



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PARISH GAZETTE

The Archdiocese of Cardiff: Charitable Incorporated Organisation No.1177272

2nd Sunday of Advent (C)

5th December 2021.

1st Reading Baruch 5: 1-9

The prophet Baruch echoes the message of Isaiah that God will enable us to walk safely on level ground.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*

Ps 125: R/ v.3

2nd Read: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul wants us to prepare for the day of Christ. His prayer for us is that we will always recognise what is best.

Acclamation: Lk 3:4.6.

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

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

John the Baptist is the one who fulfils the prophecy about preparing a way for the Lord and shows us what needs to be done.

You can view the full readings online at http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass_readings.html

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE CARDS.

The Justice and Peace Group would like to give parishioners the chance once again to write a Christmas card to a prisoner of conscience as we have been doing for many years. These are people around the world who defend human rights and speak out about the environment and climate change at great risk to themselves. The J&P Group are proposing that parishioners send one of their own Christmas cards (preferably non-religious) to one of four prisoners of conscience included in a **handout that will be distributed after Mass on Sundays 2 & 3 of Advent**. The handouts contain names and information of the four and the cost of postage. Let us not forget them this Christmas. It is the least that we can do.

THE ADVENT APPEAL FOR THE SVP.

During Advent we have the ongoing appeal each Sunday for our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. **There will be collection bins positioned at the back of both churches.** Alternatively you can write cheques payable to St. Joseph's and St. Mary's SVP. Please put them in an envelope, marked for the SVP and place them in the collection bins, or post them through the presbytery door. You can also donate on-line: their bank is: Nat West, Account No. 46077669, Sort Code 60 60 04. The Account Name is G050208 St Joseph's, St Vincent De Paul Society. Contact e-mail mariannecowpe@gmail.com

MEETING OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

The parents and the children who have asked to make their **First Holy Communion** next year are to meet with Mgr. Joe and the catechists this week. The meetings are as follows:
Tuesday 7th Dec in **St. Mary's church** at 7pm
Thursday 9th Dec in **St. Joseph's church** at 6pm.

PAUL HARDIMAN RIP.

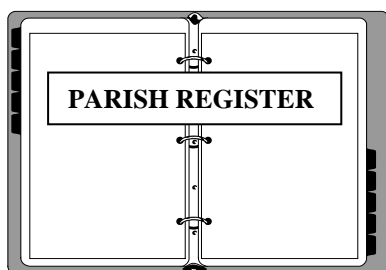
It is with great sadness that the family of Patricia (Pat) Hardiman (RIP) announce the death of her second son Paul on 1st December 2021. He died peacefully in California where his funeral will take place. Please pray for the repose of his soul. **MAY HE REST IN PEACE.**

EXTRA CONFESSIONS IN ADVENT. In addition to normal Confessions on Saturdays 10am – 11am, there will be extra time set aside during exposition of the Bl. Sac on Friday evenings from 6.15pm until the Evg Mass at 7pm. Confessions are heard in the priest's sacristy. The traditional Confessional has been out of use during the pandemic.

Please pray for our sick.

St. Joseph's: Valerie Catterall, Muriel Perry, Veronica Hooper, and Nora Berry.

St. Mary's: Mary Isherwood, Betty Thorne, Liz Evans, Cissie Clifton, Anne Dean, and Hilary Benton.



Parish Priest: Monsignor Joseph Boardman V.G.
St. Joseph's Presbytery, Wordsworth Avenue
Penarth, CF64 2RL Tel: 029 2070 8247
**Monsignor Boardman can be contacted on the new
parish e-mail: penarth@rcadc.org**

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Elfed Jones
Tel: 07950 013224 email: elfed.jones@rcadc.org

Parish Website: www.stjosephsandstmarys.com
Notices/photos to: events@stjosephsandstmarys.com
Web Co-ordinator: Daniel Murray

Schools

St. Joseph's RC Primary School
Sully Road, Penarth. Tel: 029 2070 2864
Email: stjosephsps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School
Argae Lane, Barry. Tel: 01446 729250
Email: d.blackwell@strichardgwyn.co.uk

St. David's Catholic College (6th Form)
Ty Gwyn Rd. Penylan, Cardiff. CF23 6XL
Tel: 029 2049 8555
Email: enquiries@st-davids-coll.ac.uk

Parish Advisory Council Chair
Bill Nolan Tel: 029 2070 2056
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Church Hall Bookings (Suspended)
St. Joseph's – refer parish priest.
St. Mary's – refer parish priest.

Gazette Contributions by Wednesday please to:
Email: parish.gazette@gmail.com
**Please note that your emails will be sent automatically
from this address to Monsignor Joe and Deacon Elfed.**

Archdiocesan Child Safeguarding Group
Helpline: 029 2034 3811
Contacts: St. Joseph's – Mary Taylor: 029 2065 8506
St. Mary's – Nicky Price 029 2051 4034

Emergency Sick Calls. (There are restrictions).

- (i) Hospitals: Llandough and UHW – Ask a nurse to call out the priest-on-call. (or contact the Hospital Chaplaincy on (029) 2184 3230)
- (ii) Marie Curie Hospice, (Holme Tower) Penarth, Ask a nurse to Ring the Parish Priest of the patient or ring St. Joseph's Penarth on (029) 2070 8247
- (iii) Local Nursing/Care Homes – Please ring the presbytery number in Penarth (as above).

YOUR GIFTS TO THE CHURCH 28th Nov 2021

	Gift Aid	Loose	Total
St. Joseph's	£296.00	£199.59	£495.59
St. Mary's	£10.00	£86.62	£96.62
			£592.21
(Income from standing orders approx. £500 weekly).			
SVP.			£675.68
Sick & Retired Clergy (late)			£20.00
Church Fees			£75.00
Standing Orders (Oct)			£2411.25
Virgin Money Donations (on-line) [Oct]			£37.50
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY			

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL. TREE OF LIGHT

During Advent, St. Joseph's RC Primary School are inviting members of our community – parents and extended family members, staff, Governors and parishioners – to remember their loved ones, or a special cause, as part of our "Tree of Light."

The "Tree of Light" positioned in the school car park, will be decorated with hundreds of white lights. Individuals are invited to dedicate a light on the Tree for £2 and the name of your loved one, or cause, will be recorded on a board alongside the Tree for all to read. The lights will then be switched on in a special ceremony as part of our Advent Service.

Donations will go to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) and to "Tommy's."

If you would like to dedicate a light on the Tree to your loved one, or special cause, there are Dedication Forms at the back of both churches. Please complete the form and leave it in the basket provided. Your donation can be placed in the retiring collection for the SVP. The final date for forms is **Sunday 5th December.**

"SUNDAY IS FOR YOU" - WELCOME BACK.

From the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:
"The Sunday Eucharist is a gift. As God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love. At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your Bishops, we recognise that the prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in a position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend Sunday Mass." For those who can, however, let us joyfully embrace our Sunday obligation each week, so as to celebrate and nourish our Catholic faith.

PARISH 4-PAGE GAZETTE BACK.

The printed version of the Gazette is available at the back of both churches at every Sunday Mass. This is an important step because there are those who do not/cannot access the digital version and therefore miss-out on important announcements that are made from time to time. The e-Gazette will continue to be available on-line.

SAINT OF THE WEEK.

ST. AMBROSE. Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

(Born c.340: died 397AD)

Next Tuesday is the Feast of St. Ambrose. As we approach Christmas we need to reflect on some of those Saints who made the work of Jesus here on earth a shining light for us. St. Ambrose was an immense Biblical scholar, regarded even today as one of the foremost "Doctors of the Church". His literal output was regarded as Masterpieces of Latin eloquence. He was a very spiritual man who wanted to serve especially the poor and as Bishop of Milan, was a leader in serving the poor. He was regarded as the foremost of teachers and advised many people, including those in power, at a very difficult time in the Church's history, as it emerged out of the ruins of the Roman Empire. So we need to give thanks for his guidance, his theological forethought, and his support of the poor, at a time of great difficulty. Ambrose brought about changes with his vision and insight that could have changed so many things even for us today.

[Deacon Elfed]

THE SYNOD 2021 - 2023.

Pope Francis is calling the Bishops of the world to come together in 2023 for a special Synod which will examine the responses received from around the world – from groups and parishioners, and even those who have become disconnected with the Church for whatever reason. Pope Francis has called a Synod in 2023 which will involve all of us.

We are being called to join in and get involved in this Synodal way of being a Parish and being the Church. This is not a parliamentary system in which there are winners and losers. Instead, this is about graceful listening and graceful speaking, in which each person's contribution is valued. The conversations we have together will inform the future direction of our parish, our diocese, and our Church.

Over the next few months we will be invited to get involved in conversations springing up around the parish.

We are grateful to **Mr. Bill Nolan and Dr. Martin Price** for taking on this mission and task as our parish representatives for the Synod of the Universal Church. They will be organising and facilitating our response to the call of the Synod. Together we are to explore our present situation as a parish and a diocese. Then, praying and listening together to the Holy Spirit speaking through each and all of us, we will seek to discern ever more faithfully our call, to "Communion, Participation, and Mission"

OUR RING-AND-COLLECT "PIETY SHOP" SERVICE

For your Christmas cards, Advent calendars, missals, religious articles, and cards for other occasions etc.

Please ring Shirley Powney on (029) 2053 0723

NEW ALTAR IN CATHEDRAL

The former St. Clare's church in Ely has been transformed into "St. Vincent's Drop-in Centre" in a joint venture between the National SVP Society and the Archdiocese of Cardiff. It was formerly opened last Monday by Archbishop George Stack. Wednesday the 8th December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese. **At 6pm** on that day, Archbishop George will consecrate the Altar from the old St. Clare's church, Ely, which has been re-sited in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend this important and historic occasion. Remember St. David's Cathedral is YOUR Cathedral.

REMINDERS.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022.

Provisional dates for the First Holy Communion preparation programmes have now been agreed with Mgr. Joe and the catechists and are set out below:

St. Joseph's.

Meeting of Parents & Children in St. Joseph's Church:
Thurs 9th Dec at 6pm.

Details of preparation sessions will be announced.

Mass of Enrolment: Sunday 9th January at 9.30am in St. Joseph's Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation :

Thursday 17th March 2022 at 6pm in St. Joseph's Church.

First Holy Communion :

Saturday 18th June 2022 at 11am in St. Joseph's Church.

St. Mary's

Meeting of Parents and Children in St. Mary's Church:
Tuesday 7th Dec at 7pm.

Details of preparation sessions will be announced.

Mass of Enrolment: Sunday 9th January at 11.15am in St. Mary's Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wed 9th March at 7pm in St. Mary's Church.

First Holy Communion:

Saturday 11th June at 11am in St. Mary's Church.

Parents who have not yet registered their child should do so

NOW. Contact the catechists by e-mail ASAP.

St. Joseph's – cm.sommerville@hotmail.co.uk

St. Mary's – victoriabatten@hotmail.co.uk

CHANGE IN THE CELEBRATION OF MASS.

From the First Sunday of Advent, the distribution of Holy Communion has reverted to its normal place in the Mass (ie. immediately after the priest's communion). This means that people return to their places after receiving Holy Communion and then the Mass is brought to a conclusion with the blessing and dismissal in the usual way. Stewards will be in place to direct the flow of communicants and to ensure that people leave the church via the side aisles after Mass.

Please take your Gazette home with you. We cannot use them after they have been read.

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR PARISHES.

This week it is the turn of Cardiff University Catholic Chaplaincy. The present chaplain is Fr. Nicholas Williams.

BELMONT ADVENT RETREAT – PART TWO.

These have been two in-person days at Belmont Abbey on the theme of "The Road to Bethlehem, and based on St. Luke's Infancy Story. They are led by Dom Brendan Thomas OSB.

The **second day** is on Sat 18th December 10am – 3pm.

Refreshments are included (Lunch can be booked £15).

Please contact the Retreat Secretary, Fr. Augustine on retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk or phone 01432 374750.

THE DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS 2022.

The year Books will be available next weekend..

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TIMES OF MASSES
MASSES WITH A FULL CONGREGATION*
 (SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS)

Saturday*	Dec 4th	2nd Sunday of Advent (C)	
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	John Williams (Mary) 129
Streamed Live			
Sunday*	Dec 5th	2nd Sunday of Advent (C)	
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Geoff Vincent (Pat) 201
Streamed Live			
Public Mass	St. Mary's	11.15am	Pam Wilton (Kathy Jones) 176
Weekdays of Advent. Week 2.			
Monday	Dec 6th	St. Nicholas, Bishop)	
Live streamed	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Madeleine Heguy (Trow) 193
Tuesday*	Dec 7th	St. Ambrose. Bishop and Doctor of the Church.	
MASS IN PRIVATE		9.00am	Gertrude Shepherd (OB.) 196
Wednesday	Dec 8th	The Immaculate Conception of the BVM (Solemnity).	
Live streamed	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Jodi Broom (Stimpson). 167
Thursday	Dec 9th	Weekday in Advent	
MASS IN PRIVATE		9.00am	Priest's Int'n
Friday*	Dec 10th	Weekday in Advent.	
	St. Joseph's	6.15pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	7.00pm	Kathleen Irene Baker (Diane) 205
Streamed live			
Saturday*	Dec 11th	3rd Sunday of Advent (C) Gaudete Sunday.	
	St. Joseph's	10am-11am	Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	Patricia (Pat) Hardiman (Family) 13
Streamed live			
Sunday*	Dec 12th	3rd Sunday of Advent (C) Gaudete Sunday.	
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Teresa Maramaros (Gamgee) 210
Streamed live			
Public Mass	St. Mary's	11.15am	People of our parish, living and dead.



“O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.” (Is 30: 19,30).

