



**“Four Parishes, One Family of Faith. Where do I fit in?” Come to hear Allegra Mutanda inspire us at All Hallows on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7 pm.**

**Ways of Praying**

Every Monday by Zoom from 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, we’ll be exploring Ways of Praying. Join the call from 1.45 pm, guest speaker at 2 pm leading into a prayer exercise. At 2.45 you’re free to drop off if you’re on the school run or stay for Q&A. The Zoom call ends at 3 pm. To book:

[tinyurl.com/Ways2Pray](https://tinyurl.com/Ways2Pray) or contact 01443 402439.

*The course is free but you must register to get the Zoom link.*

**Following Christ**

Starting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, *Following Christ* will be open for everyone at St Dyfrig’s Presbytery on Mondays from 7pm to 9pm. You’re welcome to join in person, or via Zoom. Please book: [tinyurl.com/FC-Spring24](https://tinyurl.com/FC-Spring24) or call 01443 402439. Each participant is asked to contribute £5 for a copy of the course book.

*Dates: Jan 22, 29. Feb 5, 12, 26. March 4, 11.*

*Retreat Day (in person only): Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.*

**Upcoming events:**

Worship to see in the New Year <i>Followed by midnight mass</i>	St Dyfrig’s Church	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December at 11:30pm
Reflection on Epiphany	St Dyfrig’s Church	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, 6 pm
Adoration	All Hallows’ Church	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Guest Speaker for the Pastorate	All Hallows’ Hall	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January at 7pm
<i>Ways of Praying</i> (Anna Mayer)	ZOOM	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2-3 pm
<i>Young Disciples</i> returns	St Mary Magdalene Hall	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January at 7pm
Prayers for Christian Unity Week	St Dyfrig’s Church	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 6pm
Prayers for Christian Unity Week	All Hallows	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 11am
<i>Following Christ</i>	ZOOM & St Dyfrig’s Presbytery	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 7-9 pm (Session 1)
Prayers for Christian Unity Week	St Barnabas, Penygraig	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 7pm
Jumble Sale	St Dyfrig’s Community Hall	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 1pm
Archbishop’s Consultation Meeting	All Hallows	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 5pm

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

**Holy Family, Year B**

Entrance Antiphon: *The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.*

Psalm response: *The Lord remembers his covenant forever.*

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*At various times in the past and in various ways,*

*God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;*

*But in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his son. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6. 21: 1-3

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 18-19.

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

**Epiphany, Year B**

Entrance Antiphon: *Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East*

*and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.*

Psalm response: *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*We have seen his star in the east and have come to adore the Lord.*

**Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: *The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Please pray for the recently deceased in our churches:

Elwyn Williams

Peter Anzani

Dorino Cavalli

**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, 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 8PG

**The Pope's Prayer intentions: JAN 2024 For The Gift of Diversity In The Church**

*Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.*

**Parish Directory**

Baptism	Wendy Marsh
Becoming Catholic	Pastor Gareth
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 (07734 701449) or Diane Franks-Herbet (07999 891 009)
Safeguarding (Rhondda churches)	Maria Hughes (07811011674)
UCM – Union of Catholic Mothers	Suzy Stacey (07734 701449)

**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 Tonypany Parish**

**Cardiff Hospitals (UHW)**

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

**Collection figures (24<sup>th</sup> December):**

*Some of our parishes take longer to count and bank collections than others. We have a legal duty to publish our weekly figures; so the collection for last week and the next two weeks will be published in the next newsletter.*

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

- ❖ Some resources for [Family hoping to grow in Faith](#) together
- ❖ A [Pastoral Letter](#) from Archbishop Mark O'Toole
- ❖ More information on the 2023 [Crib Offering](#)
- ❖ The [Foot of the Cross](#) latest podcast episode to view
- ❖ A workshop on the [Synodal Mission Church](#)
- ❖ Some words from those in Bethlehem. ["Hear Angels Cry"](#)

**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

### This Week's Newsletter

Due to a number of our newsletter editors being away at this time, this week's newsletter will be a double issue.

### St Dyfrig's Newsletter

We are looking for volunteers to fold the Newsletter on a Thursday (late morning or afternoon). If you think that you'd be able to volunteer to help us then contact Lizzy in the office via [treforest@rcadc.org](mailto:treforest@rcadc.org)

### All Hallows' Newsletter

We're looking for two more people who are willing to help print and fold our newsletter each week. With a team of four, it would only be your turn once every four weeks. If this is something you think you could help with full training will be given: please contact Suzy on [07734 701449](tel:07734701449).

**Foodbank** – Nile Street [Pontypridd 01443 404 692](tel:01443404692) and [Taff Ely Foodbank 01443 520 730](tel:01443520730)

**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 to everyone who has donated the foodbank, the Christmas parcels are starting to go out to families in Pontypridd and Treforest. We are still giving out the regular food parcels and are running short of: Packets of biscuits, jars of curry sauce, jars of jam or peanut butter, tins of meat. Thank you again for your continued support.

### Eucharistic Adoration

The next Eucharistic Adoration 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 noon on 30th December 2023.

### Friends of St Dyfrig's Christmas winners

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

- 1: Helen Friel (106) (£100)
- 2: Alwyn Pugh (83) (£50)
- 3: Wayne Coughlin (61) (£20)
- 4: Joyce Dyer (159) (£10)
- 5: M. White (53) (£10)
- 6: Veronica Atkins (81) (£10)

*Sheila writes:* Merry Christmas to you all. Once again, I would like to thank you for your support over the last 23 years

### **Pastor Gareth writes:**

Sadly, no-one has come forward to run the *Friends of St Dyfrig's* following Sheila's retirement. So this fundraising scheme now ceases. Once again, thanks to Sheila for her service over almost a quarter-century.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 7pm – 9pm at St Mary Magdalene.**

## Mass and Service times for the next two weeks

Date	Place	Time	Service with intentions
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	All Hallows, Miskin	10am	Mass –
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm 5:30pm	Confession Mass –
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December <b>Holy Family</b>	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am 9:15am	Confession Mass – Denis McCarthy <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Anne + Brian Parker <i>RIP</i>
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	4:00pm	Mass – (Confession 3.30-3.50)
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7:00-7.30pm	Confession
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:30pm	Praise & Worship
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January <b>Mary, Mother of God</b>	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	12:00mn	Midnight Mass – Josie Rees
	All Hallows', Miskin	11:00am	Mass -
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January <b>Sts Basil and Gregory</b>	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	10:00 am	Mass
	From home	9pm	Rosary for the sick members of our parish

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service with intentions</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am	<del>NO Morning Prayer &amp; word &amp; Holy Communion</del>
	All Hallows', Miskin	10am	Mass – Elwyn Williams <i>RIP</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10am	Service of the Word with Communion <i>Church open for prayer until 2pm</i>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	<del>10am</del>	<del>Church open for prayer until 2pm</del>
	All Hallows, Miskin	6pm	Mass – Holy Souls resting in the Columbarium
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
		10:00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	6:00pm	Christmas Reflection with praise music
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	All Hallows, Miskin	10am	Mass –
		10:30am	Adoration until MIDDAY
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm	Confession
		5:30pm	Mass –
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Epiphany</b>	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am	Confession
		9:15am	Mass – <i>Roy Hunt RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</i>
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Anna Jones
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm	Confession
		4:00pm	Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7:00pm	Confession
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am	Morning Prayer and Service of the Word
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:00am	Mass – Eileen & Ralph de Ste Croix <i>RIP</i> <i>Followed by Adoration until MIDDAY</i>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	9:00am	<del>NO Adoration / Morning Prayer / Mass</del>
	At Home	9:00pm	Rosary for the sick members of our parish
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	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 11 <sup>th</sup> January	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	10 am	<i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i>
	All Hallows, Miskin	6pm	Mass –
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	9:15am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
		10:00am	Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	6:00pm	Praise and Worship with Confession
		6:30pm	Mass – Carol Noble & family
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	All Hallows, Miskin	10am	Mass – Healing for Angela Murray
	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	5pm	Confession
		5:30pm	Mass –
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>  "White Flower" collections in support of SPUC (Pro-Life campaigning group)	All Hallows, Miskin	8:45am	Confession
		9:15am	Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	11:15am	Mass – Josephine Rees
	Penrhys Shrine	2:45pm	Rosary
	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir	3:30pm	Confession
		4:00pm	Mass –
	St Dyfrig's, Treforest	7:00pm	Confession