



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

The Baptism of the Lord (B) 11th January 2015

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

A vision of salvation: listen to the Lord and your soul shall live.

Is. 12:2-6 R/

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

Faith in Christ Jesus leads us to live all God's children.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him and said: this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

The gentle carpenter of Nazareth is empowered as God's beloved Son.

White Flower (SPUC) Annual Collection - TODAY

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual **White Flower Appeal** this weekend (10th/11th 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. SPUC also provides support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously.

St. Richard Gwyn High School - School Mass.

Next Sunday 18th January we welcome the staff and pupils and governors of St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School to our 9.30am Mass in St. Joseph's. The pupils will participate in the liturgy by leading the music and proclaiming the readings. They are most welcome.

Volunteers – Christmas Tree and Crib (St. Joe's)

As usual, volunteers are required to take down the Crib and the Christmas Tree after the 9.30am Mass in St. Joseph's **this Sunday**.

We are hoping that a sufficient number of people will stay behind after Mass to give a hand. **The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of Christmastide.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Choral Vespers for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff **next Sunday**

18th January at 3pm. The Guest Speaker will be Rev. Eden Fletcher, Methodist Superintendent. The service will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome to attend this ecumenical service.

Parish Advisory Council (PAC)

Three members of the PAC have completed their first three year term and are eligible to stand for another three years. They are Don Clarey, Judith Braeman and Jenny Dunstan. All three have indicated their willingness to serve another term on the PAC. It is only after 6 years that a member *has* to step down. Canon Joe believes that elections should only be necessary when a member(s) has to be replaced either after three years or after 6 years. As this is not the case this year, he is not inviting nominations for an election and he will discuss the matter further with the PAC at their next meeting on 22nd January.

ACTA – A Call to Action – Meeting Notice

ACTA is a national group of clergy and laity who have come together to discuss the future of the Church. There is an active group in most of the dioceses in England and Wales. An inaugural meeting for a group in the Archdiocese of Cardiff is to meet at St. Brigid's Parish hall, Crystal Glen, Cardiff CF14 5QN on Monday 2nd February starting at 7pm. All are welcome. Further details are available from Frank Callus – fcallus@aol.com or on mobile no. 07956005459.

Website: www.acalltoaction.org.uk/