

**Advent & Christmas Services in the Taff Rhymney Ministry Area.**

**Pontlottyn**

- 7th December, Lantern making and procession to Salem Elim Church, 4.30pm.
- 8th December, Carol Service, at 3.00pm St. Aidan's Church, Butetown.
- 22nd December, Carol Service, at 6.00pm, St. Tyfaelog's Church
- 24th December, First Eucharist of Christmas at 8.00pm, St. Tyfaelog's Church
- 25th December, Holy Eucharist, at 10.00am, St. Tyfaelog's Church

**Bargoed, Deri & Brithdir**

- 22nd December, Carol Service, 6.00pm, St Gwladys
- 24th December, First Mass of Christmas, 10.00pm, St Gwladys
- 25th December, Holy Eucharist, 10.00am, St Gwladys

**Gelligaer & Gilfach**

- 15th December Candles to Remember, at 3.00pm St Catwg's Gelligaer
- 18th December Candles to Remember, at 6.00pm St. Margaret's, Gilfach
- 22nd December, Nine Lessons & Carols, at 6.00pm, St Catwg's Gelligaer
- 24th December, Christmas Eucharist 'Early Midnight Mass', 7.00pm St. Catwg's
- 24th December, Christmas Eucharist, at 10.00pm, St Maragret's Gilfach
- 25th December, Holy Eucharist at 9.00am St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:
- 25th December, Holy Eucharist at 10.00am St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:

**Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog, Nelson & Llanfagon**

- 19th December, Light up a Life, at 7.00pm St Matthias, Treharris
- 20th December, Light up a Life, at 7.00pm, St Mabon's, Llanfagon
- 23rd December, Light up a Life, at 7.00pm, St John's, Nelson
- 24th December, Family Eucharist, at 3.00pm, St Matthias, Treharris
- 24th December, First Eucharist of Christmas, at 10.00pm, St John's, Nelson
- 25th December, Eucharist of Christmas Day at 10.00am, St Mabon, Llanfagon

**Holy Trinity Ystrad Mynach**

- 22nd December, Nine Lessons & Carols at 6.00pm
- 24th December, Family Crib Service at 12noon
- 24th December, First Mass of Christmas at 10.00pm
- 25th December, Mass of Christmas Day at 9.30am



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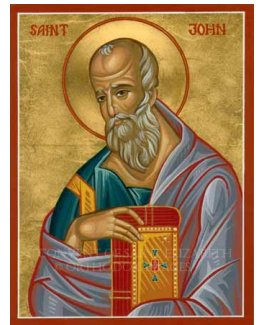
- Ystrad Mynach** — Holy Trinity
- Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog, Nelson & Llanfagon** – St. John, St. Matthias, St. Mabon
- Gelligaer & Gilfach** — St. Catwg, St. Margaret
- Pontlottyn** — St. Tyfaelog, St. Aidan, St. Mary & St. Andrew
- Bargoed, Deri & Brithdir** — St. Gwladys

*Saints and Holy Days - 27th December.*

**John, Apostle and Evangelist**

St. John the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus and traditionally believed to be the author of the three Letters of John, the Fourth Gospel, and possibly the Revelation to John in the New Testament.

John was banished by the Roman authorities to the Greek island of Patmos, where, according to tradition, he wrote the Book of Revelation. According to Tertullian (in The Prescription of Heretics) John was banished after being plunged into boiling oil in Rome and suffering nothing from it.



**Reflection for December.**

Christmas is fast approaching and again it's that time of year when we remember, Christmas is not just about exchanging gifts but about reflecting on the profound gift of Christ. The birth of Jesus signifies God's faithfulness to us and His desire to restore the broken relationship between humanity and Himself. It is a reminder of the peace, joy, and love that Jesus came to bring, not just to individuals, but to the world.

So, as we gear up toward Christmas Day, as we begin planning and buying gifts. Let's remember the greatest gift we ever received. The gift of love, of hope, of a restoration and reconciliation. The gift of Jesus.

Merry Christmas!

**Fr Darren**

**Everyone at Taff Rhymney Ministry Area,** would like to wish you a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.