

## DAY FOR LIFE – SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

This year **Day for Life** focuses on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home which is **God's creation**. It provides an opportunity for people to think about the **connections and relationships between people and the earth** which we inhabit. Today tragically, men, women and children are sometimes viewed as commodities which can be bought or sold. As Pope Francis has powerfully articulated in *Laudato Si'*, there is **a real need to rediscover a spirit of wonder and awe at the gift of human life** so that all life may be properly respected and a new heart created for the home in which we live.

We have been asked to support the crucial work of **Day for Life** through our generosity to the **collection** which will be taken on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. This enables the Church to fund Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre), as well as projects which work to protect life at every stage and in every condition. Please visit [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org) for more information.

## PARISH TALK - CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Please join us (**Parish Justice & Peace Group**) for an **exciting and engaging talk** on the new teaching of the Church on **ecology** led by Kieran O'Brien from **CAFOD**. Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, invites us all to think about how we can protect our common home with a view to an integrated approach to development and caring for the environment. This informal talk will be a follow on from the previous talk by Kieran back in November. It will be a chance to reflect on some of the challenges Pope Francis presents to us and how we can respond in a practical way to live simply as a parish community. Join us at **7:30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Dinas Powys**. See poster.

## Festival of Flowers

A Festival of Flowers to celebrate the Centenary of the Archdiocese is being organised. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of something that will not happen again for a 100 years. The date is **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of June until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of July**. It will take place at the **Metropolitan Cathedral of St. David's, Charles Street, Cardiff**. Please take a leaflet on your way out of the Church today. Both communities of our Parish have contributed a donation of £50.00 each towards the Festival.

## IMAGE OF THE LAMPEDUSA CROSS

You will remember the image of the Lampedusa Cross, made from the wreckage of a capsized asylum seeker boat, which was handed out after all Masses a few weeks ago. A copy of the cross will be going round parishes in the diocese during the Year of Mercy. It is **now in the Cathedral until 20th June**, with an invitation to pray and to send a message to refugees in camps in the Mediterranean. Please visit if you have the opportunity.

## Cytun Event

A reminder of the Cytun event to **celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**. There will be a concert on **Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm** at All Saints' Church followed by a tea party. Offers to make cup cakes are still needed and we also need people to volunteer to help as servers and for washing and clearing up after the event. Please help if you can in any way. Everyone is invited on the **8<sup>th</sup> June** so please spread the news.

## The New Gazette "Team"

Following the retirement of John Foley after 14 years of producing our weekly parish newsletter, we would like to introduce to the parish our new husband and wife team who have taken on this responsibility. **They are Nick Abbott and his wife María**, a young couple who are fairly new to the parish and who are already involved in parish life in other ways. They are part of the RCIA group of catechists who help people to become Catholics (Nick himself went through the RCIA process) and they are also on the Counters' Rota in St. Mary's, counting weekly collections. In the midst of their busy lives, they find time to serve the parish in these ways and we are grateful to them. Please note that you should send your **Parish Gazette Contributions** by Wednesday to the following email address: [parish.gazette@gmail.com](mailto:parish.gazette@gmail.com). A copy of your email will be sent automatically from this address to Canon Joe and Deacon Elfed.

## ST. JOSEPH'S

### St. Joseph's UCM

St. Joseph's UCM are resuming their fortnightly meetings on **Monday evenings**. The first one will be on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. New members are very welcome. Just come along to the hall at **7.30pm**.

### Piety Shop

Please remember to pick up your Catholic papers before you leave St. Joseph's. It is important that we support the Catholic press.

## ST. MARY'S

### FUND RAISING IN SUPPORT OF MARY ISHERWOOD

The **Euro Quiz Night**, which took place last Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May, was an **excellent and educational night** for the enthusiastic parishioners who took part. With the aid of the raffle, £70.00 was raised and will be **donated to our young parishioner Mary Isherwood** for whom we have been praying. We can show our support in other ways too and the Social committee will be running **more events to raise money** for Mary in the near future. Her family are raising money to support her during her forthcoming treatment in America. If you would like to help go to: [crowdfunding.justgiving.com/Walking-for-Mary](http://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/Walking-for-Mary) Thank you.

### St. Mary's UCM

The next meeting will be held this **Wednesday 8th June**, when we will have our **annual walk**, weather permitting. Members please meet in the church grounds at **7.30pm**. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

### Llandough Village Fete 2016

This will be held on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm in King George V Memorial Playing Fields**. There will be many attractions, and it offers a great afternoon for all the family.

**Altar Linen:** June. Chris Llewellyn

### *Please pray for our Sick*

**St. Joseph's:** Eileen Sinclair, Femmy Rowlands, Patrick Rickard, Valerie Catterall, Norma Flanigan, Karen Lyons, Margaret Osborne, Nero Peralta, Gordon Smith, Leslie Moorcraft, Mary Flynn, Jason Jones and Joe Cronin.

**St. Mary's:** Lucienne Llewellyn, Nicholas Barron, Pat Prangley, Bernard McParlin, Terry Jones, Paul Walsh, Mary Isherwood and Betty Thorne.