



# ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

## PARISH GAZETTE

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### Solemnity: The Ascension of the Lord (A) 1st June 2014

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Acts 1:1-11</b>	The second volume of Luke's story of Jesus begins with the story of his ascension into heaven.
<b>Ps.46</b>	<i>R/</i>	<i>God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Ephesians 1:17-23</b>	Paul prays that we may fully understand what Christ's resurrection and ascension means for us.
<b>Acclamation</b>		<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 28:16-20</b>	Before being taken up into heaven, Jesus sends out his disciples to all the nations, to continue his own mission by baptising them and teaching them to observe all his commandments.

#### **TODAY Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June is World Communications Day and The Lord's Ascension Day**

A second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend for CCN (Catholic Communications Network).

In the light of intense media interest in Pope Francis it is important the CCN responds to the demand for in depth information and comment about his ministry. We are asked to support and pray for the work of CCN.

#### **Prayer on World Communications Sunday:**

**O God, whose word is truth, and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through image and word. Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant discernment to all, who rely on their labours, and as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of the presence and of longing for your peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### **Annual Mass with anointing of the Sick.**

This year it will again be celebrated in St. Joseph's Primary School at 12 noon next **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**. Those wishing to be there and to take part, or those who can bring somebody should contact Sister Joseph Mary (2070 4481). We appeal for drivers to help bring the sick, the elderly and the housebound, and for helpers in general. **At the moment there are approx 60 elderly persons expected but there could be more on the day. If you can help please let Sister Joseph Mary know as soon as possible.**

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation – a parish event**

The 22 young people being confirmed this year warmly welcome you to join them on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm** for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with His Grace Archbishop George Stack. This year the event will be in St Joseph's. Please join them and, if you are able, please help to contribute to the post Confirmation refreshments in the hall - usual hygiene regulations apply. However your presence in the Church is the most important thing as the candidates prepare to receive this Sacrament of Initiation into our church community – and the community of the Church.

**Candidates –** remember it is very important that you attend this **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** from 7- 8pm for your Sacrament of Reconciliation in St. Mary's, and that parents and sponsors remember the Confirmation practice on the **9<sup>th</sup> June** from 7- 8pm in St. Joseph's Church.

#### **Building Projects update (St. Joseph's)**

We have had to wait some months for the weather to improve before the work on the exterior wall of the Lady Chapel could continue. Canon Joe is now confident that work will begin this coming week (weather permitting of course !!!). The stonework on the outer wall will be re-pointed and the walls re-rendered with lime mortar. When that is done the scaffolding can be removed and our attention can then concentrate on re-plastering the interior wall of the Lady Chapel with lime plaster. **Presbytery.** The outer window frames and the fascias are in urgent need of re-painting and this will be done as soon as