



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Second Sunday of Lent (B) 1st March 2015

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18 God pours blessings upon those who trust.

Ps. 115:10. 15-19

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I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34

God holds nothing back in love for us.

Acclamation:

***Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!***

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus appears in glory to Peter, James and John. The disciples do not know what is happening, but Jesus tells them to tell nobody about this until after the Resurrection.

The Two Synods.

The Bishops' Conference has prepared a document and questionnaire entitled: "The Call, the Journey, and the Mission – an Invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales, to reflect on the Gift of Marriage and Family Life". Archbishop George Stack, writing in the current issue of the Catholic People (copies available in each of our churches) states that "the document asks us to reflect prayerfully on the joys and hopes as well as on the challenges of being committed to another in the Sacramental Bond of Marriage".

A Prayer Card has been produced which incorporates what we believe in, when we talk about Marriage and the Family. It has been named the "CREDO OF MARRIAGE" and each of its 15 "articles" contains a different aspect of the Church's teaching and understanding of the vocation of Marriage. Taken individually and collectively, the articles of the "Credo" of Marriage help us to strip away the "issues" that surround this very sensitive area, and focus on the "Sacramentality of Marriage" and what exactly that means in our understanding of Marriage and family Life.

These Prayer Cards and the Bishops' questionnaire will be distributed at all Masses this weekend. On the remaining Sundays of Lent, we will use the Parish Gazette to concentrate on the articles of the "Credo" of Marriage

and tease them out so that week by week people, individually or together, can reflect on them and apply them to their own experience of Marriage and Family.

No formal response is necessary but, if you wish, the Prayer Cards give you ways of responding to the Archdiocesan Family Life Commission - either on-line, or by e-mail, or by post, who will make your responses available to the Bishops.

"The Light is ON for You" again this Lent.

For the next four Wednesdays of Lent (from Wednesday 4th March until Wed 25th March), Canon Joe or another priest from the Cardiff Deanery will be available from 7pm – 8pm in St. Joseph's, Penarth, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Both practising and lapsed Catholics are invited to come to Confession this Lent. Those who may have wandered from the life of the Church or those Mass-going Catholics who have been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation for some years will be most welcome.

First Reconciliation/Confessions.

The children from St. Mary's Dinas Powys will be making their first Confessions/Reconciliation this **Thursday 5th March** at 7pm. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers