



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



PENARTH

## PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10**

The messianic rule of justice overflows into a vision of a peace amidst the animal creation.

**Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. Rv.7**

***In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15: 4-9**

Scripture gives us examples of tolerance and hope, which we are invited to follow.

**Acclamation:**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***  
***Prepare a way for the Lord,***  
***make his paths straight,***  
***and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.***  
***Alleluia!***

**Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12**

John the Baptist preaches repentance and challenges those who are complacent with the coming judgement of God.

### **"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU" in Advent.**

On the **first three Wednesdays of Advent**, from **7pm to 8pm**, in conjunction with other parishes across the Cardiff Deanery, you are invited to come along to St. Joseph's, Penarth, to experience the simple **generosity of God's love** in the celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**. For those who have perhaps been away from the Sacrament for some time, as well as those who just want to make Confession part of their Advent journey, **a very warm welcome** awaits them. This is **in addition to normal Confession times on Saturdays**. Canon Patrick O'Gorman, parish priest of St. Helen's Barry, will be hearing Confessions in St. Joseph's, Penarth, on Wednesdays, while Canon Joe will be in St. Helen's,

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – THANK YOU**

Both our churches between them raised a total of **£1327.74** – a **magnificent response** to the SVP appeal last weekend. Your donations will bring some **Christmas cheer** where it is **most needed**.

### **NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS – A HUGE THANK YOU**

A total of **£873** was raised in the Dead List envelopes. Your kind donations will go to an **Appeal for Ugandan school**

**children** by the International Refugee Trust (IRT) who give **scholarships to poor families**. The lists of deceased loved ones will remain next to the tabernacle in both churches until the end of Christmastide (Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord).

### **PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE – THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK**

Every year in Advent, we are invited, **on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays / weekends** to send cards to prisoners of conscience around the world **who are imprisoned for their beliefs or for speaking out against injustice**. Our cards are for them a beacon of **hope**, because they will know that they are not forgotten. Cards can be written **after all Masses** and cost **£1.50** for card and postage. They will all be posted together. (Justice & Peace Group).

### **"JP SCHOOL OF SONG" – SPECIAL NIGHT OF CAROLS FOR EVERYONE. – 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER**

Our organist **James Patrick** will be organising a **Carol Service** for the parish in **St. Joseph's Church** at **7.00pm** on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. This will feature his **choir** of 11-17 year olds. It promises to be an enjoyable evening with **readings, seasonal music and carols** as a final preparation for our Lord's Birthday. We hope many of you will be able to join us. **Refreshments** will be available in the hall afterwards.