News and Events

We are inviting people who might like to be part of a loosely-formed ideas-sharing forum for possibly effective, imaginative and original ways we can try out for sharing our faith, communicating the good news of Jesus to our communities. We're anticipating that most of the ideas-sharing can happen on a WhatsApp group, (overseen by Fr Darren) with just a fairly informal monthly meeting in person in some convivial surroundings (e.g. a pub. EVEN IF people don't want to be part of a 'group', please submit all and any ideas, however wacky, or conventional (!) to Fr Darren.

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We reflected on the power of personal 'testimony; (people sharing their own faith stories) not just in witnessing to the unchurched and those without faith, but also as an encouragement to each other within the church. To this end, it's been suggested that we include a short 'testimony' in each pew sheet, if we can. So we invite people to share (BRIEFLY! e.g. one paragraph?) - how you came to faith in Christ, or one significant thing God has done in your life or a memorable answer to prayer or When you realised 'God was there' for you or when scripture came alive in a new way for you or one church service you attended that 'made a difference' or how a fellow-believer helped to demonstrate the love of Jesus to you. Well, you get the idea.

Jeff Hankins



Indoor Market

Saturday 3rd May 10am - 4pm

Stalls *Games* *Refreshment*

St. Gwladys' Church Hall, Church Place, Bargoed, CF81 8RP For details /stall booking, contact: info@stgwladys.org

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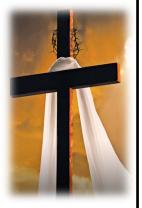
Gelligaer & Gilfach — St. Catwg, St. Margaret **Pontlottyn** — St. Tyfaelog, St. Aidan, St. Mary & St. Andrew **Bargoed, Deri & Brithdir** — St. Gwladys

Saints and Holy Days

Holy Week

Holy Week commemorates the seven days leading up to Easter. It begins with the commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, marks the betrayal of Jesus on Holy Wednesday, climaxing with the commemoration of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday.

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood.



Reflection for April.



On April 20th, we celebrate the victory of Jesus' Resurrection. This is our opportunity to see God's love for us revealed in Christ Jesus risen from the grave. Saint Augustine and others remind us, "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song."

The great mystery of our Easter faith is that Christ has died, He has Risen, and Christ will come again. As we prepare and participate in this joyful celebration, we acknowledge that Jesus' resurrection gives us hope. His victory over sin and death offers us a new commitment.

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