Raising awareness of domestic abuse
This year FAMILIAS is hosting this event, which takes place in the Pastoral Resources Centre on **Tuesday 10th May** from 10.30am to 3pm. It will provide an introduction to the challenge of responding adequately to disclosures of domestic abuse.
Entry: £10 for FAMILIAS members, associates and friends; others £20. **Booking is essential.** Contact Joanne White: 02920 365964; email: parenting@rcadc.org
All are welcome but in particular marriage preparation providers and counsellors, clergy, MFL Commission members, parenting facilitators, anyone involved in pastoral ministry, catechists, safeguarding coordinators, chaplains, school personnel and those affected by domestic abuse.

Belmont Abbey – May Torchlight Procession
The Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place on **Wednesday 11th of May at 9pm.** The preacher will be V.Rev. Dom Nicholas Wetz. Refreshments will be available before the procession and the Abbey shop will be open.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2016
Our children will be making their first Holy Communion very soon. The children in **St. Joseph's** will do so on **Sunday 22nd May** at the **9.30am** Mass. The children in **St. Mary's** will do the same on **Sunday 29th May** at the **11.15am** Mass. These two Sunday Masses are likely to be very full and some parishioners may wish to go to one of the other three parish Masses on those days.

Confirmation 2016
The 11 young people being confirmed this year have asked as many people as possible to join them for the celebration of Confirmation. This is a major Parish event; it would be wonderful if the Church could be full for them. If you are able please join them for the Confirmation celebration afterwards in the Hall. Donations of cakes or biscuits would be very much appreciated. **Archbishop George is coming to confer the Sacrament on Friday 20th of May in St. Joseph's at 7pm. Hope to see many of you there,**

Parish Gazette Contributions
Please note that you should send your contributions by Wednesday for the Parish Gazette to the following email address: parish.gazette@gmail.com
A copy of your email will be sent automatically from this address to Canon Joe and Deacon Elfed.

St Richard Gwyn High School
At the back of each Church there are copies of the latest magazine relating to our High School. If you have children at the school or you have an intention of your children going to the school in September please take one. If you are just interested in the school, the magazine is free.

Pilgrimage of Prayer -Year of Mercy
Please pray this week for the people of Parish of The Immaculate Conception, Tredegar with All Saints, Ebbw Vale, and St John, Rhymney. We pray also for their priest Fr Edmund Neizer.

ST. JOSEPH'S

St Joseph's Hall
The cleaning regime in the hall has changed as from Tuesday May 10th. From then on, every Tuesday the hall will be cleaned once weekly by contract cleaners**. It is therefore essential that all groups using the hall, LEAVE THE HALL AS THEY FiND IT. Thank you.**

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. If anyone in St. Mary's would like a Catholic paper on a **weekly** basis, then please tell Canon Joe. It can be picked up from the sacristy after Mass and payment can be made simply by putting the money on the collection plate. The Universe and Catholic Times cost £1.30 respectively, and the Catholic Herald is £2.

ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's UCM
The next meeting will be held in the hall on **Wednesday, 11th May at 7.30pm,** when representatives of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern will talk about the new Health Centre. New members are always welcome. Just come along.

Quiz Night Saturday 28th May 2016
The Social Committee are holding a quiz night in St Mary's Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Just bring drinks and a plate of food to share. There will be a raffle and a prize for the winning team. There will be tickets available later, but at no cost, since the tickets will just indicate numbers attending.

Dinas Powys Library
Dinas Powys Library will be changing to a community led library from June 2016. Volunteers are urgently needed to keep the library open and help with events. For more information please contact Keith Hatton khatton263@btinternet.com or Mary Templing and Marianne Cowpe after the 11.15am Mass. ***On Wednesday 11th May,*** *as part of the Dinas Powys Musical Festival, David and Sian Evans are presenting a Dylan Thomas evening in the Lee Hall with Steffan Jones (baritone) and Marged Jones (piano) there will be poetry, prose and songs from Dylan Thomas and by other writers, Tickets are £5.00 and* ***the proceeds will go towards the library.***

Altar Linen: May. Therese Brayford

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.