



St Tyfaelog's Teddy Bear Festival

From Monday 15th July to Saturday 20th July, we will be holding a teddy bear festival at St Tyfaelog's church in Pontlottyn. The church will be open each afternoon from 1 pm to 4 pm for visitors to see the Bible stories told through teddy bear tableaux and share in refreshments and fellowship. On the Saturday there will be a teddy bears picnic we'd be delighted to see you.

Thanks - Gaynor Middleton

Celebrating 15 years in the Priesthood

In July, I will be celebrating 15 years as a priest. In celebration of this, there will be a Mass on Thursday 4th July, 6.30pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Ystrad Mynach. The preacher will be Fr Chris Kinch, who preached at my First Mass. All are welcome, but could you please let us know prior to the service for catering purposes.

Fr Stuart

THE MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL

Will meet next in St. Mabon's Church, Llanfabon at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3rd July 2024.

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Worshiping throughout our Ministry Area

During the week there is a variety of worship spread across our churches. Please visit our MA website (www.taffrhydney.church/worship) for times and churches where you can worship our Lord and warmly welcomed to our friendly community.

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Our Ministry Area comprises of the following districts:

Ystrad Mynach — Holy Trinity
Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog, Nelson & Llanfabon — St. John, St. Matthias, St. Mabon
Gelligaer & Gilfach — St. Catwg, St. Margaret
Pontlottyn — St. Tyfaelog, St. Aidan, St. Mary & St. Andrew
Bargoed, Deri & Brithdir — St. Gwladys

Saints and Holy Days - Tuesday 25th July.

James, Apostle

St. James (born, Galilee, Palestine—died 44 CE, Jerusalem; feast day July 25th) was one of the Twelve Apostles, distinguished as being in Jesus' innermost circle and the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament (*Acts 12:2*). As a member of the inner circle, James witnessed the raising of Jairus's daughter from the dead (*Mark 5:37 and Luke 8:51*), the Transfiguration (*Mark 9:2*), and Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (*Mark 14:33 and Matthew 26:37*). James also was the first apostle to shed his blood for Christ. He was martyred in A.D. 44 (*Acts 12:2*) in Jerusalem. His martyrdom won him the title by which we distinguish him from the other apostle of the same name: "Saint James the Greater."



Reflection for July

This month sees the start of the Olympic Games in Paris. In describing the Christian life as a marathon race, in Hebrews (12:1-2) we are challenged to finish the race well. As with any race, we have to get rid of any burdens that weigh us down e.g. possessions, worries, what others think of us. We can cast our burdens on the Lord (Psalm 55:22) and be assured of His forgiveness (1 John 1:9). It was during the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the 400 metres semi-finals. Around 250 metres from the finish line his hamstring tore, and he fell to the ground in pain. However, his father ran on to the track to support him and help him to complete the race. Let us not forget that whatever we face, God is there beside us to enable us to finish the race!

Carolyn Corbin.