



## **USW CATHSOC NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2014**

### **Mass Times**

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday (Vigil) - 17:00 at St Dyfrig's Church  
Sunday - 10:45 at St Dyfrig's Church

#### Weekday Masses:

Wednesday - 9:45 at St Dyfrig's Church  
Thursday - 12:15 at The Meeting House, Treforest Campus  
Friday - 9:45 at St Dyfrig's Church

### **A Very Successful International Mass at St Dyfrig's**

St Dyfrig's was decorated in flags from across the world on Sunday 12 October as Archbishop George Stack celebrated an International Mass of Welcome for students at The University of South Wales. The Mass, which marked the new term at the University, featured readings in many different languages. The Children's Liturgy also produced a lectern banner, which read 'Welcome' in several tongues. After mass, the parish shared an international buffet of food that students from across the globe each contributed to, by bringing a plate of their home country's cuisine.

The celebration was also the inaugural Mass of our newly established Catholic Society at the University of South Wales, which is already proving a success. In its first year, the society has signed up over 50 students, both at the University 'Freshers' Fayre' and following Mass.

Fr. Allan Davies-Hale, parish priest of St Dyfrig's and our CathSoc chaplain said, "It was a wonderful uplifting and joyful occasion - a great coming together of young people from so many different countries all united in faith. My hopes are that the CathSoc will continue to grow and flourish and always be a place where students will feel at home."

We look forward to organising more religious and social events throughout the academic year, which you can find out about in our newsletters.

## **World Youth Day 2016**

The Archdiocese of Cardiff Youth Service is currently organising a pilgrimage to the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet young Catholics from across the globe and join together in prayer with the Holy Father. CathSoc will be keeping you up to date with any updates, and hopefully soon, details of pricing. Keep checking our Facebook page for updates and subscribe to the Catholic Youth Cardiff page.

*Catholic Youth Cardiff Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/cardiffyouth](http://www.facebook.com/cardiffyouth)*

## **Theology on Tap**

Cardiff University Catholic Society continues their Theology on Tap series and would like to invite anyone interested to the next installment at Cardiff Catholic Chaplaincy, 62 Park Place, Cathays, on **6 November after 6:30pm Mass**, in which Fr. Tom Dubois from Clifton Diocese will be introducing the topic 'A Catholic understanding of the Bible'. Please check Facebook for updates from Cardiff CathSoc about this event.

## **Bible Study and Chaplain's tea**

Fr. Allan extends a warm welcome to you to join us for tea and coffee followed by a reflection on the readings from the Solemnity of Christ the King, which the Church has designated, International Youth Sunday. Come along to the Presbytery from **5:15pm on Tuesday 18 November**

## **Youth Retreat**

The Archdiocese of Cardiff is organising a youth retreat at The Cornerstone, opposite St David's Cathedral in Cardiff, for the last Sunday of the Church's year, the Solemnity of Christ the King. The event, which is themed: Encountering Jesus, begins at **2:30pm on Sunday 23 November** and concludes with Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop George Stack. For more information, please contact one of the committee members.

## **The Chaplain's Crib and Mince Pie & Mulled Wine Evening**

The festive season is almost upon us and, in preparation for the birth of our Lord, CathSoc will be dressing the crib at St Dyfrig's on **Thursday 27 November from 6pm**. Please join us at the church to help prepare the church for Christmas, and then at the house for mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.

## **Advent Reflection**

Fr. Allan will lead a service of reflection on the season of Advent and the scriptures readings for the Sundays in Advent at St Dyfrig's Church on **Tuesday 2 December from 6:30pm.**

## **Upcoming CathSoc Events**

### **Farewell Service for the End of the Academic Term**

December

Please check website and social media for details.

### **Joint Mass with Cardiff University CathSoc**

TBA

Please check website and social media for details.

### **CathSoc trip to St Fagan's Museum of Welsh Life**

Spring term

Please check website and social media for details.

**Please check Facebook for regular updates about CathSoc events**

## **Trip to St Mary's College, Oscott**

We are currently arranging a trip to St Mary's College, Oscott, where two of the five seminarians in the Archdiocese of Cardiff, Daniel and Nick, are training. This will probably be in the spring term. Anyone interested in this trip, please email Dan ASAP. Details will follow, once we have an idea of numbers.

## **CathSoc Hoodies**

It has been suggested that CathSoc produce hoodies for members. If anyone is interested in purchasing a hoodie, which would cost around £20 or under, please speak to a committee member. Suggestions for colours and design are welcome.

## **RCIA**

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic Faith? Then please come along to St Dyfrig's presbytery on Tuesday at 7.30pm. You will be greeted warmly. So far two people have joined the group. For more details contact Fr. Allan or Cath and Tony Carroll on 01442 207576 or 07796 652319.

## Social Media

Check out and follow our social media accounts and our new website to keep up with the latest news and events:

[www.facebook.com/USWCathSoc](http://www.facebook.com/USWCathSoc)

[www.twitter.com/USWCathSoc](http://www.twitter.com/USWCathSoc)

[www.uswcathsoc.org](http://www.uswcathsoc.org)

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