



# ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

## Feast: The Baptism of the Lord (Year C) 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

A message of consolation: the Lord is coming to save his people. Prepare a way for him.

Ps. 103:1-4, 24-25, 27-30 *R/*

*Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.*

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God has saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth; renewing us with the Holy Spirit so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour.

**Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

After Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove and a voice from heaven declared, "You are my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on you".

### White Flower (SPUC) Appeal – This Weekend

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its **Annual Appeal this weekend (9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> January)**. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please give as generously as you can. **This is a retiring collection.**

### Michael Henry Desmond Evans R.I.P.

Michael died on 21<sup>st</sup> December at the age of 90 years. He lived at 17 Cherwell Road, Penarth. Our condolences go to his wife Patricia and his family, friends and neighbours. A Funeral Service will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Penarth, on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January** at 11am and afterwards at the Vale Crematorium.  
**May He Rest In Peace.**

### Eucharistic Adoration for the Unborn & Families

This will take place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January** in St. David's Cathedral from 9am-6pm. Mass will be at 12.45pm and Benediction at 5.30pm. All welcome. See Poster

### Parish Advisory Council – Elections

The Parish Advisory Council (PAC) consists of 12 elected members and 5 ex officio members. It is a consultative body and advises Canon Joe on parish matters and on decisions he has to make.

Elected members serve for 3 years, after which time they are eligible to serve a second term of 3 years and can apply for re-election. After serving two 3 year terms they have to step down.

This year Clare Sommerville has completed 2 terms of three years and has to step down. She has been the PAC Chair since 2011 and we are grateful to her for her dedication and commitment to the PAC during this time and for serving the parish in this way.

Four other members have completed their first term of 3 years and can apply for re-election if they so wish. They are Christiane Cantlay, Marianne Cowpe, Joyce Harding and Kevin Lawrence. Any parishioner can be nominated to serve on the PAC.

Nomination forms are available in both sacristies.

Nominations will close on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January after the Evening Mass in St. Mary's.

### Volunteers – Christmas Tree and Crib. (S. Joseph's)

Can you help to take down the Tree and Crib after the 9.30am Mass? If so please stay behind. Thank you.