

An Ancient Church for Today's World. Open to all.



The Ancient Catholic Church

Diocese of Rhondda

Newsletter



**Welcome to the first ever newsletter of the Ancient Catholic Church,
Diocese of Rhondda.**

You have not heard of us?, well let us explain:

The Ancient Catholic Church has by its very nature been around for some time but ours is a catholic church with a difference. Unlike the Roman Catholic Church we operate in a smaller, more community focussed way. We have over two million members globally and we are open to all denominations of Christianity who wish to attend and receive communion or a blessing.

You need not be a confirmed nor an active catholic, nor even baptised in to God's church. We are, as you can see, truly open for all.

Worldwide, we are a church where the community is at its very heart and charity its mantra. We will not only be open for church services but also will be donating, both our time and a portion of our income, as well as 100% of charity donations given to us, to local charities and good causes. That is right, we are a church, like others in the area, that wants to give, to you, our community, God's love, good works, good deeds and much more.

We do not wish to compete with other churches in our area, we will never have any such intent, but we are opening up for those who may be lost and wish to join us. We will aim to work with you and other churches for the betterment of all.

As a new church in the area, we currently meet in Cardinal Tony's home but we have heard the call to establish a new church for the modern, uncertain world and are inviting the people of Tylorstown and district to become involved at the outset in the set up and running of the church and we have a number of ways in which you can help.

Our first priority is to find a building of our own that we can rent or maybe with an option to buy. This building, if rented, will be used for church events and charitable concerns. If we were able to purchase building via grant funding, we would upgrade it and make it community ready, open daily for silent prayer and serenity, or a simple coffee and a chat, as well as using it as a community resource and our charity hub.

How can you help? If you know of any suitable building that can be hired or maybe purchased at a reasonable cost we would very much like to know. It need not be grand as we will do what is needed to make it ready. If you can help us with this, please make contact on the number below (text only please).

Likewise, we are looking for assistance with running your church, both before we open and going forward. We would welcome a secretary and a treasurer who are happy to devote some time on monthly basis, so if you can spare a few hours, you can help us make your church happen. We would also like general

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committee members as well as anyone with skills in web design & social media. Interested, please send us a text.

Your clergy, will not be paid for running your church. Indeed, it is expected, especially due to financial difficulty across the UK and beyond, that only necessary expenses will be attended to. Your clergy, and assistants, must be financially independent of the church, receiving their own income in its entirety. One of the assistants is a bus driver by occupation and so would like to receive messages to the church mobile number as opposed to calls, after all, they spend a good portion of their time driving.

Please take part in our questionnaire. Once recorded your number will be not be stored, unless you specifically request to be added to our list of potential supporters.

Questionnaire: Please text or email us your answers to the contacts below.

- What is your vision for a modern church?
- What would make attending church more appealing to you?
- What service time on a Sunday would suit YOU best?

Introducing – His Eminence Dr. Tony J. Pigott DD, SOBB.

Cardinal Tony was born in Lincolnshire, in 1965. His family moved to Ireland in 1972 and he was educated to a high standard and completed a National Certificate in Applied Physics & Electronics, in 1985. Later, around 2004 he further completed a Diploma Electronics & Computer Systems.

He had always believed he had a vocation to be a priest, even as a child. On 2nd of March 2013, in Swindon, he was ordained a priest of the United Old Catholic Church, by Archbishop Khern Oliver, and was later made Archdeacon of Ireland. Shortly afterwards, Archbishop Oliver moved across to the Ancient Catholic Church, and invited Fr. Tony to join him. On the 6 of July 2013, he was consecrated a bishop and once more honoured when in 2016, he was elevated to the rank of Cardinal.

He moved to Tylorstown in 2019, where, by 2020, he began to notice an increase in the growth of Evil in the World, and committed himself to active ministry.

And now a little about the secretary to the Cardinal. Clifford Jones was baptised into the faith as a child, into the St Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic Church, Ynyshir, where he remained active until his mid teens. Due to a turbulent youth, his attendance at church went into a hiatus until his mid 20s, where he decided to once again be counted as one of the faithful, when he began attending St Annes church, Ynyshir (Church in Wales). After marrying and moving to Tylorstown, his choice of church needed to change and so he began attending Holy Trinity and later, due to his evenings being taken up by charity works, St Dunstan's church, Ferndale.

Around 3 years ago he felt himself drawn to a different calling, when he felt his future lay in a more community focussed church. He has been a member of Acts church since that time and has also attended, other churches when working away or to support others in their faith. Clifford has decided to commit to the Ancient Catholic church, whilst still supporting other churches and has been called to service within the Catholic faith. The first step of which will see him confirmed on Sunday September 29th and later it is hope that his journey may see him being ordained deacon.

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