



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

2ND Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday (Year C) April 3rd 2016

1st Reading : Acts 5:12-16

The Apostles, filled with the Spirit, are full of courage.

Ps 117:2-4,22-27

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

A vision of the Risen Lord who has the keys of death and of the underworld.

Acclamation: John:20:29

Alleluia, alleluia

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Risen Jesus gives power to forgive sin, and convinces doubting Thomas.

Sister Joseph Mary SSJ - Collection TODAY

Sister Joseph Mary has now retired to Llantarnam Abbey. She has been unwell for some time and we have not been able to arrange an appropriate Mass, in order to welcome her back with us, and thank her for the many years of service she has dedicated to our parish communities. We are pleased to say that she is now feeling better, and we have provisionally arranged a **Special Mass on Friday 22nd of April in St. Joseph's at 6pm followed by a cup of tea in the hall.**

Please note there will be a retiring collection today and next week, for Sister Joseph Mary and a presentation will be made to her on the night of the Special Mass.

Thank you from Canon Joe

Canon Joe wishes to thank the parishioners of St Joseph's and St Mary's for their generosity and kindness shown to him over the Easter period. It is much appreciated.

Confirmation 2016

A reminder to all candidates that the retreat at Llantarnam Abbey is **next Sunday April 10th, and all must be at St. Mary's Church car park by 7.45am.** The next evening meeting is on Monday 11th of April at the usual time.

Pilgrimage of Prayer – Year of Mercy

In this Centenary year of our Archdiocese and in the Year of Mercy, following Pope Francis' recent exhortation, when he reminded us that "the practice of Pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each one of us makes in this life", Archbishop Stack has invited us to do a **'Pilgrimage of Prayer' around the Archdiocese.** Each week we are invited to remember and pray for a different Parish, with its people, priests and deacons. We are visiting the parishes of the PONTYPRIDD DEANERY. This week's prayer is as follows:-

Bless Archbishop George, the priest, the Rev. John Phillips of St Thomas' Abercynon and St Peter's, Bargoed, their lay faithful and the people of their communities. Bind us together in a communion of faith, hope and charity so that we can be effective heralds of the Gospel in this time, and in this place. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please note there are Pilgrimage Prayer cards at the doors of each of our churches. The name of the Parish to be prayed for will be announced in the gazette each week.