



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

The Presentation of the Lord (A) 2nd February 2014

1st Reading	Malachi 3:1-4	The fifth-century BC prophet foresees a time when the Lord will “enter his Temple”.
Ps.23:7-10	R/	<i>Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.</i>
2nd Reading	Hebrews 2:14-18	The genuine humanity of Jesus is underlined: he became completely like his brothers and sisters, complying with the rituals of his people.
Acclamation		<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i>
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40	The story of how Mary and Joseph fulfilled the Law, but also how Jesus made his first appearance in the Temple and was recognised as saviour of all, Jew and Gentile alike.

The Joy of the Gospels-February 11th 2014

The Archdiocese is starting a programme of ongoing faith formation and faith sharing for adults. The purpose is to enable us all to be more effective disciples, responding to the God of love. Initially we will be exploring what it means to be a disciple as a Catholic. The first of a series, which will take place every Tuesday for about one and a half hours, in the Cornerstone, St. David's Cathedral, **starting at 13.45, will be on February 11th**. Bring a packed lunch. Free tea and coffee will be provided.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick- Tuesday 11th Feb.

(A message from Pope Francis for the 22nd World Day of the Sick 2014):

Faith and Charity “We ought to lay down our Lives for One Another”.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I turn in a special way to the sick and all those who provide them with assistance and care. The Church recognizes in you, the sick, a special presence of the suffering Christ. ...who bears his burden with us and reveals its meaning. The incarnate Son of God did not remove illness and suffering from human experience but by taking them upon himself he transformed them and gave them new meaning. ... The proof of authentic faith in Christ is self-giving and the spreading of love for our neighbours, especially for those who do not merit it, for the suffering and for the marginalised.

In the light of the Pope's Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, it is an opportunity to thank those in our Parish who minister to the sick. Please keep them in our prayers, as they do this important work on behalf of us all.

PAC Elections - Nominations

Elections for St. Joseph's and St. Mary's Parish Advisory Council will take place shortly. Nomination forms are available from Canon Boardman in the sacristies of both churches. There are four vacancies again this year. The four members concerned are eligible to serve a second term of three years. You may be approached so please think about serving the parish. In this way.

Toiletries for Asylum Seekers –next weekend

The first of this year's collection of toiletries for the Welsh Refugee Council has come round. You are asked to donate mostly toiletries for men, who are destitute and in most need. Please bring an item such as shaving foam, disposable razors, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, comb and shower gel. There is also a need for some baby nappies and ladies' toiletries. A large box will be placed at the back of both churches for your donations. **Please note the collection will take place on the weekend of 7th/8th February only.**