## **News and Events**

#### **Celebration Praise.**

A service of praise and thanksgiving for 30 years of ordained ministry for; Fr Gary Powell The Revd Judy Ford

Will be held in S. Catwg's Church at 4.00pm on Sunday 21st September, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome!!

# Y Cymun Bendigaid / Welsh Eucharist.

Gwasanaeth 11.00am 6th Medi 2025 / Service 11.00am 6th September2025. The service will be held at Eglwys St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer. Evervone is welcome!!

# Bargoed Community Choir

Bargoed Community Choir will be performing a concert at St Peters Church, Aberbargoed on Monday the 22nd of September at 5:00 PM, where the Rhymney Valley Food Bank are celebrating the 70th anniversary of St Peter's Church. It will be an opportunity for visitors to see the work of the food bank in situ and the importance of this project to the Upper Rhymney Valley. It would be lovely to see friends joining us as we celebrate.

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**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

# 8th September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

The New Testament portrays Mary as the Virgin Mother of Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit in a miraculous birth announced by the angel Gabriel in the Annunciation.

Mary plays a role in several key Gospel events, including the Visitation with Elizabeth, the birth and presentation of Jesus, the visit of the Magi and flight to Egypt, and the Wedding at Cana. Mary is present at Jesus' crucifixion and in the early church after his ascension, acting as a faithful follower and disciple throughout



# **Reflection for September.**

September will always be synonymous for all us, I suspect, with 'Back to school' and a mixture of ( not always happy!) feelings. The older we get, though, the more we realise the joy and the necessity of real and continuous learning. 'Every day a school day' we often say. Let's keep alive that humble openness to learning in heart and 'ear' ( Prov 18:15 : 'An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge '). And the best source for real (not just facts but how-to-live) learning? 'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me!' said Jesus. (Matt 11:29)

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