshments: 6.30 pm Friday 10th Nov at St Dyfrig's; 3 pm Saturday 11th Nov at All Hallows; 11 am Sat 18th Nov at St Mary Magdalene. For these Memorial Masses, you can bring a photograph of your loved one to place on a table or send in a picture to be projected on a screen. The names of those who have died since 1 November 2022 will be read aloud as part of the prayers; other names will be displayed. Electronic pictures for display and names for reading aloud should be emailed to treforest@rcadc.org by 10 am on the Thursday before the relevant Memorial Mass.

Names of souls who died before 1 November 2022 will be remembered in prayer, but not named aloud. Any money donated in Holy Souls Envelopes will be pooled; I will retain £80 as my stipend for eight Holy Souls Masses here and everything else will be sent via **Aid to the Church in Need** who will arrange for missionary priests in poorer countries to offer additional Masses for the Holy Souls.

Upcoming events:

Eucharistic Adoration	All Hallows	Saturday 4 th November 10:30 am – 12 noon
Autumn/Christmas craft fayre	All Hallows' Hall	Saturday 4 th November, 12 noon – 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

31st Sunday, Year A

Entrance Antiphon: ***Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!***

Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Psalm response: ***In you, Lord, I have found my peace.***

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You have but one Father in heaven and one master, the Christ.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: ***You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.***

1st Reading: Malachi 1: 14 – 2: 2, 8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

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

Email: treforest@rcadc.org

Call: 01443 402 439

Address:

St Dyfrig's Catholic Church,
Treforest,
Pontypridd
CF37 1DB

St Mary Magdalene, Ynysir

Email: rhondda@rcadc.org

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

Email: llantrisant@rcadc.org

Call: 01443 228 866

Address:

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

The Pope's Prayer intentions:

During November, Pope Francis is dedicating his prayer for himself. Let us pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Directory

Baptism	Wendy Marsh
Becoming Catholic	Pr Gareth
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):

St Dyfrig's

Gift Aid: £163.60
Loose Plate: £292.66

All Hallows'

Gift Aid: £375.92
Loose Plate: £125.11
Non Gift Aid: £15.00

Collection figures (29th October):

St Dyfrig's

Gift Aid: £167.15
Loose Plate: £323.30

All Hallows'

Gift Aid: £733.00
Loose Plate: £211.45
Non Gift Aid: £10.00

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

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

Collection figures (Both):

St Mary Magdalene

Loose Plate: £74.40

Ss Gabriel and Raphael

Gift Aid: £234.00
Loose Plate: £227.11

Our local Catholic Schools:

Cardinal Newman RC Secondary, Rhydfelin 01443 494110

Email: headteacher@cardinalnewman.co.uk

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

Email: admin@ssgabrielraphaelrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru

St Michael's RC Primary, Treforest 01443 570090

Email: admin@stmichaelsrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru

The Latest News

VACANCY

St Dyfrig's RC Parish, Pontypridd, is seeking to employ a part-time Caretaker working six (6) hours per week, to assist with routine maintenance and domestic tasks in Treforest.

For a suitably skilled applicant, overtime will be available at the same hourly rate for tasks involving maintenance and decorating in the Presbytery, Church and Hall.

Particulars of the post can be found on the [amdg.page](#) blog. Closing date for applications: Noon, 17 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: The foodbank is looking for tins of potatoes, cartons of UHT fruit juice and cartons of UHT milk. Also any toiletries would be most welcome.

The foodbank has been given some extra large bottles of fabric conditioner which are too big to give out to individual families. If anyone has some **empty** smaller fabric conditioner bottles that we can use to share out the stock that we have, it would be most helpful. Please leave them in the baskets in the narthex.

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.**

Philip Rowland RIP

Funeral Service in St Mary Magdalene's church, Ynyshir, on Thursday 9th November at 11.00am, followed by Cremation at Glyntaff Crematorium at 12. noon

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

St Dyfrig's Christmas Fayre - Saturday 18th November

The fundraising committee are organising a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 18th November.

We are looking for any donations of Christmas items for the Christmas fayre. Please leave them in the box in the narthex. If you would like to help with one of the stalls, please see a member of the fundraising committee.

Morning for Readers

If you are already, or would like to become, one of the Ministers of the Word in the Parish, you are invited to a Deanery Morning of Recollection and Formation. From 10.30am – 1 pm, either in Saint Illtyd's Dowlais on Saturday 25th November, or in Saint Mary, Bridgend, on Saturday 2nd December. Approaches to the Scriptures, approaches to proclaiming, and a chance to meet and share with fellow Ministers of the Word from across the Deanery over a cuppa.

Friends of St Dyfrig's October winners

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

- 1 – Allan Reeves (100) (£50);
- 2 – Margaret Meek (68) (£20);
- 3 – K. Lewis (204) (£10);
- 4 – Tanya Bowen (25) (£10);
- 5 – Joanne Harris (137) (£10).

Sheila Pugh writes: Having run the Friends of St Dyfrigs's for a long time, the time has come for me to call it a day. It has become increasingly difficult to maintain membership. Originally the 300 club, it has now fallen to below 200. I would like to thank everyone who has helped and all who have given support during this time.

Pastor Gareth writes: I am deeply grateful to Sheila for her long service. In December I will need to make a decision about the future of the 200 club; this partly depends on whether any parishioner volunteers to take over the administration. If interested, please talk to me!

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.

Christmas Raffle at St Dyfrig's

Tickets should be on sale soon for the annual Christmas raffle and we are looking for donations for the Christmas hamper. Please leave any donations in the box in the narthex or see anyone from the fundraising committee.

Mass and Service times for this week

	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service with intentions</i>
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 – Holy Souls Adoration
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass – Sr Mary Pius <i>RIP</i>
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 – Orphaned Souls
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	Confession
Monday 6 th November <i>St Illtyd</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am	Morning Prayer and Word & Communion
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11am	Mass – Anne Parker <i>RIP</i> <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon .</i>
Tuesday 7 th November	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	9:00am 10am	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass – People of the Parishes
	All Hallows, Miskin	10 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	From home	9pm	Rosary for the sick members of our parish
Wednesday 8 th November All Welsh Saints	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am	Morning Prayer and Word & Communion
	All Hallows', Miskin	10am	Mass – deceased members of the Pereria, Fernandez and Watmore families
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10am	Service of the Word with Communion <i>Church open for prayer until 2pm</i>
Thursday 9 th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10.30 am	<i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i>
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	11am	Funeral Service – Philip Rowland
	All Hallows, Miskin	6pm	Mass – Holy Souls
Friday 10 th November <i>St Leo the Great</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am 10am	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	6.30 pm	Memorial Mass – names submitted
Saturday 11 th November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	All Hallows, Miskin	3pm	Memorial Mass – names submitted
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass –
Sunday 12 th November 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – Kevin Mackay <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Deceased Zanchi/Caulfield family
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	2:30pm	Baptism – Nancy May Green
	All Hallows, Miskin	2:30pm	Baptism -
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	Confession

There will be a second collection this weekend, in support of the financial needs of the sick and retired clergy of the Archdiocese of Cardiff (including Canon Pat O'Gorman and Revv Allan Davies-Hale & Silvio Briffa).