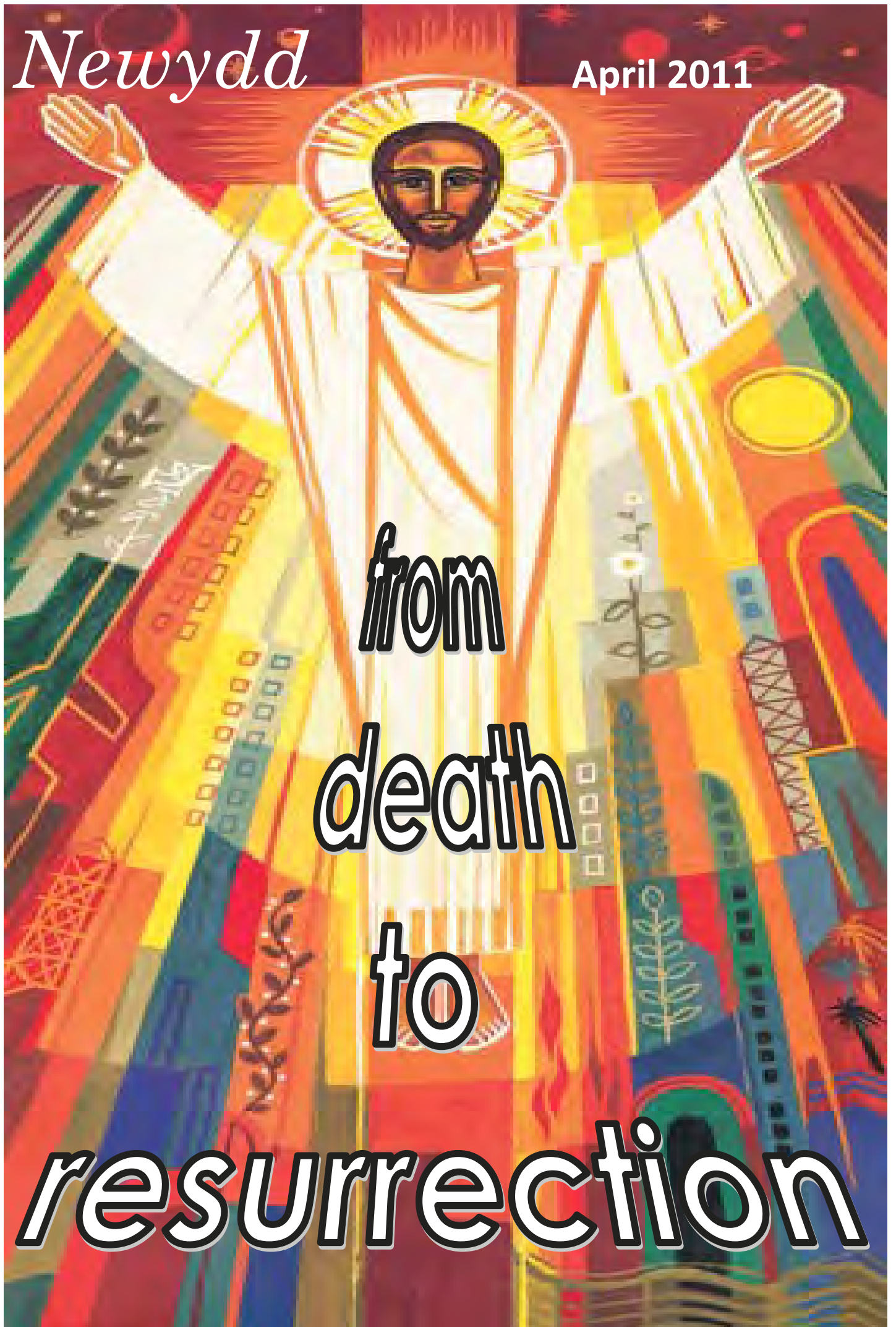


*Newydd*

April 2011

*from  
death  
to*

*resurrection*



## *From the Rector*

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Over 1000 people are expected to watch The Passion being staged in Port Talbot by Michael Sheen, in conjunction with National Theatre Wales and Wildworks over this coming Easter weekend.

On Holy Saturday, 23rd April, 5 hours of the drama will take place outside St Mary's Church.

It is essential that we respond to this once in a life time opportunity to draw people into the mystery of faith and welcome them into the church, and it is an opportunity that the PCC has grabbed with both hands, rising to the challenge of having so many people potentially entering the building and being in the area.

Agreeing to finance whatever was needed to be done, at whatever cost, and having no idea how we might at that stage raise the funds to do what we wanted, the PCC took a leap of faith.

As one member of the PCC said: "We can't guarantee anyone will come into the building, but no one will be able to say we were not ready!"



These are the PCC plans:

### **Palm Sunday**

- 10.30am** Benefice Mass at St Mary's beginning in the hall with a procession into the Church.
- 6.00pm** A service to pray for everyone involved in The Passion, from the production team to those making tea, from singers and performers to those operating the lights and selling tickets. Invitation have been extended to over 80 organisations taking part to come to the service. The Archbishop has been asked to send a message to be read at the service.

### **Good Friday**

- 12 noon** St Mary's will be open from 10am to 6pm with opportunities for prayer. A formal meditation on the Passion will be held in church.

### **Holy Saturday**

- St Mary's will be open from 10am to 6pm and people will be invited inside to pray or to receive free tea, coffee or bottles of water. The hall will be open for people to use the toilet facilities. There will be 500 copies of one of the Gospels for people to take away free of charge.
- 8.30pm** We will gather at St Agnes' for the Easter Vigil.

### **Easter Day**

- 11am** The Eucharist of Easter Day.
- 6pm** A service of praise. Those attending can get on the free bus being laid on by the PCC to take them to the beach for the final scenes of The Passion.

In addition to all this two banners, twenty feet by 16 feet will be hanging on two sides of the tower.

Never before will so many people have been outside the church building at St Mary's. We cannot let this opportunity pass us by; and we are not letting it pass us by.

I congratulate the PCC on its vision and determination, and I can now tell you all that, the day after the PCC made its decisions, I contacted the Diocese, and they have awarded us a grant from the Mission Fund to help us pay for all the things we want to do, and the Diocesan Missioner has agreed to provide the 500 copies of the Gospels from her budget.

On Tuesday 5th April there will be a meeting in St Mary's for anyone who is interested in helping. We are going to need people from all four churches willing to give up their time to help keep St Mary's open, but above all we need to have people who are willing to come to **all** the services, to ensure a good welcome for visitors, and people who are willing to pray, from today on, for our endeavours to make the story of Jesus known in the midst of all that is taking place.

Start praying now, and make up your mind that you will be a part of this eventful time.

With every good wish,

*Nigel Canive*

**Father Nigel.**

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## *Stations of the Cross*

Lent has begun in a truly magnificent way. People from all four churches have gathered in large numbers at St Agnes' on Wednesday evenings at 7pm to walk the Way of the Cross.

Over fifty people each week have been a part of this journey through Lent, and it has been inspiring for us to see these sorts of numbers in church, and immensely encouraging to us all.

We pray that we will continue to go from strength to strength as we make our spiritual preparations for Easter, and especially as we seek, in Holy Week, to witness to a community enlarged by hundreds of visitors to the love of God in Jesus Christ.

*Matthew Treich*

*Jane Stennett*

*Nigel Canive*

## From the Registers

### *The Faithful Departed*

The following have received a Christian Funeral:



Please pray for them, and for their families and friends who mourn their loss.

Byron Townsend

Bertie Emmanuel Wood

Florence Georgina Matthews

Marian Foley

Margaret O'Leary

Letitia Todd

Christine Alice Cross

Joyce Davies

### *Baptisms*

Please pray for

Macey Caroline Watmore

Remember also, in your prayers, his parents and godparents.



### *Communicant figures February*

6th	124
13th	132
20th	137
27th	136

### *Our condolences*

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Joyce Davies.

Joyce had been a committed churchwoman all her life, and at one time had been a Sunday School teacher at St May's. In recent years her health did not permit her to get out and about as she would have liked, but she was with us in spirit in all we did, if not in body. There was a really good number of people in the church for the funeral, and all her grandsons took part in one way or another, which was a beautiful tribute to Joyce, and the love they shared.

Our sympathies are also extended to the family and friends of the late Christine Cross, whose family have been associated with St Agnes' for many years. Christine's body was brought to St Agnes' on the evening before her funeral, where she rested overnight, and where prayers were said with family and close friends.

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## *Scammers impersonate DVLA*



The DVLA has warned the public of an e-mail scam which asks drivers to verify their driving licence details via an online link. The e-mail warns that drivers who do not comply with the request within two weeks of receiving the e-mail will lose their licence and have to take their driving test again.

E-mails such as this are a common tactic used by criminals to harvest personal details, a technique known as “phishing”. Such e-mails claim to come from the victim’s bank or from a government agency, and usually include a link to a fake website which asks the victim to input their personal details and may also infect their computer with malicious code.

The e-mail usually threatens serious penalties if the victim fails to comply with the request within a short time, in an attempt to induce a sense of panic in the victim and make them more likely to provide personal details.

***South Wales Police  
Community Notice***

## *Men’s Fellowship*

The next meeting is going to be on the 16th May at Holy Trinity when there will be a buffet and an opportunity to discuss the future programme of the Fellowship. An open invitation is extended to anyone who is interested.

## *200 Club St Mary’s*

The winner for March is number 127, Mrs. Margaret Price.

## *200 Club Holy Trinity*

The winner for February was Mrs. B. Radford.

## *Fish and Chip Lunch with Beetle Drive*

All are welcome at a Fish and Chip Lunch with Beetle Drive on Friday 15th April at 1pm at St Paul’s Hall. Tickets £5, available from each Church. Bring your own drinks.



## *Items for the magazine*

Please note the deadlines for news for the magazine. It is really important that you ensure your news and articles are sent in so that we all know what's going on.

**Magazine deadline for items to be handed to Denise that need to be typed**

For May 2011      9th April

**and for items sent by email directly to the Rector:**

For May 2011      15th April

## *Make a note in your diary*

**On Palm Sunday** 17th April there will be a Benefice Mass at 10.30am at St Mary's Church. There will also be a special Service in St Mary's at 6pm to pray for the success of The Passion Drama.

**On Easter Day** there will be an evening act of worship at St Mary's Church at 6pm.

**Our usual Easter Communion Service for the housebound** will take place on Tuesday 26th April at 3pm at the Parish Centre.

## *Lent Lunches*



Many thanks to all of you who are supporting the Lent lunches, and in Holy Trinity the Lent morning coffee & toasted tea cake. This way of helping boost the funds for USPG is very helpful.

Again, it is good to see people from other churches coming to St Mary's and St Agnes' on a Wednesday and a Thursday, and it would be good if even more people could join in and not just help the USPG mission but continue in our growth together as we break down barriers and witness more effectively to Jesus.

## *Thank you letter*

Dear Father Nigel,  
Could Jeanette and I say thank you to all who so kindly supported our Fair Trade Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th March.

We would also like to thank all those who went the extra mile to help us. Without their kindness the Coffee Morning would not have been such a success.

Thank you everyone.

Avril and Jeanette.

## *Just a thought*

*By Simon Burton*



Those who know me will know that I am not a vegetarian! I enjoy beef, lamb, pork, venison, chicken, pheasant, rabbit and have even eaten rook, pigeon and hedgehog.

But you don't have to be a vegetarian to object to cruelty to animals, and cruelty in the way our food is produced. I don't have a conscience about eating animal flesh, but I do have concerns that there should be no cruelty in the rearing and slaughter of these beasts .

Over the years there have been many issues raised about the breeding of chickens and turkeys, and in the USA there is a huge concern about the way cattle are bred for food production. So many animals live in conditions that should make us ashamed, just to provide us with meat for the table.

Reading the Church Times on the 18th March I read a letter from the Bishop of Monmouth about the production of foie gras.

The geese and ducks are force fed in small cages in which they do not have room to turn round in. A tube is put down their throats and up to 2kg. of grain forced straight into their stomachs. This causes their livers to swell up to 10 times their normal size, and many birds become too sick to stand or hold up their heads.

I have never eaten foie gras, as it has always been too expensive, but after reading the Bishops letter, even if I won the lottery I would NEVER buy it. This is cruelty just for the sake of profit and I personally cannot see how any Christian could condone this barbarism by buying foie gras. Prince Charles has banned the use of foie gras by his chefs, and there was some very bad publicity recently when his wife ordered some in a restaurant!

The Bishop of Monmouth said in his Church Times letter that this is something to give up not just for Lent but forever. And I couldn't agree more.

## *Messages of thanks*

**From Margaret Williams:**

To everyone for their cards, flowers and gifts on the occasion of my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**From Ken Tucker:**

My mother Doreen Tucker recently celebrated her 90th birthday. As a lifelong member of St Mary's [even though ill health had prevented her attending Church recently] she would like to pass on the following message via the Parish Magazine.

Doreen Tucker wishes to thank the many friends from the Parish who sent her cards, gifts, flowers and chocolates on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Her day began with a visit from close family and the Mayor of Neath Port Talbot Councillor Lella James who presented her with a beautiful plate bearing the Borough Coat of Arms. A special thanks goes to those from St Mary's who visited her on her birthday and made her special day even more memorable.

**From Sandra Jones:**

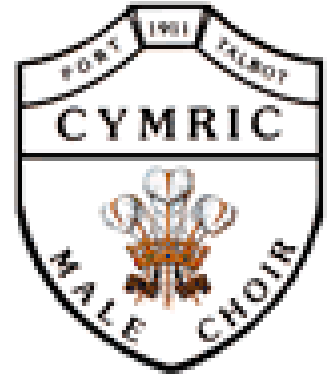
Sincere thanks to everyone who sent get well wishes, telephone calls and gifts during my recent illness. I have to undergo some further treatment and hope to be back 'in circulation' in the not too distant future. Meanwhile special thanks to Fr. Nigel for his visits and prayers and also Fr. Matthew.

**From Barbara Townsend:**

To my dear friends in the Benefice,  
I would like to thank all my friends in the Benefice for their kind thoughts, prayers, cards and flowers during the recent sad loss of my husband Byron. My gratitude to Fr. Nigel, Fr. Matthew and Jane and all my friends in St Mary's for the support they have given me these last few years throughout Byron's illness, it was a great help and comfort to me.

# *Port Talbot Cymric Male Choir*

This year the Port Talbot Male Choir also celebrates it's Centenary, having been formed by John Bowen Davies in 1911.



The choir members and musical team would like to thank most sincerely, members of the public for their continued support over the years.

During this Centenary year the choir will be performing numerous events, one of which will be a special tribute to commemorate the founding of St Paul's Church here in Aberavon, 100 years ago. The concert will take place at the church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011. We extend to Canon Nigel Cahill, church officials and the whole congregation of St Paul's Church, our congratulations and best wishes for the coming year.

Further events by the Cymric Choir include a Centenary Concert on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Church with guest artistes Anwen Williams (soprano) and Adriano Graziani (tenor).

Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> will be the occasion of our Grand Centenary Celebrity Concert at The Princess Royal Theatre featuring Rhydian Roberts.

Additional engagements include a charity concert with the Highfield Male Choir in Runcorn Cheshire in April, a trip to Poland in June and a charity concert in Windsor in September. On October 29<sup>th</sup> we have a joint concert with Porthcawl Male Choir at All Saints Church, Porthcawl for L.A.T.C.H., the Welsh Children's Cancer Charity.

Anyone requiring tickets for the two centenary concerts at St Mary's Church or Princess Royal Theatre contact David Scott (Ticket Secretary) on 01639 887953 or pay at the door on the night.

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## *Daily Scripture Readings*

4th April 2011	Isaiah 65: 17-21	John 4: 43-54
5th April 2011	Ezekiel 47: 1-9. 12	John 5: 1-3. 5-16
6th April 2011	Isaiah 49: 8-15	John 5: 17-30
7th April 2011	Exodus 32: 7-14	John 5: 31-47
8th April 2011	Wisdom 2: 1. 12-22	John 7: 1-2. 10. 25-30
9th April 2011	Jeremiah 11: 18-20	John 7: 40-52
11th April 2011	Daniel 13: 41-62	John 8: 1-11
12th April 2011	Numbers 21: 4-9	John 8: 21-30
13th April 2011	Daniel 3: 14-20. 24-25. 28	John 8: 31-42
14th April 2011	Genesis 17: 3-9	John 8: 51-59
15th April 2011	Jeremiah 20: 10-13	John 10: 31-42
16th April 2011	Ezekiel 37: 21-28	John 11: 45-56
18th April 2011	Isaiah 42: 1-7	John 12: 1-11
19th April 2011	Isaiah 49: 1-6	John 13: 21-33. 36-38
20th April 2011	Isaiah 50: 4-9	Matthew 26: 14-25
21st April 2011	Isaiah 61: 1-3. 6. 8-9	Luke 4: 16-21
22nd April 2011	Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12	John 18: 1 – 19: 42
23rd April 2011	Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 2	Matthew 28: 1-10
25th April 2011	Acts 2: 14. 22-33	Matthew 28: 8-15
26th April 2011	Acts 2: 36-41	John 20: 11-18
27th April 2011	Acts 3: 1-10	Luke 24: 13-35
28th April 2011	Acts 3: 11-26	Luke 24: 35-48
29th April 2011	Acts 4: 1-12	John 21: 1-14
30th April 2011	Acts 4: 13-21	Mark 16: 9-15

## *More Daily Scripture Readings*

2nd May 2011	Acts 4: 23-31	John 3: 1-8
3rd May 2011	1 Corinthians 15: 1-8	John 14: 6-14
4th May 2011	1 Peter 5: 5-14	Mark 16: 15-20
5th May 2011	Acts 5: 27-33	John 3: 31-36
6th May 2011	Acts 5: 34-42	John 6: 1-15
7th May 2011	Acts 6: 1-17	John 6: 16-21

## *Quiz with Buffet*

All are welcome to a Quiz with Buffet on Wednesday 4th May at 7pm at St Agnes Church. Tickets £3.50, available from each church. Bring your own drinks.

## *Launch of Friend's of St. Mary's*

The Launch of the Friend's of St Mary's Church will take place on Friday 6th May, in church at 7pm.

## *Dates for the diary*

**What's My Line, a Friends of St Agnes' fund raiser : May 18th 7pm.**

**24th May Schools concert for Christian Aid at St Mary's at 6.30pm.**

**28th May Fiesta Day at Port Talbot Shopping Centre.**

This is a good fund raising opportunity if we can all pull together.

**11th June Fete in the grounds of St Paul's and Flower Festival in Church : from 11am.**

**18th June Friends of St Agnes AGM : Mass and lunch at 12 noon.**

The Speaker in the afternoon will be the Dean of Llandaff the Very Reverend John Lewis.

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## ***Holy Trinity***

The Archdeacon of Margam is coming to the parish in April with the head of property for the Church in Wales to look at the exterior walls of Holy Trinity Church, so that we can discuss how best to finance the work that needs to be done. As most of you know, the builder went into liquidation, so we have no recourse to put right the work that has to be carried out.

It is something of an on-going saga, but it is not something that has been forgotten.

## ***Friends of Holy Trinity***

On Wednesday 11th May there will be a meeting at Holy Trinity Church at 7pm to consult on the possibility of forming a Friends of the Church. If you think it is worthwhile proceeding, please come along.

## ***Prayer Group***

Fr Nigel, Fr Matthew and Jane would like to see each church having a prayer group that meets regularly to pray for the Benefice, and all its people, our town and all its communities, and the mission of the church.

Please come along to the Prayer Group that has started at St Agnes' one a month and pray about how you might introduce this into the church at which you worship.

The next prayer group meeting is on Tuesday 19th April at 7pm in St Agnes'

## ***Aberavon Beach Hotel***

We congratulate the Aberavon Beach hotel on being awarded a Best Western Hotel International Excellence award. This is quite a prestigious award within the hotel group, following last year's award as Best Western Hotel (medium size) of the Year UK.

# *Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys*

*Saturday May 14, 2011*

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## **12 noon**

Concelebrated Sung Mass\*

Preacher: Bishop Lindsay Urwin

Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

## **2.30 pm**

Pilgrim Prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
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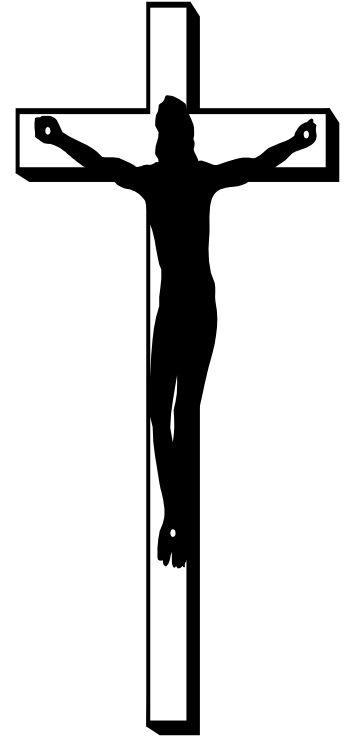
## *European Court ruling on the right to display Christian symbols in school*

In strongly worded judgments, the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg has rejected a complaint by an Italian citizen that there were crucifixes on the walls of classrooms of the Italian state school attended by her two sons. She said they infringed the right to education and the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion guaranteed by the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

The governments of Armenia, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Russian Federation, Greece, Lithuania, Malta, and the Republic of San Marino intervened in the case. They argued that states should not have to divest themselves of part of their cultural identity simply because that identity was of religious origin. That would lead to the “Americanisation” of Europe, they said, in that a single and unique rule, and a rigid separation of Church and state, would be binding on everyone. They submitted that favouring secularism was a political position that, while respectable, was not neutral. The government of the principality of Monaco declared that it shared the view of the Italian government that the crucifix was a “passive symbol” that was found on the coat of arms and flags of many states, and reflected a national identity rooted in history.

The 17 judges of the Grand Chamber decided by 15 votes to two that there had been no violation of the rights guaranteed by the Convention. Judge Bonello said that a European court should not be called upon to “bankrupt centuries of European tradition” and “rob Italians of part of their cultural personality”. The court should, “before joining any crusade to demonise the crucifix”, place the presence of that emblem in its rightful historical perspective in Italian schools.

Until relatively recently, the “secular” state had delegated education to Christian institutions, who had a virtual monopoly on education. The presence of the crucifix in Italian schools testified to that historical reality. Now, Judge Bonello said, “a court in a glass box, a thousand kilometres away, had been engaged to veto overnight what [had] survived countless generations”, and was being “asked to be an accomplice in a major act of cultural vandalism”.



## *crucifix victory continued.....*

It was “uninformed nonsense”, the Judge said, “to assert that the presence of the crucifix in Italian schools bears witness to a reactionary fascist measure imposed, in between gulps of castor oil, by Signor Mussolini”, whose circulars merely took formal notice of a historical reality that predated him by several centuries.

“Nations do not fashion their histories on the spur of the moment.”

The court’s function was to determine whether the presence of a Christian symbol in any way interfered with the complainant and her children’s basic right to freedom of religion.

“With or without a crucifix on a schoolroom wall,” the Judge said, they “enjoyed the most absolute and untrammelled freedom of conscience and religion as demarcated by the Convention”. Removing the crucifix from where it had “quietly and passively been for centuries” would not “have been a manifestation of neutrality by the state”, and dislodging it “would be an act of intolerance by agnostics and secularists”.

The “mere display of a voiceless testimonial of a historical symbol, so emphatically part of European heritage”, did not amount to “teaching”, nor did it undermine in any meaningful way a parent’s fundamental right to determine what, if any, religious orientation their children should follow.

In a class of 30 pupils, the “crucifix purge” would be an imposition of the crucifix-hostile philosophy of one pupil’s parent over the crucifix-receptive philosophy of all the parents of the other 29 pupils. The other 29 parents should be able to claim an equal right to the presence of the crucifix, whether as a traditional Christian emblem, or even solely as a cultural souvenir, the Judge said.

*edited from The Church Times*

## *Date for your diary*

Launch of the Friends of St Paul’s : Friday 22nd July 7pm

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of St Paul’s please keep this date free, and speak with Hilda Mears about having an application form for membership.



# *Holy Week and Easter 2011*



## *Palm Sunday*

Benefice Mass  
at 10.30am at St Mary's  
beginning in the Hall.

Service of prayer for The Passion Drama  
6pm St Mary's

There will be no morning services throughout Holy Week  
except at Holy Trinity because the people are brought by mini bus.

### *Monday in Holy Week*

Mass at St Agnes' 7pm

### *Tuesday in Holy Week*

Mass at St Paul's 7pm

### *Wednesday in Holy Week*

Mass at Holy Trinity at 9.30am

Mass at St Mary's 7pm

### *Maundy Thursday*

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 11am

Mass at St Agnes' 7pm  
with watch before the Altar of Repose  
until 10pm



*We need twelve people willing to have  
their feet washed on Maundy Thursday evening.  
Please put your names on the list at the back of church.*

# *Holy Week and Easter 2011*

## *Good Friday*

**10am**

Stations of the Cross at St Paul's

**St Mary's opens at 10am and closes at 6pm**

Prayers on the hour

Formal meditation 12noon to 1pm

**12 noon at Holy Trinity**

A liturgy for Good Friday

**1.30pm at St Agnes'**

The Liturgy of the Day

## *Easter Eve*

**St Mary's opens at 10am and closes at 6pm**

Prayers on the hour

**Easter Vigil at St Agnes' at 8.30pm**

## *Easter Day 2011*

*Usual times in each church in the morning*

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## *The PCC*

Apologies were received from Anne Rees and Margaret Williams.

At its last meeting the PCC decided that the Parish Wardens will meet with the Rector to decide what proposals will be put forward at the next PCC meeting in respect of Seven Sacred Spaces.

Members debated the best day and time for meetings, and Mondays was the only day that everyone was free. So all future meetings will be on a Monday after mass at St Agnes'.

The Rector has encouraged the Church Committees who have met to think about how we relate to people who are getting married. It was decided we send a card to couples one month before they get married telling them we are praying for them, and telling them where and when. This will start this month as there is a couple getting married in St Agnes' on 30<sup>th</sup> April. It was also decided that we send a card to couples on their 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

There will be services in each church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm and 4pm to which people will be invited to come and renew their baptismal promises. People are needed to welcome visitors and serve refreshments. All Church Committees agreed to check their registers. The Rector suggested we put an article in the local paper to publicise the event.

### **Mothering Sunday**

All members agreed to plants being bought centrally, there will be enough to give to every person in Church and at the Service for the children in the Parish Centre.

### **Any other business**

Lorna Beckett contacted Morrison's who are selling Christian Easter Eggs asking if we could buy in bulk from them, but they are not willing to supply us with eggs. It was suggested we contact the Co-operative Shop at Margam. The mini eggs which are given out to everyone on Easter morning will be bought centrally for each Church.

### **Fair Trade**

We want to become a Fair Trade Benefice so the Rector suggested all tea and coffee be bought centrally and from the 1<sup>st</sup> April all Church groups will use the Fair Trade tea and coffee, we can then register as a Fair Trade Parish. All agreed. Members of groups will be informed so they can remove the tea and coffee they are now using. The Rector will remove any other products left in Church or Halls.

### **Secretary and Treasurer**

It was proposed by Paula Durnell and seconded by Gill Davison that Mike Howe be co-opted as Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council.

It was proposed by Mike Howe and seconded by Jeff John that Denise Tamlyn be co-opted as Secretary to the Parochial Church Council. Both proposals were accepted unanimously.

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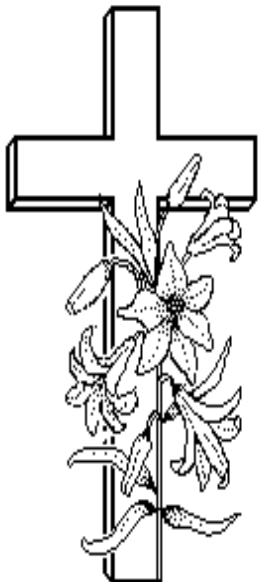
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## *Walsingham Cell*

Although the Cell is cancelled this month to help us prepare for Holy Week, there will be the usual meeting on Tuesday 3rd May at 7pm in St Agnes' Church.

## *Holy Week poster campaign*

When the posters are available at the back of each church please take one with you and display it **on Palm Sunday ( and not before)** just before you leave for church.



**Remember:** you need to turn up the part that says He is Risen until Easter Day, and then unfold that one piece so it can be seen in your window.

## *Holy Land Pilgrimage*

Fr Dean Atkins hopes to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2012, and invites you to join him. The cost will be £1575 for 9/10 days plus any single supplement, snack lunches, gratuities and travel insurance. If you want more information please ask Fr Nigel.

## *Reduced price Circus tickets*

Fr Nigel has ten vouchers that will admit two persons per voucher (adult or children) to The Netherlands National Circus at Swansea Recreation Ground on Friday 8th April for either the 4.45pm or the 7.30pm performance for just £5.00

The seats are in the front circle, and the normal ticket price is £18.00 per adult and £15.00 per child.

There are no animals at this circus, so there is no possibility of your abetting animal cruelty if you go along to see the show, which is taking place from the 5th April to 10th April. The vouchers are only valid for either performance on Friday 8th April.

The Big Top facilities are described as more like a portable theatre than a circus tent, and there is heating in the tent.

The vouchers will be given on a first come first served basis, so speak with Fr Nigel if you want a voucher. Payment of the £5 is made by purchasing a programme on entry to the circus.

More information about The Netherlands National Circus can be found on their web site [www.netherlandscircus.eu](http://www.netherlandscircus.eu)

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## ***Sunday Worship***

9.15am Holy Eucharist  
St Agnes' Church  
Forge Road

9.15am Holy Eucharist  
St Paul's Church  
Pendarvis Terrace

11.00am Holy Eucharist  
St Mary's Church  
St Mary's Place

11.00am Holy Eucharist  
Holy Trinity Church  
Fairway

6.00pm Evening Prayer  
St Paul's Church  
Pendarvis Terrace

## ***Weekday Worship***

### **Monday**

6.30pm Holy Eucharist  
St Agnes' Church  
Forge Road  
(10am on Bank Holidays)

### **Tuesday**

10.00am Holy Eucharist  
St Paul's Church  
Pendarvis Terrace

### **Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Eucharist  
Holy Trinity Church  
Fairway

11.00am Holy Eucharist  
St Mary's Church  
St Mary's Place

### **Thursday**

10.00am Holy Eucharist  
St Agnes' Church  
Forge Road

For times of services on Holy Days please  
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## ***Baptisms & Weddings***

Please contact the Parish Office

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