



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Solemnity: The Epiphany of the Lord (A) 5th January 2014

1st Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6	The prophet looks to the day when God's glory is revealed. All nations will come bearing gifts to worship the God of Israel.
Ps. 71	R/	<i>All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.</i>
2nd Reading	Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6	Now that God's glory has been revealed, the promise of salvation is offered to all people.
Acclamation		<i>Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!</i>
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12	The wise men come, bearing gifts of great meaning, to worship the infant king of the Jews.

FATHER JOHN MEREDITH R.I.P.

As you know, Fr. John died suddenly on Boxing Day after a short illness. His funeral arrangements are as follows: -

Monday 6th Jan. – 6.00pm: Reception of Body and Mass at Our Lady & St. Patrick's, Maesteg;

Tuesday 7th Jan. – 11.00am: Funeral Mass at St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff, followed by 1.30pm burial in Porthcawl Cemetery. **MAY HE REST IN PEACE**

MONIQUE SAMUEL R.I.P.

Monique died on 26th December in UHW at the age of 95yrs. Our condolences are with the family at this sad time. Her Funeral Mass will take place in St. Joseph's, Penarth, on **Wednesday 8th January** at 12 noon, followed by interment in Western Cemetery. **MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**

White Flower (SPUC) Annual Collection

Next weekend (11th/12th January) the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give as generously as you can.

St. Mary's UCM will meet next on **Wednesday 8th January** at 7.30pm for a meal at the Star, Dinas Powys.

Diocesan Year Books – have you got yours?

The 2014 Diocesan Year Books are now available priced at £2.60 each in the Piety Shop in St. Joseph's, and in both entrances in St. Mary's. You are encouraged to buy one if you can, as you will be helping the parish finances. There is no 'sale or return' recourse. Thank you,

Thank You from SPICMA (Special Projects in Christian Missionary Areas). SPICMA has acknowledged with thanks the sum of £859.50 raised from our donations in the November Dead List envelopes, and this money will be put to use as follows: -

"Two Mill Hill Fathers, working in Turda in the Philippines, have asked for our help in supplying materials (iron sheeting, nails and vulca seal) to assist the 600 families who have lost their homes. Also we are considering funding the construction of boats to replace the huge number destroyed in Iloilo. Our donation will purchase enough materials for the homes of 6 families, or more than cover the cost of one large boat, together with engine, nets and equipment to support 10 families". SPICMA has expressed sincere gratitude for this.

Congratulations to Mr Anthony Packer.

Anthony has been decorated with a prestigious award from the Minister of Foreign Affairs for his services as Honorary Consul to Lithuania. It is the Order of The Diplomatic Star, which is the highest distinction in the Diplomatic Service, Many congratulations to him. *As Anthony is not well at the present time, please remember him in your prayers.*

A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR