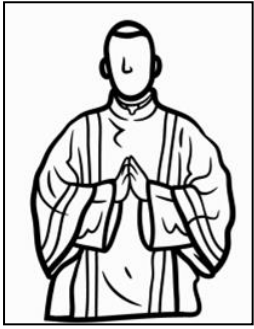




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Pastor Gareth writes: **INVITING**



There's no time of year like the weeks around Christmas for offering an invitation to something at church. "Would you like to come with me to a carol service?" or "I'm going to Mass for Christmas – come with me!" are the easiest opportunities to help one of your friends or family re-connect to Church. Please take one of our Christmas leaflets and pass it on to a friend.

There are no special confession services scheduled for this Advent but the Sacrament of Reconciliation is widely available – before Sunday Mass in Tonypany, Miskin and Ynyshir at 7 pm Sundays in Treforest. You are also welcome to tap me on the shoulder during adoration before or after weekday Masses.

A few reminders of things mentioned last week:

The *Crib Offering* basket gifts will be sent on to Archbishop Mark who will divide them *Friends of the Holy Land* and the *Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem* (both of which help impoverished Christians in the Holy Land) and *Caritas Cardiff* and *Menevia* which supports Catholic charities working with needy souls at home.

Rather than giving me any personal gifts this Christmas I humbly invite you instead to make a donation to the Presbytery Renovation Fund; you can give to the same cause by writing "PR Fund" on an envelope or when making an on-line donation at: app.goodhub.com/st-dyfrigs-church-treforest

We are hoping to run future seasons of *Discovering Christ* on Sunday evenings in St Mary Magdalene starting in May, and in All Hallows on Monday evenings starting September. But for these we need volunteers who are available evenings. Can you help for 10 weeks? Please let me know.

Upcoming events:

Carol Service	All Hallows Church	Sunday 10 th December at 5:30pm
Young Disciples next meeting	St Mary Magdalene Hall	Monday 11 th December at 7pm – 9pm
Catholic-Anglican Carol Service	St John's, Ton-Pentre	Monday 11 th December at 7pm
Children's Christmas Party	All Hallows' Hall	Sunday 17 th December (after morning mass)
Carol Service	Pick and Shovel	Sunday 17 th December at 4pm
Youth Advent Service & Celebrations	St Dyfrig's Church	Monday 18 th December 6:30pm – 8:30pm
School Carol Service	Ss Gabriel & Raphael Church	Tuesday 19 th December 5:30pm
Church Cleaning	All Hallows' Church	Wednesday 20 th December at 10:30am
Mass with enrolment of Altar Servers	St Mary Magdalene Church	Tuesday 26 th December at 3pm
Worship to see in the New Year <i>Followed by midnight mass</i>	St Dyfrig's Church	Sunday 31 st December at 11:30pm
<i>Ways of Praying</i> (Anna Mayer)	ZOOM	Monday 15 th January 2-3 pm
<i>Following Christ</i>	ZOOM & St Dyfrig's Church	Monday 22 nd January 7-9 pm (Session 1)

For more information on any of these events, please contact treforest@rcadc.org – also contact if you wish to book a place on the *Ways of Praying* or *Following Christ* courses.

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B

Entrance Antiphon: ***O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,***

And the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Psalm response: ***Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.***

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths:

All mankind shall see the salvation of God, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: ***Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.***

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

Please pray for the recently deceased in our churches:

Diorioa Albu

Mary Puttick

Mike McCarthy

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

Ss Gabriel & Raphael,

Tonypandy

Email: rhondda@rcadc.org

Call: 01443 421 929

Address:

S.S. Gabriel and Raphael
13 Trinity Road,
Tonypandy
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 December, Pope Francis says: "Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions offer inclusion programs that enhance their active participation."

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,
mfwhat58@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 (3rd December):

St Dyfrig's

Gift Aid: £128.00
Loose Plate: £337.95
Standing Orders: £239.41

All Hallows'

Gift Aid: £478.40
Loose Plate: £126.78
Non Gift Aid: £20.00

Ss Gabriel & Raphael

Gift Aid: £76.00
Loose Plate: £68.40
Standing Orders: £140.50

St Mary Magdalene

Loose Plate: £41.00

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

- ❖ [Prepare!](#) For you a youth retreat, all are welcome.
- ❖ A Statement from the Bishops on [Gaza](#)
- ❖ More information on the 2023 [Crib Offering](#)
- ❖ Journey with the [women of Jesus' genealogy](#) in a podcast

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

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 your continued support of the foodbank. We are looking for tins of meat and fish plus Christmas items (selection boxes, etc.). Thank you.

Memorial book by the Altar in All Hallows

Diane Franks-Herbert has volunteered to update the memorial book by the Altar in All Hallows church.

If you would like to add a name to the book, please place the name at the side of the book on a piece of paper and it will be added to the book.

Christmas Masses

We need stewards at the Christmas masses. If you would like to volunteer, please make yourself known (at St Dyfrig's to the Ushers, at All Hallows to Marita, in the Rhondda churches to Sr Berenice).

If anyone needs a lift to mass especially over Christmas, please ring Lizzy at St Dyfrig's parish office, and leave a message stating clearly the church and mass time you wish to attend, where you live and how we can contact you.

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 11th December from 7pm – 9pm at St Mary Magdalene.**

Rest in Peace

We pray for the soul of Mrs Diorioa Albu (Tonypany) who died recently. Funeral Service on Friday Dec 8th in Ss Gabriel & Raphael's Church, Tonypany, at 12.15pm followed by Cremation at Glyntaf Crematorium at 1.30pm. May she rest in peace.

Christmas Carol Service with Readings

We invite you to attend the Christmas Carol Service with Readings at All Hallows Church on Sunday 10th December at 5.30 pm followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. This service is part of our Advent preparations in readiness for the Feast of Christmas and we welcome everyone to join with us at this special service.

Christmas Raffle at St Dyfrig's

Please return all ticket stubs and monies as soon as possible. The draw will take place after Mass on Sunday 10th December.

St Dyfrig's Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Christmas Fayre. A total of £887.49 was raised.

All Hallows Children's Christmas Party

The Weekend Club and Children's Liturgy in conjunction with parents and children will be having a Children's Christmas party on the 17th December after Sunday Mass until 1pm in the Hall at All Hallows. Invitations are available. If you would like your child/ren to attend please see Suzy or any member of the children's liturgy team during weekend mass. We need you to RSVP to make sure that we can prepare for the right number of children.

It is "bring and share" a food plate but we will organize activities and a little something for each child plus a visit from St. Nicholas. Please call Suzy on [\(07734\) 701449](#) If you would like your child/ren to attend this party but you have not been able to get to Church and pick up an Invitation or RSVP. Please ensure that you advise Suzy or Diane of any dietary requirement may have, in particular any food allergies.

Youth Advent Service:

The seekers and young disciples team are coming together to host a Youth Advent Service for all primary and secondary kids. Come along as we meet some key people from Biblical history and prepare for the coming of Christ. Monday 18th December at 6:30pm in St Dyfrig's Church. There will also be a party in the hall afterwards with fun games, food and more... Please bring some food for a bring and share meal.

Church Cleaning

We are organising a "Big Clean for Christmas" at All Hallows on Wednesday 20th December at 10.30 am. Many hands make light work. Help us to prepare our church in readiness for the Christmas Services.

Mike McCarthy RIP.

Mike McCarthy's funeral will take place at All Hallows on Thursday 21st December at 10:45 am. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife Angie, his family and friends.

Eucharistic Adoration

The next eucharistic adorations at All Hallows will be on 6th and 20th **January** 2024. The church will remain open for private prayer after Saturday morning mass until 12 on 23rd and 30th December 2023.

Friends of St Dyfrig's November winners

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

- 1– Ann Perrot (117) (£50)
- 2 - Maureen Carter (58) (£20)
- 3 – Bryn Hughes (79) (£10)
- 4 – Chris Thomas (35) (£10)
- 5 – Allan Reeves (100) (£10)

Mass and Service times for this week

	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service with intentions</i>
Saturday 9 th December	All Hallows, Miskin Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy	10am 10:30am 5pm 5:30pm	Mass - Mike McCarthy <i>RIP</i> Adoration Confession Mass – Mr Tran <i>RIP</i>
Sunday 10 th December 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B	All Hallows, Miskin St Dyfrig's, Treforest St Dyfrig's, Treforest Penrhys Shrine St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir St Dyfrig's, Treforest	8:45am 9:15am 11:15am 2:15pm 2:45pm 3:30pm 4pm 7pm	Confession Mass – UCM Members, their spouses and families Mass – Wilfred Thomas <i>RIP</i> Baptism – Mohan children Rosary Confession Mass – Colaco & Mendonca wedding Confession
Monday 11 th December	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy St Dyfrig's, Treforest	9:15am 11 am	Morning prayer and Service of the word Mass – Osmund Paul <i>RIP</i> <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon.</i>
Tuesday 12 th December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir All Hallows, Miskin From home	9:00am 10am 10am 9pm	Adoration with 9.40 Morning Prayer Mass – <i>The Service of the Word is no longer being celebrated on Tuesdays</i> Rosary for the sick members of our parish
Wednesday 13 th December <i>St Lucy</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy All Hallows', Miskin St Dyfrig's, Treforest	9:15am 10am 10am	Morning Prayer & word & Holy Communion Mass – Service of the Word with Communion <i>Church open for prayer until 2pm</i>
Thursday 14 th December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	St Dyfrig's, Treforest All Hallows, Miskin	10 am 6pm	<i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i> Mass – Cassie Hall thanksgiving
Friday 15 th December	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy St Dyfrig's, Treforest	9:15am 10am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass – Adoration with praise music
Saturday 16 th December	All Hallows, Miskin Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypanydy	10am 5pm 5:30pm	NO MASS TODAY Confession Mass –
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An opportunity to explore what the Holy Spirit is doing in South Wales & Herefordshire

Pope Francis has invited Spirit-inspired Catholics to come together. You're invited to do so:

Saturday 13th April 10 am - 3.15 pm at All Hallows, Llantrisant (CF72 8PG)

Saturday 20th April 10 am - 3.15 pm at St David's & St Patrick's, Haverfordwest (SA61 1SX)

Both days begin with Mass. To learn more, see Facebook.com/CCRSWH or contact Anne Nolan annec_nolan@yahoo.co.uk or 07989 839710.