



PENARTH

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



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## Parish Newsletter

The Archdiocese of Cardiff: Charitable Incorporated Organisation No.1177272

4<sup>th</sup> September 2022

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

You can also view the full readings online at

[http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass\\_readings.html](http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass_readings.html)

### SEASONS OF CREATION

The season of Creation runs from 1st of September (world day of prayer for the care of creation) to 4<sup>th</sup> of October, the feast of St. Francis. This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationship with God our creator and with all creation, as we join together in prayer. We give thanks for all that God has made, repent of the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth, our common home "Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's season of creation. Pope Francis calls on us to "cultivate our ecological conversion" and to pray in "the great cathedral of creation" Cafod has resources on its website [cafod.org.uk/pray/season-of-creation](http://cafod.org.uk/pray/season-of-creation)

### CAFOD's "Fix the food system" Campaign

What do we mean by the "food system"? It's the way food is produced, processed, transported, marketed, consumed and wasted. We produce more than enough food for everyone yet around the world 800 million people go hungry and a lot of them are the people who produce the food. But the system isn't really designed to feed everyone. A few large companies (agribusinesses) have a huge influence. They push for the expansion of crops they can sell to other countries for the most money- crops for export. If small farmers want to choose crops which are more nutritious or better for their communities they face all kinds of obstacles. This generates a massive imbalance of power. CAFOD wants to persuade our government to work internationally to change the system to one rooted in **Food Sovereignty**. This is the right of people to decide their food systems putting their cultural and nutritional needs first rather than the demands imposed by the market and big business.

### CAFOD's "Fix the food system" Campaign Cont.

Also, about a third of all the global greenhouse gases that we are putting into the atmosphere each year are from the way we produce our food. So, in order to tackle climate change, we need to do it differently. There will be CAFOD action cards for you to sign if you wish after masses next week 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>. For more information [cafod.org.uk/food](http://cafod.org.uk/food)

### CONFIRMATION 2023

As the catechists start to plan the programme for the next school year, they ask for anyone whose child is in Year 8+, aged 12 or above to contact them for an enrolment form. Ask the Welcomers at Sunday Mass or email Nicky Price [stjstmconfirmation@gmail.com](mailto:stjstmconfirmation@gmail.com)

### SPUC SPONSORED WALK

**10 thousand steps for the unborn – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022.**

Once again Paul Stimpson will be doing this on behalf of the parish and will be looking for sponsorship. Paul will be outside at the end of all masses this weekend and next.

### CHILDRENS LITURGY

Now that the Sunday obligation has returned so to will children's liturgy during the 9:30 and 11:30 Sunday masses. We had a great response to our appeal for facilitators and now need a good response from children wanting to attend. The first session will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September and children from age 3 to end of Yr 3 are welcome. Should you want to enquire further about it please contact Mary Taylor (St Joseph's) or Katie Lawrence (St Mary's)

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### SVP

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 2:15 in St Joseph's Hall.