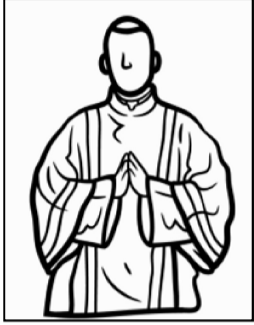




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*Pastor Gareth writes:* **WITH GRATITUDE**



On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, I marked my half-century of life. I am overwhelmed by the number of gifts and greetings which you have given me in the last week. So my first word in this week's newsletter is a big **THANK YOU** for all contributions received.

Next weekend (24-26 Nov) I will be away with the Sion Community, of which I remain a member, for our annual commitment weekend. Canon Eddie O'Connell will cover weekend Masses, with Canon Pat in All Hallows (unless he is needed elsewhere at short notice). **There will be no 7 pm Confessions on 26 Nov.**

Applications for First Communion remain open; application forms can be collected at all Sunday Masses in the Pastorate. Since attending Mass is an important part of preparing for First Communion, I do expect to meet the children when giving out application forms. I have been asked whether children of secondary school age can make First Communion with their younger siblings; the answer is, yes, they can do so at the same ceremony but their age-appropriate preparation is to attend our Young Disciples group. Children of secondary age must also make a personal commitment to attend Mass regularly. First Communion is not a one-off milestone on the growth of a Catholic; it is the gateway to the lifestyle of receiving the Bread of Life every week, without which we cannot inherit eternal life.

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.

## Upcoming events:

Prayer, Praise, Healing	St Dyfrig's Church	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 10am – 12noon
Memorial Mass	St Mary Magdalene Church	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November at 11:00am
Christmas Fayre	St Dyfrig's Hall	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 1 pm
Young Disciples next meeting	St Mary Magdalene Hall	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November at 7pm – 9pm
Eucharistic Adoration	All Hallows' Church	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Carol Services	<i>More Details to come</i>	
Children's Christmas Party	All Hallows' Hall	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (after morning mass)
Youth Advent Service & Celebrations	St Dyfrig's Church	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 7pm – 9pm

*For more information on any of these events, please contact [treforest@rcadc.org](mailto:treforest@rcadc.org)*

## SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

As we head into winter, we have to face the possibility that ice, snow or flooding may make our churches inaccessible. If you have ticked the "text alert" box on the recent parish census, you will receive a text message if the church you have declared is your 'usual church' is closed. No Catholic is obliged to put themselves at risk in dangerous weather to attend Mass. With priests living on-site at both St Dyfrig's and All Hallows, it will usually be possible to live-stream the scheduled Mass from these churches even if no congregation can attend. If a priest cannot safely access a church, Pastor Gareth will celebrate Mass for the scheduled intention from his Presbytery and this live-stream will be at [youtube.com/@OLOVRCT](https://youtube.com/@OLOVRCT) – general updates and the church livestreams can be found at: [pontypriddRCdeanery.org.uk](http://pontypriddRCdeanery.org.uk)

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Year A

Entrance Antiphon: *The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.*

*You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead you back your captives from every place.*

Psalm response: *Blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;*

*My branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Proverbs 31: 20-13, 19-20, 30-31

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

**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 0NH

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	
Confirmation	Lizzy de-Ste-Croix
First Communion (St Dyfrig's)	Teresa (07500668424) & 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 (07950642266)
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 (07999891009)
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](mailto: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 (5<sup>th</sup> November):**

**St Dyfrig's**

Gift Aid: £292.43  
Loose Plate: £296.60

**All Hallows'**

Gift Aid: £469.00  
Loose Plate: £164.17  
Non Gift Aid: £20.00

**Collection figures (12<sup>th</sup> November):**

**St Dyfrig's**

Gift Aid: £225.44  
Loose Plate: £179.10

**All Hallows'**

Gift Aid: £453.45  
Loose Plate: £135.30  
Non Gift Aid: £20.00  
World Mission: £172.45

**Collection figures (Both):**

**St Mary Magdalene**

Loose Plate: £44.50

**Ss Gabriel and Raphael**

Gift Aid: £89.00  
Loose Plate: £68.02

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

- ❖ [School Governor](#) Opportunity
- ❖ All are welcome to the [Archdiocesan Advent Adventure](#)
- ❖ [World Youth Sunday](#) is approaching!
- ❖ [Prepare!](#) For you a youth retreat, all are welcome.
- ❖ Pope Francis announces [A year of Prayer](#)
- ❖ More information on [World Day of the Poor](#) (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov)

**Our local Catholic Schools:**

**Cardinal Newman RC Secondary, Rhydfelin** 01443 494110

Email: [headteacher@cardinalnewman.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@cardinalnewman.co.uk)

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

Email: [admin@ssgabrielraphaelrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru](mailto:admin@ssgabrielraphaelrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru)

**St Michael's RC Primary, Treforest** 01443 570090

Email: [admin@stmichaelsrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru](mailto:admin@stmichaelsrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru)

## The Latest News

### Offertory Procession

During Mass, there is a moment that can often go unnoticed. After the prayers of the faithful and collection comes the offertory procession. Two members of the congregation take the gifts of bread and wine, in procession to the priest. These gift bearers represent the entire parish as we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us. What a wonderful way to express thanks and joy to God by bearing these gifts!

Many times people bring up the gifts to commemorate a special event (e.g., Baptism of a child), or for a special remembrance or thanksgiving. At least two people are needed for each Mass and families are welcome to bring up the gifts together. If you would like to participate, please make yourself known to one of the welcomers/ushers before mass.

### Newborn baby boy clothes

A young lady would be grateful to receive any baby boy (newborn) clothes if anyone is able to donate. Her baby is due end of December.

Please leave at the back of St Dyfrig's in the Narthex and they will be given to her (or Pastor Gareth can take them from from a donor in one of our other churches).

### St Dyfrig's SVP

Many thanks to the **St Dyfrig's SVP** for a donation of **£600** for the foodbank. It will be used to buy Christmas items of food and to cover the extra food needed over the Christmas period when the foodbank is closed.

### Religious Statues at St Dyfrig's – giveaway

We have had some donations of statues at St Dyfrig's presbytery: the sacred heart of Jesus, Mary and St Anthony. If you are interested in having one of these religious symbols please email Lizzy at [treforest@rcadc.org](mailto:treforest@rcadc.org)

### Young Disciples:

*Lizzy de-Ste-Croix writes:* **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.

**The next meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm – 9pm at St Mary Magdalene.**

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> November, or in Saint Mary, Bridgend, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

The next Eucharistic Adoration is on 2nd Dec following mass. As it is the first Saturday, there will be confession after mass. The adoration scheduled for 16th December has been brought forward to 9th December as there is an event in church on 16th.

### All Hallows Children's Christmas Party

The Weekend Club and Children Liturgy in conjunction with parents and children will be having a Children's Christmas party on the 17<sup>th</sup> December after Sunday mass until 1pm in the Hall at All Hallows. More details to follow in next few weeks.

### Youth Advent Service:

Come and join us as we reflect on the meaning of Christmas in an initiative, entertaining way perfect for kids and teens.

*Followed by a party in the hall.*

St Dyfrig's, Treforest, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6:30pm

**Foodbank** – Nile Street [Pontypridd](http://Pontypridd) 01443 404 692 and [Taff Ely](http://TaffEly) Foodbank 01443 520 730

**All Hallows Church:** We would like to make an appeal for more donations please. An item per family would fill the weekly box. Thank you for your generosity. The box at All Hallows is emptied every Wednesday.

**St Dyfrig's:** Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank. Items needed now are small Christmas/sponge puddings, small selection boxes, festive biscuits and also men's and women's toiletries. Again thank you for the continued support and donations already received.

### Christmas Raffle at St Dyfrig's

Raffle tickets are going well, please return your stubs to the box in the narthex and give any monies to a member of the fundraising committee. We are looking for donations for the First Prize (£100 cash) and items for the hampers (bottles, Christmas food and toiletries). Thank you for the donations already received but more is still needed. Please support the parish in any way that you can. Thank you

### 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!

### Cafod Thank you to St Dyfrig's

Thank you to all parishioners at St Dyfrig's for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £115.46 which we received on 6 November 2023.

**Mass and Service times for this week**

	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service with intentions</i>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	All Hallows, Miskin	10am 10:30am	Mass - Adoration
	St Mary Magdalene	11am	Memorial Mass
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypany	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass – Mass for the souls of the family
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November <b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A</b>	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – Joan and Larry Ryan and family <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Elizabeth & Harry Baines <i>RIP</i>
	All Hallows, Miskin	2:15 pm	Baptism of Henry & George Sims
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass – Cliff Thomas <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	Confession
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypany	9:15am	Morning prayer and Service of the word
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11am	Mass – Private Intention <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon.</i>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	9:00am 10am	Morning Prayer and Adoration 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> November <i>St Cecilia</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypany	9:15am	Morning Prayer & word & Holy Communion
	All Hallows', Miskin	10am	Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10am	Service of the Word with Communion <i>Church open for prayer until 2pm</i>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10 am	<i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i>
	All Hallows, Miskin	6pm	Mass – November dead list
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Companions</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypany	9:15am 10am	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	6pm	Adoration with worship music
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	All Hallows, Miskin	10am 10:30am	Mass - Deceased Members of UCM Adoration
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypany	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass –
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Christ the King, Year A</b> <i>World Youth Sunday</i>	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – Rachel Hargreaves <i>RIP</i>
	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 –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	THERE IS NO CONFESSION TONIGHT