

**Mission Today Calendar 2015** will be available from the back of church. There are plenty of spare copies so even if you do not have a Red Box, please take a copy home.

**The Missio 2013 Annual Review** lists: - 54 churches and chapels built; £93,323 distributed to help children around the world; 1,989 seminarians trained for the priesthood; nearly £5 million raised by Missio in England and Wales; just under £3 million raised by the Red Box in Catholic homes; £458,813 raised on World Mission Sunday.

Any queries to Tim White - tel: 2070 7558.

### **9 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration.**

**“for the unborn and their families”.**

This is taking place in St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff, on Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec from 9am – 6pm with Benediction at 5.30pm.

Mass at 12.45pm as usual.

All welcome. See Poster.

### **Senior Citizens Community Mass & Christmas Party at St. David's Catholic Sixth Form College – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

Senior parishioners are invited to this celebration from 12 noon until 3pm. Following the Mass, a buffet and a full entertainment programme with prizes and small gifts will be provided. For the housebound, it is a lovely opportunity to meet new friends. For the more active, it is an entertaining and vibrant occasion where young and old enjoy each other's company.

**Will those wishing to attend, if you have not done so already, please give their names** to Sister Joseph Mary (St. Joseph's) 2070 4481 or Sheila Collins (St. Mary's) 2115 3074, or fill in one of the postcards at the back of church and give it to Canon Joe for onward transmission to the college.

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### **SVP –Thank you**

A total so far of £1399.58 was collected towards the work of the SVP last Sunday. A great deal of thanks to all of you, who generously gave towards the work of the SVP, amongst the needy in our own community during this Christmas period. We thank also all members of the the SVP in our parish, who give of their time so very generously to support this important work.

### **World Youth Day 2016**

After a successful Youth Encounter Event at St David's Cathedral, on the solemnity of Christ the King when Archbishop Stack launched the registration for World Youth Day 2016, preparation is now in full swing. Full information may be found on the diocese website for World Youth Day (WYD) [www.Cardiff2Krakow.org](http://www.Cardiff2Krakow.org). There you will find the latest information for spiritual and practical preparation for WYD, as well as the registration form that is required to be filled in. Young people are invited to participate in this exciting adventure. It will be a very special occasion, where you can share with other young people your faith, and the real joy of the Gospel.

### **Bible Alive**

A few copies of the January edition of this publication have been sent to Canon Jo. They include Pope Francis' 10 New Year Resolutions, daily reflections, and a list of winter books and publications. It is a way of giving yourself a spiritual uplift daily. If you wish to take out a

subscription for this monthly publication the forms are inside the magazine.

### **The Advent Wreath**

You may have wondered what the Advent wreath represents as we light a candle at the beginning of our Advent Masses. The four candles on the wreath represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are coloured purple, they are a reminder of the spirit of penance and prayer that marks the Advent season. One candle is coloured rose, for the Third Sunday of Advent, “Gaudete Sunday”, a name that comes from the opening words of that Sunday's liturgy ‘Rejoice in the Lord always’. The round wreath itself symbolises the eternity of God and the Father's presence throughout human history. Evergreen branches and leaves decorate the wreath, are reminders of eternal life of God in Christ. To fully appreciate the meaning of Advent a sense of togetherness should be very much part of the lighting of the Advent wreath.

## **ST.JOSEPH'S**

**UCM** – The next meeting will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Church hall.

**Piety Shop:** Please pick up your Catholic papers – the Universe, the Catholic Times, and the Catholic Herald. (Check out the new Catholic Herald format. Price £2.)

**A variety of Xmas cards, Advent calendars and diaries are now on sale.**

## **ST. MARY'S**

### **Forthcoming Social Committee Events**

- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014** – Christmas Quiz in St. Mary's hall at 7.30pm. **Tickets £2 on sale after Mass.** Please bring a plate of food to share and drinks. In addition to the Quiz there will also be a Raffle!
- **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015** – Burns Night Celebration.

### **St Mary's UCM**

Members are invited to join with St Peter's Ladies Fellowship for a Service of Readings and Carols at St Peter's, Dinas Powys, on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, beginning at 7.30pm.**

On Wednesday **10<sup>th</sup> December**, **there will be the Annual Dinner at the Huntsman.** Please be there by 7.30pm.

**Altar Linen:** December – Chris Llewellyn

### **Please pray for our Sick**

**St Joseph's:** Eileen Sinclair, Femmy Rowlands, Patrick Rickard, Joe Cronin, Charles Curran, Valerie Catterall, Norma Flanagan, Karen Lyons, Nero Peralta, Maria Ferrari, Damian Hegarty and Bev Fitzgerald..

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