



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 (A) 12th January 2014

1st Reading	Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7	The Suffering Servant, filled with the Holy Spirit, is also the one who will open the eyes of those who are blind, free prisoners and bring light to those in darkness.
Ps.28	R/	<i>The Lord will bless his people with peace.</i>
2nd Reading	Acts 10:34-38	It is because God has no favourites that Jesus was able to help and heal everyone who came to him.
Acclamation		<i>Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him". Alleluia!</i>
Gospel	Matthew 3:13-17	John reluctantly baptised Jesus, whom God then acknowledged as "My Son, the Beloved".

White Flower (SPUC) Annual Collection - TODAY

This weekend (11th/12th January) the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal. 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. SPUC also offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give as generously as you can.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

To celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Choral Evening Prayer will be held on **Sunday 19th January** at St. David's Cathedral, Charles Street, Cardiff at 3pm

All are welcome. Come and join in the hymns, prayers and psalms. It will be followed by tea and coffee at 'The Cornerstone'. See Poster.

Penarth Cytûn - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week runs from **18th to 25th January**, during which there is an exchange of preachers. On **Sunday 19th January** Deacon Elfed will preach at Bethel Chapel in Plassey Street, Penarth at their 10.00am Service. This Service will be in Welsh, as will Deacon Elfed's sermon.

At 6pm on **Sunday 19th January** there will be a United Service for Christian Unity for Cytûn at Elfed Avenue, Penarth. All are welcome to attend.

Peace Sunday 19th January

Pope Francis has asked that for a General Intention for January we all promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples. The Pope's Missionary Intention is that Christians of diverse denominations may walk towards the unity desired by Christ. **'Living as one family is the foundation and pathway to peace'** is the Pope's World Peace Day message, with an invitation to celebrate this message through Pax Christi on Peace Sunday. He invites us to challenge the globalization of indifference, to work through all parts of society, finance, civil society, politics, research, development, public and cultural institutions to combat the 'throwaway culture'. Instead we are called to promote a **'culture of encounter'** to build a more just and peaceful world

Canon Joe – Visit to Rome

Canon Joe will be away from the parish from **Monday 20th January** on a visit to Rome and will return on **Saturday 25th January**. There will be Eucharistic Services therefore from Monday to Friday of that week.

Volunteers – Christmas Crib (St. Joseph's)

Volunteers are required to take down the Crib and the Christmas Tree after the 9.30am Mass this Sunday. We are hoping that the usual people will stay behind after Mass to give a hand. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of Christmastide.