



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) 9th February 2014

1st Reading	Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20	Humanity is faced with a choice. Choose life.
	Ps.118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34	<i>R/ They are happy who follow God's law.</i>
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 2:6-10	The wisdom of God is revealed to those who love God and it leads them to glory.
Acclamation		<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:</i> <i>You have the message of eternal life.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i>
Gospel	Matthew 5:17-31	The Law and the Prophets come to completion in the person and teaching of Jesus.

Education Sunday – This Weekend.

We are asked to be mindful of our Catholic Educational Institutions, many of which are regarded as the very best in the country. They depend on the support of Catholic parents, who are the first teachers of their children. They depend also on local parishes in whose mission and witness they share, and they depend on the dedication and commitment of staff who reflect in their own lives the joy that knowing Christ brings.

“Our Catholic schools and colleges are a great treasure. This treasure has been given to us and we must ensure that we hand it on to future generations. Education is in a time of change. For some schools, this may mean working in new ways and in new relationships. Whatever the challenges that we face, now and in the future, let us remain focussed upon Christ in all that we do” (Bishop Malcolm McMahon O.P., Chair Catholic Education Service and Bishop of Nottingham).

Parish Advisory Council (PAC) 2014 Election next week.

There are 4 members of the PAC who have completed their first term of office after 3 years. The 4 members are: Anne Chilcott, Joshua Flynn, James Payyampalil, and Benny Augustian. We are grateful to them for giving their time and expertise to the PAC over the last 3 years.

Nominations will close this weekend (Sunday 16th Feb is the last day for handing in nomination papers). The first of the elections will be held next weekend 22nd/23rd Feb 2014. So

far five nominations have been received and there are 4 places to be contested.

How does the election work?

When there are two Church communities involved (as we have), the PAC Constitution allows for this. In order to ensure that there is at least one elected member from each community, a separate election takes place in each church BEFORE the main election. Consequently we have election (1) next weekend 22nd/23rd Feb 2014 and election (2) on the weekend of 1st/2nd March 2014.

Who are the candidates from each community?

The nominees (so far) are (St Joseph's) Theresa Keating, Paul Gallone and Benny Augustian. The nominees for St Mary's are: Trixie Douglas and James Payyampalil.

ELECTION (1) 22nd/23rd Feb 2014 (next weekend)

Ballot papers will be inserted in the Gazette. Only parishioners who normally attend St Joseph's can vote for the St Joseph's candidate and only those who normally attend St Mary's can vote for the St Mary's candidate. When the votes are counted, the successful nominee in each church is then elected to the PAC. The unsuccessful nominees go forward to the main election (2) the following week ie 1st/2nd March 2014.

Who will supervise the elections and count the votes?

Tim white (St. Joseph's) and Val Kacal (St. Mary's) will oversee the election process and declare the results.