



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C) 6th December 2015

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

The Lord reaches out to his people, who are challenged to welcome the Lord with joy and remove every barrier to his presence in their lives.

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

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

When Paul calls the people of Philippi to mind and prays for them, he does so with joy. He urges them to increase in love for each other.

Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is firmly rooted in human history and geography as he is about to begin his ministry.

SVP Christmas Collection – A Big Thank You!

Both our churches between them raised a total of £1,524.61 – a magnificent response to the appeal.

Christmas Masses and Service Cards

Cards are now available at the back of both our churches showing Mass and Service times over the holiday period. **Please take one and display it prominently in your home.** Be ready to share the information with anyone who asks you.

Walk With Me – Advent 2015' Booklet

Only a few of these pocket-size booklets of prayers and reflections for Advent and Christmas 2015 are left. These are available from the back of both churches, priced at £1 each.

Eucharistic Service

There will be a Eucharistic Service in St. Joseph's at 10am this **Wednesday 9th December**, due to Canon Boardman having to attend a Diocesan meeting on that day.

Advent Carol Service

Our annual Advent Carol Service will take place at 3pm next **Sunday 13th December (3rd Sunday of Advent)** in St. Joseph's Church, featuring the children of St. Joseph's Primary school..

The Year of Mercy

We have a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop George which will be read out at all Masses today (2nd Sunday of Advent). Copies of this letter will be available at the back of both churches for those who wish to take one home and read it for themselves. Although the Holy Door in St. Peter's in Rome will be opened on Tuesday of this week (8th December) by Pope Francis, heralding the beginning of the Holy Year, our own Year of Mercy will begin **next Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent)**, when the Holy Door in St. David's Cathedral will be opened by our Archbishop. The main focus of the Holy Year will be the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Catholics are invited to respond to this "Time of Grace" and experience once again the mercy and forgiveness of God for which they crave. God's mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God, who is ever ready to forgive.

November Dead Lists- Thank you

A reminder that 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). **Your kind donations which will go to an Emergency Medical Appeal for Syrian Babies and Children, run by the Dominican and Comboni Sisters at two hospitals in Jordan. The total collected will be published next week.**