OUR LADY OF THE VALLEYS

Year Ahead 2024-2025

Preparing for Adult Baptism / Adult Confirmation / Becoming a Catholic / Adult First Communion

The Emmaus Journey (RCIA) meets in All Hallows on Monday evenings Sept-June, time and start date TBA.

Catechumens will be enrolled at the Mass they usually attend on 11/12 January 2025.

The Rite of Election is expected at St David's Cathedral at 3 pm on Sunday 9th March 2025.

Initiation will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil, 8.30 pm, Saturday 19th April 2025, church TBA (to be announced).

Young Disciples (not just a confirmation course, but our pathway to teenage confirmation) meets in St Dyfrig's Hall on Tuesday evenings 7-9 pm starting Sept 10th.

St Dyfrig's will host the Mass of Confirmation for several local churches on Friday 6th June 2025.

First Communion preparation is for all children in Primary School years 3-6 and will start in Spring 2025. Application forms will be available at Masses from All Saint's Day (1 Nov) to Christmas Day (25 Dec) and must be returned by 30 Dec 2024.

Candidates will be enrolled at the Mass they usually attend on the weekend of 15/16 February 2025.

It is likely that preparation groups will run at All Hallows after Sunday Mass and at St Dyfrig's at 6 pm on Tuesday evenings; preparation is also available as an after-school activity at Ss Gabriel & Raphael Primary School.

The Candidates' Retreat Day takes place at All Hallows on 10 May 2025.

First Communion Masses will take place:
All Hallows – 9.15 am 1 June 2025
Ss Gabriel & Raphael – 5.30 pm 14 June 2025
St Dyfrig's – 11.15 am 22 June 2025
St Mary Magdalene – 4 pm 22 June 2025

Discipleship Groups are for anyone wishing to explore more deeply what it means to be a follower of Jesus, and develop experience in communicating faith and praying with people. These will run from the first week of Sept:

EVENINGS: 7-9 pm Mondays at St Mary Magdalene

AFTERNOONS: 1-3 pm at Fridays at All Hallows

Mass with Anointing of the Sick
This is celebrated each term at All Hallows Church on a Saturday at 11.30 am followed by a light buffet in the Hall

Sat 29 June 2024
Sat 26 Oct 2024
Sat 15 March 2025
Sat 5 July 2025

Memorial Masses

Memorial Masses to remember our loved ones who have died in the past year (followed by refreshments) will be celebrated:

12 noon Sat 2 Nov 2024 @ St Mary Magdalene
7 pm Fri 15 Nov 2024 @ St Dyfrig's
7 pm Fri 22 Nov 2024 @ All Hallows

May Procession

Our May Procession for 2025 will take place 11 am on Sat 17 May at St Dyfrig's.

Ministry Days

Ministers serving in any pastorate ministry are asked to come to the relevant Ministry Day in autumn 2024. The days run 10 am – 3 pm (bring packed lunch).

14 Sep – Catechists @ All Hallows
12 Oct – Musicians @ St Dyfrig's
19 Oct – Communion Ministers @ St Mary Magdalene
9 Nov – Readers @ St Dyfrig's
16 Nov – Altar Servers @ St Mary Magdalene

Toddler Masses

These special Masses, celebrated at 3.30 pm on Saturdays, are short yet fulfil your Sunday Obligation. They will include action songs which young children can join in with. Anyone attending should not be surprised at the presence of bawling babies and lively youngsters.

St Dyfrig's: 12 Oct, 23 Nov, 25 Jan, 29 March, 14 June

St Mary Magdalene: 19 Oct, 30 Nov, 1 Feb, 5 Apr, 28 Jun

Holy Days of Obligation

All Saints (Fri 1 Nov 2024), Ascension (Thu 29 May 2025) and Assumption (Thu 15 Aug 2024 & Fri 15 Aug 2025) follow the usual Pastorate pattern: Vigil Masses 6.30 pm at St Mary Magdalene and 8.00 pm at St Dyfrig's; Mass on the Day at 10.45 in Ss Gabriel & Raphael and 7 pm in All Hallows.

In 2025, Epiphany and Ss Peter & Paul are kept on the nearest Sundays.

Schedules for Christmas 2024 and Easter 2025 will be announced nearer the time.

Parish Annual General Meetings
An annual update on buildings and finances:

Fri 13 Sep 7.30 pm @ St Dyfrig's
Mon 30 Sep 7.00 pm @ All Hallows
Sat 12 Oct 6.30 pm @ Ss Gabriel & Raphael
Sun 13 Oct 5.00 pm @ St Mary Magdalene

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

St Dyfrig's

Patron Saint's Festival – Thu 14 Nov 2024
Mass 7.30 pm followed by refreshments

Solemnity of the Dedication of the Church – 6 November
(no public event for this in 2024; Thu 6 Nov 2025 will be the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the altar in the re-ordered church)

Centenary Mass

Archbishop Mark has been invited to celebrate Mass in St Dyfrig's on Friday 5th November 2027 – beginning a week of celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the dedication of St Dyfrig's Church on 14 Nov 1927.

All Hallows

Patron Saints' Festival – Fri 1 Nov 2024
Mass 7.00 pm followed by refreshments

Solemnity of the Dedication of the Church – Sat 24 May
Saturday Morning Mass will be the Mass of the Anniversary of the Dedication

Thirtieth Anniversary Mass

Archbishop Mark has been invited to celebrate Mass in All Hallows on Sunday 24th May 2026 to mark 30 years since the church was dedicated.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Ss Gabriel & Raphael

Patron Saints' Festival – Sat 28 (vigil) & Sun 29 Sep 2024
Mass at the usual Saturday evening time of 5.30 pm

Solemnity of the Dedication of the Church – Wed 26 March 2025
Wednesday Morning Prayer will be the Office of the Dedication Feast

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St Mary Magdalene

Patron Saint's Festival – 22 July

To be observed at the Sunday 20 July 4 pm Mass in 2025
followed by refreshments.