



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

DINAS POWYS

PARISH GAZETTE Second Sunday of Advent (B) 7th December 2014

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| 1st Reading | Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11 | The prophet Isaiah announces that God's glory is about to be revealed, and calls on the people to prepare for it. |
| Ps.84 | R/ | <i>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.</i> |
| 2nd Reading | 2 Peter 3:8-14 | The followers of Jesus are called to lead holy and good lives while waiting for the new heavens and new earth, where righteousness lives. |
| Acclamation | | <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!</i> |
| Gospel | Mark 1:1-8 | The first verses of Mark's Gospel announce the "beginning of the Good News" of Jesus Christ, and tell of the witness of John the Baptist. |

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.

Why not invite a friend to come to Mass with you, especially perhaps someone who has not been to church for sometime?

All are welcome

'Walk with Me: A Journey of Prayer for Advent and Christmastide 2014'

There are just a few copies left of this pocket-size booklet of prayers and reflections for Advent and Christmas 2014. Archbishop George Stack, Bishop Tom Burns (Menevia) and Bishop Peter Brignall (Wrexham) have written a foreword for the booklet and recommend it as an aid to prayer. This year 'Walk with me' speaks of the **kerygma**, the message of God's saving love. In the introduction we read that 'The Christmas **kerygma** reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas'. Walk with me costs £1 – copies are available at the back of both churches.

The 2015 Diocesan Year Books.

The Year Books have arrived and are on sale in both churches and are still priced at £2.60. Please buy one if you can because in doing so you are helping the parish finances. The new Year Book is full of information about what is going on in the diocese and it looks back in text and in pictures over the events of the present year.

"The Light is ON for You", invites practising and lapsed Catholics to go to Confession this Advent. In common with other dioceses across England and Wales, we are reaching out to those who may have wandered from the life of the Church and those Mass-going Catholics who have been away from Confession for some years. Participating Catholic Parish Churches in the Archdiocese of Cardiff will be open from **7pm to 8pm on Wednesdays during Advent** for Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests hearing confessions in the local area will rotate as follows - :

Penarth:

Wed. Dec. 10th – Fr A. Bord

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Barry:

Wed. Dec. 10th - Canon Boardman

Wed. Dec. 17th - Fr Bogdan Wera

Canton:

Wed. Dec. 10th - Canon O'Gorman

Wed. Dec. 17th - Canon Boardman

Grangetown:

Wed. Dec. 10th - -----

Wed. Dec. 17th – Canon O'Gorman

Parish Advent Carol Service – next Sunday

Our annual Advent Carol Service will take place on **Sunday 14th December** at 3pm in St. Joseph's Church. It features the children of our Primary School. Please come along to support the children and the School. **Not to be missed!**