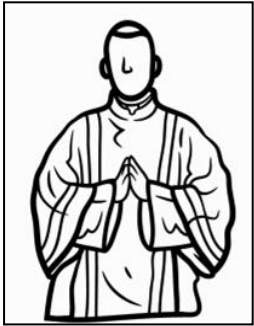




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Pastor Gareth writes: **PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS**



It's that time of year again when we start buying presents and ordering our turkeys. Advent is the time of preparing for Christmas, and this means both practical and spiritual work. For spiritual preparation, I strongly recommend buying the **Walk With Me** booklet now on sale (only £1!) in our churches and following its daily pathway of prayer.

On the practical side, and with help from Canon Pat, there will be Christmas Vigil Masses at St Dyfrig's (4 pm), Ss Gabriel & Raphael (6 pm) and All Hallows (6.30 pm). Christmas Morning Masses will be at All Hallows (9.15 am), St Mary Magdalene (9.30 am) and Ss Gabriel & Raphael (11.15 am). There is only one

Christmas Midnight Mass in any of our four churches, and this year it will be at St Dyfrig's – carols from 11.30 pm with Mass actually at Midnight. When we celebrate Mass at an unusual time, it's not clear who's likely to come. We know lots of guests will be with us who don't normally come to Mass. But we often have quite a weak "home team" because lots of people go away for Christmas. *So if you plan to come to Midnight Mass, which this year will be at St Dyfrig's, and are willing to help with something - singing, welcoming, reading, or you are a commissioned minister of communion - please contact the Parish Office and let us know how you can help. [Treforest@rcadc.org](mailto:Treforest@rcadc.org) - 01443 402439.*

Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, you can fulfil your obligation to hear Sunday Mass and Christmas Mass by (a) attending a Sunday morning (or Saturday evening) Mass **and** any Christmas Mass or (b) attending any Christmas Vigil Mass to fulfil your Sunday obligation and attending Christmas Mass **again** at Midnight or Christmas Morning. At St Mary Magdalene, there will be a special Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent at 9.30 am on Christmas Eve.

Our first season of *Discovering Christ* has concluded and we're looking at what happens next. In All Hallows, the team has decided to run the follow-up course, appropriately called *Following Christ*, in the same Monday afternoon slot, but starting just before or after Easter. We'll also look to run *Discovering Christ* in an evening slot in All Hallows next September, but for this we'll need a team who are free in the evening. We'll start planning this after Easter when we know the availability of the Hall for the autumn. Plans for the other parishes will be announced next week.

We've now added everyone who completed a Census form this autumn on to our parish database. Last Monday everyone with an e-mail address was sent an email from **My ChurchSuite**. You are able to edit your own parish record in our database, if you wish, and opt-in to making selected contact details available to other parishioners. Please be assured this was a genuine email sent from the parish. But you are under no obligation to create a login.

I'm away this weekend as part of my ongoing commitment to Sion Community. Thanks to Canon Pat for looking after All Hallows and Canon Eddie O'Connell for supplying elsewhere. My absence means there will be no confessions at 7 pm in St Dyfrig's this weekend. Normal service will be resumed next week.

### Upcoming events:

Young Disciples next meeting	St Mary Magdalene Hall	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November at 7pm – 9pm
Morning for Readers	St Mary, Bridgend	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December at 10:30am – 1pm
Eucharistic Adoration	All Hallows' Church	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December at 10:30am
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 6:30pm – 8:30pm

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

### Christ the King, Year A

Entrance Antiphon: ***How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity,  
And wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.***

Psalm response: ***The Lord I my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.***

Gospel Acclamation:

***Alleluia, Alleluia!***

***Blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord!***

***Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: ***The Lord sits as king forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.***

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

**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**

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**Address:**

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

**St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir**

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St Mary Magdalene  
4 Gynor Ave,  
Porth  
CF39 0NH

**Ss Gabriel & Raphael,**

**Tonypandy**

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13 Trinity Road,  
Tonypandy  
CF40 1DQ

**All Hallows, Miskin**

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Call: 01443 228 866

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School Rd, Miskin,  
Pontyclun  
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**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 (St Dyfrig's office)
First Communion (St Dyfrig's)	Teresa (07500668424) & Alan de-Ste-Croix
First Communion (All Hallows)	Sarah Horton (07447456824)
First Communion (Rhondda churches)	Through St Gabriel and Raphael School
Weekend Club	Marita Fernandez (07960206916)
Hall Hire (St Dyfrig's)	Treforest Office (or Sue Cleary)
Hall Hire (All Hallows')	Pamela Harding (01443556796)
Maintenance (All Hallows')	Shamus Harding (01443556796)
Marriage	Pr Gareth
Mass Intentions	Individual Parish Administrator
Music Ministry (All Hallows')	Teresa Bressington (07599155418) Anne Thomas (organist)
Music Ministry (SS Gabriel and Raphael)	Bridget Green (organist) David Hoban (folk group) (07811707458)
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 (07999 891 009)
Safeguarding (Rhondda churches)	Maria Hughes (07811011674)
UCM – Union of Catholic Mothers	Suzy Stacey (07359 463013)

**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 Tonypandy Parish**

**Cardiff Hospitals (UHW)**

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

**Collection figures (19<sup>th</sup> 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 18/19 November will be published next week.*

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.
- ❖ A Statement from the Bishops on [Gaza](#)
- ❖ [Silent retreat](#), a chance to rest in the Lord

**Our local Catholic Schools:**

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

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

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

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

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## 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 welcomes/ushers before mass.

### 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.

### Latest update on the All Hallows Community Garden

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November the first raised bed of the All Hallows community garden was constructed and filled with compost by a team of volunteers. **A big thankyou to everyone who helped with this.**

To begin with we are hoping to plant daffodil bulbs for a spring flower bonanza. After this we will be encouraging people to donate and contribute the garden with future horticulture ideas and projects. We welcome help and suggestions from all ages and abilities to make this a successful venture for the whole community. **Watch this space for future developments.**

We have received several financial donations and plants from individuals to start off this project. Currently there are raffle prizes and tickets available to raise funds for the ongoing work.

### 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 hand to Pastor Gareth at one of our other churches).

### Morning for Readers

If you are serving as a Reader, or would like to become one of the Ministers of the Word in your Parish, you are invited to a Deanery Morning of Recollection and Formation. From 10.30 am – 1 pm, either in Saint Illtyd's Dowlais on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, or in Saint Mary's, Bridgend, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The day covers 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.

St Dyfrig's, Treforest, 18th December 2023 at 6:30pm

**Foodbank** – Nile Street [Pontypridd](#) 01443 404 692 and [Taff Ely](#) 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 the generous donations already received, especially the Christmas items. We are also still looking for empty fabric conditioner bottles to divide out the industrial sized bottles that we have been given. Many thanks

### Christmas Raffle at St Dyfrig's

The raffle tickets are going well, please return the stubs and the money as soon as you are able. There is a box in the narthex which is emptied after Sunday mass. We are looking for any donations for the cash prize as well as any items for the hampers. Again, there is a box in the narthex for your donations. Please support the parish in any small way that you can.

Contributions are asked towards the £100, which is the main prize in our Christmas Raffle. A list is at the back of the church, if you would put your name and telephone number together with the amount you wish to donate.

Thanking you in advance,  
St Dyfrigs Fundraising Committee.

### Cafod Thank you

Thank you to all parishioners at St Dyfrig's for their latest donation of £115.46 and All Hallows for their latest donation of £488.03.

### St Dyfrig's Christmas Fayre

£700+ was raised on Saturday from the Christmas Fayre. There was also some items sold on Sunday after mass so soon as we have a final total, we will let you know. Thank you to the volunteers who spent most of Friday setting up and also to those who helped out on the day. Thank you!

### All Hallows parish annual accounts

The Parish Accounts for 2022 to 2023 are available on request.

### New Caretaker

Mr Robert Parker has been appointed as the new (paid) caretaker for St Dyfrig's Parish. Welcome aboard.

**Mass and Service times for this week**

	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service with intentions</i>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	All Hallows, Miskin	10 am	Mass - Deceased Members of UCM
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5 pm 5:30 pm	Confession Mass – Joe Cavalli <i>RIP</i>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Christ the King, Year A</b> <i>World Youth Sunday</i>	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45 am 9:15 am	Confession Mass – Rachel Hargreaves <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15 am	Mass – Anne Parker <i>RIP</i>
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45 pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30 pm 4 pm	Confession Mass – Tom Abson <i>RIP Anniversary</i>
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	4 pm	Reception of BillyMurphy's Body
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7 pm	NO CONFESSION
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November <i>Week 34 Ordinary Time</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15 am	Morning prayer and Service of the word
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11 am	Mass – November Dead List <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon.</i>
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	11:30 am	Requiem Mass Billy Murphy
	Cwm Farm Shop, Treorchy	1 pm	Mass – ancestors of congregation
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	9:00 am 10 am	Adoration with 9.40 Morning Prayer Mass – November Dead List
	All Hallows, Miskin	10 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	St David's Cathedral, Cardiff	1 pm	Annual Requiem for Deceased Clergy
	From home	9 pm	Rosary for the sick members of our parish
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15 am	Morning Prayer & word & Holy Communion
	All Hallows', Miskin	10 am	Mass – Charlotte Soriano-Yani 5th Anniversary <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10 am	Service of the Word with Communion <i>Church open for prayer until 2pm</i>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November <i>St Andrew</i>	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10 am	<i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i>
	All Hallows, Miskin	6 pm	Mass –
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15 am 10 am	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass – People of the Parish
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	6 pm	Adoration with worship music
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	All Hallows, Miskin	10 am 10:30 am	Mass - Adoration
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5 pm 5:30 pm	Confession Mass –
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B</b>	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – John Paul Davies <i>RIP</i>
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm 4pm	Confession Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7pm	Confession