

WELCOME | CROESO@

The Parish of Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog, and Llanfagon

On behalf the Church that meets here, may I take this opportunity to offer you a very warm welcome. If you're visiting or joining us for the first time, then it's really good to see you. Refreshments are usually available after the service, please do join us, and ask someone for directions. If you need any assistance, please do ask to speak to one of the wardens.

Father Gareth Coombes | Parish Priest

TODAY

Services

9:00am	Holy Eucharist at St. John's, Nelson
10:30am	Holy Eucharist at St. Matthias, Treharris
4:30pm	Holy Communion at St. Mabon's, Llanfagon

The Collect

Gracious God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

The Readings

Isaiah 60. 1-6; Ephesians 3. 1-12; Matthew 2. 1-12

The Psalm | Psalm 72. 1-9

R/. May all nations be blest in him.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! [Alleluia!]

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! [Alleluia!]

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed a | mong the nations
and believed in through | out the world.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! [Alleluia!]

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WEEK AHEAD

Monday 7th January 2019 (White)
Christmas feria

Tuesday 8th January 2019 (White)
Christmas feria

Wednesday 9th January 2019 (White)
Christmas feria

11:00am	Holy Eucharist at St. Matthias', Treharris
11:30am	Coffee morning at St. Matthias Church Hall

Thursday 10th January 2019 (White)
William Laud | Bishop

10:30am	Holy Eucharist at St. John's, Nelson
11:00am	Coffee morning at St. John's Church Hall
11:30am	Community Food Co-op at St John's Church Hall

Friday 11th January 2019 (White)
Christmas feria

2:00pm	Funeral: Joan Thomas +RIP at Chapel of Rest, Trelewis
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Saturday 12th January 2019 (White)
Christmas feria

NEXT SUNDAY

Services for Sunday the 13th January 2019 (White)

+ The Baptism of Christ

9:00am Holy Eucharist at St. John's Church | Nelson

10.30am Holy Eucharist at St. Matthias | Treharris

4:30pm Evening Prayer at St. Mabon's | Llanfabon

The Readings

Isaiah 43. 1-7; Acts 8. 14-17; Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

The Psalm | 29

NOTICES

MERTHYR-CYNON FOOD BANK continues to reach out and support more than 500 people a month through their 9 distribution centers in the Merthyr and the Cynon Valleys and would like to thank the parish for their continued support.

PONSETTIAS & CYCLAMEN you are still welcome to bring red poinsettias or red cyclamen to place on the windows in church in memory of loved ones. Plants may be placed right through until Candlemas. Cards and holders are now available in each of the churches. #inlovingmemory

ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY FOOD CO-OP & LARDER is inked with our local co-op stores offering surplus food to the community; part of their nationwide FoodShare project. #togetherwecanmakeadifference

THE HIGHWAY | PARISH MAGAZINE will be looking for a new editor from September 2019; if you feel called to this ministry, please speak to Fr Gareth.

2017 PARISH REPORT various groups that reflect the life of this parish may like to send their reports to Patreesa by the end of February. These reports may be included in the 2017 annual parish report.

THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT meets next on Saturday the 12th of January at Holy Trinity, Ystrad Mynach; Mass begins at 12 noon, with benediction at 1.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

CHARITY PUB-QUIZ the weekly quiz hosted by the Lord Nelson Inn has now resumed; supporting the 2019 Llanfabon Cemetery and Graveyard Appeal; everyone welcome, teams of up to 5, £1 per person to play. A huge thanks go to Quizmaster Alan Cross and to Kay at the Lord Nelson for their support each week throughout 2018.

Using a piece of the blessed chalk, mark above your front door or nearby as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 19

The following prayer may then be said:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may display your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch: May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us always in peace. **Amen.**

Chalking the door is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home:

With time the chalk fades; as it does we let the meaning of the symbols written in chalk sink into the depths of our heart and be revealed in both our words and actions.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Only a Rumour.... Although the scribes could explain where the Messiah should be born, they remained quite unperturbed in Jerusalem. They did not accompany the Wise Men to seek him. Similarly we may be able to explain every article of our faith, yet remain spiritually motionless. The power that moved heaven and earth leave us completely unmoved. What a contrast! The three kings had only a rumour to go by. But it spurred them to set out on a long, hard journey. The scribes meanwhile, were much better informed, much better versed. They had sat and studied the scriptures for years, like so many professors. But it didn't make any difference. Who has the more truth? Those who followed a rumour, or those who remained sitting, satisfied with all their knowledge?

Soren Kierkegaard

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