Our Lady of the Valleys Pastorate



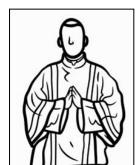
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Pastor Gareth writes: WE REMEMBER

This weekend, Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday, immediately followed by Remembrance Sunday. This annual commemoration of our fallen servicemen and women raises complex questions for us as followers of Jesus, especially against the backdrop of so much conflict in the world we inhabit today.

Jesus taught us to love our enemies and do good to those who attack us. Does that mean we can never meet aggression with force? Catholic scholars have set out the conditions for a 'just war' which we find at no. 2309 in the *Catechism*: to go to war, there must be reasonable certainty that the warriors have sufficient strength to put an end to aggression without inflicting disproportionate damage on civilians or

combatants – and the use of weapons of mass destruction is always forbidden. It would not be appropriate here to comment on which wars of the past or present seem to be just. But it is worth remembering that while we have a natural instinct not to give in to aggression, the key question is "can we put things right without disproportionate damage" – and at every Mass we remember a very different way of meeting aggression. On the Cross of Jesus, a good man seems to submit to his aggressors, but God's power to turn things to good leads to a very different outcome.

Whatever the rights or wrongs of past conflicts, many gave their lives for their country believing they were doing the right thing, and this weekend we remember their sacrifice and pray for their souls. May they rest in peace.

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. It's not too late to submit names and pictures for the Mass on 18 November: please email these to treforest@rcadc.org by 10 am on Thursday 16th.

Upcoming events:

Saturday 11th/Sunday 12th November am All Hallows' Hall Weekend Club Monday 13th November at 7pm St Dyfrig's Vigil with bring & Share St Dyfrig's Monday 13th November 12.30 pm Discovering Christ - Session 7 Cwm Farm Shop, Treorchy All Hallows' Hall Monday 13th November 12.30 pm (final session) Thursday 16th November 6.30 pm Pick & Shovel, Treforest Monday 13th November at 7pm – 9pm Young Disciples next meeting St Mary Magdalene Hall Saturday 18th November at 11:00am **Memorial Mass** St Mary Magdalene Church Saturday 18th November Christmas Fayre St Dyfrig's Hall

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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: You can still contribute to the collection in support of the Sick & Retired Clergy of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. The next Second Collection will be the White Flower Appeal for Pro-Life campaigning by SPUC on 13/14 January.

By request and agreement with the congregation, the Tuesday Word & Communion at All Hallows will cease after the service on 28 November. Instead, Word & Communion will be celebrated at 10 am on those Wednesdays when Canon Pat is unavailable to celebrate Mass.

32nd Sunday, Year A

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayers come into your presence.

Incline your ear to my pleas for help, O Lord.

Psalm response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me.

1st Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Please pray for the recently deceased in our churches:

Fred McNamara

Philip Rowland

Bill Murphy

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, Ynyshir

Email: rhondda@rcadc.org Call: 01443 421 929

Address:

St Mary Magdalene

4 Gynor Ave, Porth

CF39 ONH

Ss Gabriel and Raphael, Tonypandy

Email: rhondda@rcadc.org

Call: 01443 421 929

Address:

S.S. Gabriel and Raphael 13 Trinity Road, Tonypandy CF40 1DQ

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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

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 Tonypandy Parish*

Cardiff Hospitals (UHW)

Call 02920 747 747 and ask for the on-call Catholic Chaplain

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	

Collection figures (5th November):

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 4/5 November will be published next week.

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

- ❖ Job Vacancy at St Dyfrig's
- ❖ Information on this year's shoebox appeal
- All are invited to the Advent in the Valley event
- ❖ Upcoming Cafod event: Faith in action
- Pope Francis announces A year of Prayer
- More information on World Day of the Poor (Sunday 19th Nov)

Our local Catholic Schools:

Cardinal Newman RC Secondary, Rhydfelin 01443 494110

Email: headteacher@cardinalnewman.co.uk

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

Email: admin@ssgabrielraphaelrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru

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 have now introduced a youth group into our pastorate. It launched last week but new members can start at any time. 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. Its second aim is to help our young people be prepared to meet with God through the sacraments, specifically Confirmation preparation. The next meeting will be on Monday 13th November from 7pm – 9pm at St Mary Magdalene.

Pastor Gareth writes: **Young Disciples** is now our standard pathway to the Sacrament of Confirmation. Families concerned that they cannot access it due to travel or other practical difficulties should contact me for a home visit to discuss the best pathway to confirmation for your child.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Nancy Green and to Cara Hope Mahoney-Davies, who will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

We wish them all many Blessings on this special day.

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 rate (£12/hour) 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

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 – 1pm, 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 from across the Deanery over a cuppa.

Religious Statues at St Dyfrig's give away

We have had some donations of statues at St Dyfrig's presbytery: the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady and St Anthony. If you are interested in having one of these religious symbols please email Lizzy at treforest@rcadc.org

<u>Foodbank</u> – Nile Street <u>Pontypridd</u> 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 frit juice and cartons of UHT milk. Also any toiletries would be most welcome.

The foodbank has been given some extra large bottle 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.

Christmas Raffle at St Dyfrig's

Tickets are now available for the raffle. Please take a couple of books and sell as many as you can. We are looking for donations for raffle prizes and the Christmas hamper. Please leave nay donations in the box in the narthex or see anyone from the fundraising committee.

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 Dyfrig'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 (nonfood, 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.

Mass and Service times for this week

	Place	Time	Service with intentions
Saturday 11 th November	All Hallows, Miskin	3pm	Memorial Mass – names submitted
St Martin of Tours	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass – Dave & Pat Price RIP
Sunday 12 th November	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – Kevin Mackay <i>RIP</i>
32 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Deceased Zanchi/Caulfield family
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	2.15 pm	Baptism – Nancy May Green
	All Hallows, Miskin	2.15 pm	Baptism – Cara Hope Mahoney-Davies
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass – Bill Murphy RIP
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	Confession
Monday 13 th November	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am	Morning prayer and Service of the word
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7.00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of St Dyfrig – John & Joan Handman (for their health)
Tuesday 14 th November St Dyfrig, Bishop	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	9:00am 10am	Adoration with 9.40 Morning Prayer Mass -
/, s, ₁	All Hallows, Miskin	10 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	From home	9pm	Rosary for the sick members of our parish
Wednesday 15 th	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am	Morning Prayer & word & Holy Communion
November	All Hallows', Miskin	10am	Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10am	Service of the Word with Communion Church open for prayer until 2pm
Thursday 16 th November	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10 am	Church open for prayer until 2 pm
	All Hallows, Miskin	6pm	Mass –
Friday 17 th November St Elizabeth of Hungary	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am 10am	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	6pm	Adoration with worship music
Saturday 18 th November	All Hallows, Miskin	10am 10:30am	Mass - Adoration
	St Mary Magdalene	11am	Memorial Mass
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass –
Sunday 19 th November	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass –
33 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Elizabeth & Harry Baines RIP
21 3	All Hallows	2:15pm	Baptism – Henry & George Sims
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	Confession