



PENARTH

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PARISH GAZETTE

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)

December 10th 2017



DINAS POWYS

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

Isaiah offers a message of hope: the people are to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Ps 84:9-14. Rv. 8

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

God is patient, wanting nobody to be lost.

Acclamation: Lk 3:4. 6

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord.
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

ADVENT REFLECTION.

“There is a divine dream which the prophets and rabbis have cherished and which fills our prayers and permeates acts of true piety. It is a **dream of a world rid of evil** by the grace of God and our efforts...to the task of establishing the kingship of God in the world. God is waiting for us to redeem the World. We should not spend our life hunting for trivial satisfactions while **God is waiting constantly and keenly for our effort and devotion**. The Almighty has not created the universe that we may have opportunities to satisfy our greed, envy and ambition. We have not survived that we may waste our years in vulgar vanities.” *Abraham Heschel*

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU – There will be an extra period of confessions on **FRIDAYS** of Advent. This has been changed from the Wednesday as previously announced. This will take place on **Friday 15th and 22nd December** from **6pm to 7pm** during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

WALK WITH ME – ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2017

This pocket sized booklet of prayers and reflections for **Advent and Christmas 2017** is **NOW AVAILABLE** from the back of both churches, priced at **£1 each**. The *Walk With Me* meditations offer us the time and space to stop and think. **Why not sit quietly with *Walk With Me* for a few minutes each day? OR Why not give a copy of *Walk With Me* to a friend, relative or work colleague?**

SVP MEETING – The next meeting is on **Tuesday 12th December** in **St. Mary's Hall**. The following meeting will then be on **Tuesday 9th January 2018** in **St. Joseph's Hall**.

THE CLERGY RETIREMENT FUND THIS WEEKEND

The **Clergy Retirement Fund** was established in 2005. The Fund has been **adversely affected** by a number of factors in recent years. The unpredictable events which are taking place in the financial markets have meant a **significant loss of interest to the fund**, in addition to **increasing costs**. In order to provide “**Care for those who cared**”, a second collection will be taken **throughout the Diocese TODAY**. **Gift Aid envelopes** are available at the back of both churches so that the offering by tax payers may be increased by 25p in each £1 at no cost to themselves. The appeal will remain open until after Christmas.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE CARDS – THIS WEEK

Greeting cards will be **on sale after all Masses this week 9th/10th & next week 16th/17th December**. Price £1.50 (any profit will go to **Action by Christians Against Torture**). We are supporting a range of people in detention, including Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and organisations working for human rights in different parts of the world.

THE ‘JP SCHOOL OF SONG’ – Special Night of Carols:

Our organist James Patrick will present a **Carol Service** for a second year in **St. Joseph's Church** on **Wed 20th Dec at 7pm**. This will once again feature his choir of 10-17 year olds. It promises to be an enjoyable evening with readings, seasonal music and carols featuring pupils from Catholic schools and colleges across Cardiff and the Vale. **We hope many of you will be able to join us**. Refreshments will be available in the Hall afterwards.



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Notices/photos to: events@stjosephsandstmarys.com
Web Co-ordinator: Don Clarey

Schools

St. Joseph's RC Primary School
Sully Road, Penarth. Tel: 029 2070 2864
email: stjosephsps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School
Argae Lane, Barry. Tel: 01446 729250
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St. David's Catholic College (6th Form)
Ty Gwyn Rd. Penylan, Cardiff. CF23 6XL
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Church Hall Bookings

St. Joseph's – Christiane Cantlay Tel: 029 2070 4857
St. Mary's – Judith Braeman. Tel: 029 2051 5309

Gazette Contributions by Wednesday please to:
Email: parish.gazette@gmail.com
Please note that your emails will be sent automatically from this address to Canon Joe and Deacon Elfed.

Archdiocesan Child Safeguarding Group
Helpline: 029 2034 3811
Contacts: St. Joseph's – Mary Taylor: 029 2065 8506
St. Mary's – Anne Chilcott: 029 2140 2942

Emergency sick calls.

- (i) Hospitals: Llandough and UHW – Ask a nurse to call out the priest-on-call. (There is a Catholic priest on call 24/7)
- (ii) Marie Curie Hospice, (Holme Tower) Penarth, Ask a nurse to call the sick person's Parish Priest or alternatively St. Joseph's Presbytery, Penarth (phone number below)
- (iii) Local Nursing/Care Homes – please phone presbytery: 029 2070 8247
- (iv) (Tuesdays only) All enquiries to the Deacon – Rev Elfed Jones mobile 07950 013224

YOUR GIFTS TO THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

	<u>Gift Aid</u>	<u>Non-Gift Aid</u>	<u>Total</u>
St. Joseph's	£454.00	£510.95	£964.95
Donation			£100.00
approx. £200 per week Gift Aid Income also received by S/O			
St. Mary's	£148.16	£251.99	£400.15
approx. £150 per week Gift Aid Income also received by S/O			
November Lists			£1205.00
Thank you all for your generosity			

CHRISTMAS SERVICE CARDS – The times of Masses over the Christmas period can be found on the Special Printed Cards at the back of both Churches today. Please take one as Christmas this year falls on a Monday which means that there is a **DOUBLE WEEKEND** of Masses.

THE 2018 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK

The new **Year Books** have arrived and are **on sale** in **both churches** priced at **£3 each**. In **St. Joseph's** they are in the **Piety Shop** and in **St. Mary's** you will find them at **both entrances**. Please think of buying one because in doing so you are helping the **parish finances**. There is **no 'sale or return'** facility. The new Year Book has a **new friendlier layout** and is full of information about **what is going on** in the diocese while **looking back** in text and pictures over the events of the past year.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS – A huge **thank you** to those who contributed to the **International Refugee Trust** appeal through the November Dead List envelopes. A total of **£1,205** was raised and this will be sent to the IRT, to help with their work with refugees and displaced people in Sudan, Jordan and other parts of the Middle East. The envelopes containing lists of deceased loved ones have been placed next to the tabernacle and will remain there until the end of Christmastide.

HEADTEACHER WANTED – **Corpus Christi Catholic High School**, Ty Draw Road, Lisvane, CF23 6XL. Required for September 2018. Closing date 12 noon – Friday 12th January 2018. For more information, please contact Mrs B Mullins, on Tel: 02920 761893 or email bmullins@cardiff.gov.uk. **SEE POSTER**

CAFOD PYRAMID BOXES Next collection 27th/28th Jan 2018. No Collection on December.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

Waiting to go into hospital? Do please let your parish priest know in plenty of time. He will be pleased to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with you or any pastoral support you need. This is preferable to leaving it until you are in hospital. The small team of parish priests who currently provide 24/7 emergency cover in the Cardiff hospitals are under a great deal of pressure, so unfortunately there is no guarantee that one is always available at any particular time. On the same theme, if you know of any Catholic already in hospital, who needs or might like a visit or sacramental support, please continue to leave details with the Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy on 2074 3230. Thank you.

ADVENT CELEBRATIONS – ST. RICHARD GWYN

St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, Argae Lane, Barry, invites you to celebrate Advent at the school on **Tues 19th Dec at 6pm**. There will be an **Advent Reflection** in words and music, followed by seasonal refreshments and Christmas music. On **Wed 20th Dec**, from **2.45pm until 3.45pm**, our SVP group will hold their annual *Coffee and Carols* in aid of **Cancer Research**. The event timing allows people to get home before the dark nights of winter. There are **no tickets required** for the events but **please email the school n.price@strichardgwyn.co.uk or phone on 01446 729250**. You will be made very welcome.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR – FROM THE SVP

Recently we have all been reminded by Pope Francis about the commandment “**love thy neighbour**”. At Christmas time surely, this is **even more important**. Do you know of **anyone, or a family**, whom you suspect might be ‘**on their own**’? If so, you might think of delivering a Christmas card personally; or perhaps striking up a conversation with them. This might indicate if help and/or company would be welcome. **The SVP exists to fill this need BUT we are unable to ask ‘everyone’**. If after your initial contact you feel that someone might appreciate some help or a visit then **please let the SVP know** and we would be delighted to help. Please just leave an envelope with details in the collection plate when you are next in Mass.

WORLD GIFTS FROM CAFOD

As Advent progresses, we continue to **reflect on the different aspects of the season of Advent**, and on the **act of giving**. *World Gifts* offers a **different way** to share and reflect God’s love for each and every one of us. Each gift is **an example of the work CAFOD’s partners** are doing right now to **change the lives** of the poorest members of our global family. **Please pick up a catalogue showing an alternative way of giving as you leave the church**.

HOME4U SLEEP OUT – SPONSORSHIP MONIES

Mary Ward and Roswitha Davies and 8 members of the team successfully completed their annual sleep out in aid of Home4U in Cardiff city centre on 17th November. **Mary and Roswitha will collect their remaining outstanding sponsorship monies NEXT weekend ie 16/17 December**. **Gift Aid envelopes will be available**. It is **never too late to sponsor** them, even after the event!

CHOIR CONCERT – WED 13th DECEMBER

Penarth Community Choir and Llandough Hospital Community Choir presents ***It’s beginning to sound a lot like Christmas***. A celebration of Christmas music including carols, popular songs and film themes. The concert takes place at **7pm on Wednesday 13th December** in **Stanwell Baptist Church**, Stanwell Road, Penarth. **Tickets £5** which includes a mince pie.

ST. JOSEPH’S

CHRISTMAS TREE - TODAY

We shall be putting up our Christmas Tree after the **9.30am Mass TODAY**. Any helpers who can give a hand would be most welcome. **NEXT SUNDAY** (3rd Sunday of Advent), after the **9.30am Mass**, we shall bring out **THE CRIB and crib figures**. Again, if you can help the ‘team’, please stay behind after Mass.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE – NEXT SUNDAY.

Our Annual Advent Carol service will take place at **3pm on Sunday 17th December** (3rd Sunday of Advent) in **St. Joseph’s Church** featuring the Children of **St. Joseph’s Primary School**. Not to be missed.

ST. JOSEPH’S UCM

The next meeting will be on **Monday 11th December** at **7.30pm**. It will be the last meeting before Christmas; members will be enjoying a Christmas Quiz and mince pies.

ST. JOSEPH’S PIETY SHOP

Christmas cards, Advent calendars, diaries and 2018 Year Books etc. are now available. The Catholic papers are on sale in the Piety Shop every weekend. Please pick up your papers before you go. The Universe and Catholic Times cost £1.30 and the Catholic Herald £2.50. **It is important to support the Catholic press**.

ST. MARY’S

CHILDREN’S LITURGY GROUP – HELP NEEDED

The **Children’s Liturgy Group** facilitate the liturgy for the children in **St. Mary’s** alongside the **11.15 Mass**. We are **very low on helpers to run this important ministry** and need the help of parishioners to join our team. You will be able to **pair up with an experienced facilitator** so that you get to learn what’s involved. Applicants would be put through the DBS process before they can facilitate but this would be sorted out for you. If you would like to know more before committing yourself, please contact Laura – lauraaky@talktalk.net or speak to one of the other facilitators after the 11.15am Mass.

FILM CLUB for children in school years 3+ TODAY

Come along to our parish film club: **It’s free!** Bring a cushion or beanbag to sit on and pocket money for the tuck shop. We meet for the last time before Christmas **2-4pm at St. Mary’s Church Hall on 10th December** to watch ***Home Alone* (PG)**. After that, we will meet on 21st January 2018, film TBC.

CHRISTMAS BEANIE BABIES

Lara Stephens (Cowpe) will be selling these Christmas Beanie Bundles after the **11.15am Mass in St. Mary’s TODAY**. The bundles come in two sizes and each one contains a different ‘TY Beanie Baby’ or ‘Disney Beanie Baby’. All proceeds go to Teenage Cancer Trust. Prices are: large - £10 and small - £5.

Altar Linen: December – Chris Llewellyn

Please pray for our Sick

St. Joseph’s: Femmy Rowlands, Patrick Rickard, Valerie Catterall, Karen Lyons, Margaret Osborne, Nero Peralta, Leslie Moorcraft, Lesley Strain, Muriel Perry, Margaret Ward, Kay Critchett, Veronica Hooper, Joe Fadian and Sandra Curtin.

St. Mary’s: Lucienne Llewellyn, Nicholas Barron, Pat Prangle, Paul Walsh, Mary Isherwood, Betty Thorne, Pat Pickering and Clare Reece.

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TIMES OF MASSES AND RECONCILIATION
WEEK COMMENCING SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH / SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH 2017

Saturday December 9th 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)			
	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	Thanksgiving (Geary) 772
Sunday December 10th 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)			
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Patricia O'Leary (Latham) 745
	St. Mary's	11.15am	Olive Davis (Keith Scott & Family) 761
	St. Mary's	6.30pm	Joan Mathias (Family) 779
2nd Week of Advent			
Monday December 11th Advent Mass			
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	M. A. Kuriakose (Titti) 780
Tuesday December 12th Advent Mass			
	St. Mary's	9.30am	Joe Cronin (Trow) 796
Wednesday December 13th St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr			
	St. Joseph's	10.00am	Roy Greenslade (Ballard / Stanton) 791
Thursday December 14th Advent Mass			
	St. Mary's	9.30am	Edmund Ward & Family (O.B.) 767
Friday December 15th Advent Mass			
The Light is On for You	St. Joseph's	6.00pm	Exposition / Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St. Joseph's	7.00pm	Roy Greenslade (Pauline & Angela) 792
Saturday December 16th Advent Mass			
	St. Mary's	9.30am	Exposition / Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St. Mary's	10.00am	Phyllis Lamb (Kevin) 808
	St. Joseph's	11am – 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday December 16th 3rd Sunday of Advent (B) (Gaudete Sunday)			
	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	Queenie Jones (Barnes) & Mary Fitzgerald [Carol] 748
Sunday December 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent (B) (Gaudete Sunday)			
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Eva Sinclair (Latham) 784
	St. Mary's	11.15am	Mary & Ron Baker (Stimpson)
Advent Carol Service	St. Joseph's	3.00pm	With St. Joseph's Primary School children.
	St. Mary's	6.30pm	Terry & Mary Jones (Kathy) 773

Please note that the main door to St. Joseph's Church (giving access to the rear of the church, behind the glass screens and to the organ loft) will be open on weekdays Mon. Wed. Thurs and Fri. 10am to 4pm (except Tues – closed for cleaning) until Christmas.