



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

First Sunday of Lent (A) 9th March 2014

1st Reading	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7	Using imagery, the story is told of man and woman's creation, of temptation and the origins of sin.
Ps.50	<i>R/</i>	<i>Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.</i>
2nd Reading	Romans 5:12-19	Paul compares the disobedience of Adam, whose sin brought death, with the obedience of Christ, whose death restored eternal life.
Acclamation		Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus defeats three temptations as he prepares for his mission as Messiah.

Rite of Election 2014 – Today Sunday 9th March.

This is happening this afternoon in St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff. This year we have one candidate NICHOLAS ABBOTT. He will be Baptised and Confirmed and receive the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass on 19th April. All parishioners are welcome to join Nicholas and his wife and the catechists for this celebration at 3pm in the Cathedral.

Deanery Lenten Station Mass

This year the Mass will take place on **Tuesday 11th March** at 7.00pm in St. Philip Evans Church, Llanedeyrn Drive, Cardiff CF23 9UL. Archbishop Stack will be the main celebrant. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross during Lent (St. Joseph's)

On each of the Sundays during Lent – up to and including Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – there will be the traditional Stations of the Cross at 4pm followed by Benediction.

Archdiocesan Lenten Alms Collection

On the weekend of **5/6th April** (5th in Lent) there will be a 2nd special collection for Lenten Alms in response to Archbishop Stack's Lenten appeal. Details of the recipients of this collection will be announced later.

First Reconciliation/ Confessions:

Taking place at 6pm on **Wednesday 12th March** in St Joseph's – (Fr. Andy Bord from St. Mary's, Canton will be assisting Canon Joe).
Then at 7pm on **Wednesday 19th March** in St.Mary's.

The Light is ON for Us

Archbishop George has launched in the Cardiff Archdiocese the high-profile initiative "**The Light is ON for You**", to invite practising and lapsed Catholics to go to Confession this Lent. 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.

Each Wednesday of Lent (after Ash Wednesday until Easter), participating Catholic Parish Churches in the Archdiocese of Cardiff will be open from 7pm to 8pm for Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This means that, every Wednesday from 12th March to 16th April inclusive, **the Light is on for You** between 7pm and 8pm at **St. Joseph's in Penarth. On Wednesday 12th March. Fr Andy Bord will hear Confessions, and again Fr Bord on Wednesday 19th March. Canon Joe will be available on the subsequent Wednesdays.**

CAFOD Fast Day – Friday 14th March – this week!

Tonight, one in eight of us will go to bed hungry. For some, finding food is a daily struggle. CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, so they can put food on the table. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. CAFOD envelopes will be distributed this weekend **8th/9th March** and collected in church **NEXT WEEKEND 15th/16th March.**

Fast Day Mass:

There will be Mass at 12.45pm in St. David's Cathedral on **Friday 14th March**, followed by a short reflection and a