



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PARISH GAZETTE

The Archdiocese of Cardiff: Charitable Incorporated Organisation No.1177272

3rd Sunday of Advent (C) Gaudete Sunday.

12th December 2021.

1st Reading Zephaniah 3: 14-18

The prophet looks forward to a time of joy as he awaits the coming of the Messiah.

Ps Is 12: 2-6. R/ v.6

*Sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

2nd Read: Philippians 4:4-7

Trust in Jesus Christ and you will find true happiness.

Acclamation: Is 61 (Lk4:18)

*Alleluia alleluia!
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

John the Baptist announces the coming of the Christ, the Anointed One, and baptism by water and the Holy Spirit.

You can view the full readings online at http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass_readings.html

THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2021 – 2023.

As you are aware, the Pope has asked the whole Church to take part in a process to inform the Synod in 2023. The theme is "journeying together" so that the Church can learn through her experience to live in Communion, to achieve participation, and to open herself to mission. The two parish representatives, Bill Nolan and Martin Price will be speaking at the end of Mass this weekend to explain the process which the parish is taking to ensure that everyone will have a chance to contribute. There is also an explanatory handout available, which is enclosed with the gazette and is also posted on the website. We are starting off the process by asking people for their written thoughts on e-mail, followed by a series of meetings in the New Year. Watch this space!

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE CARDS.

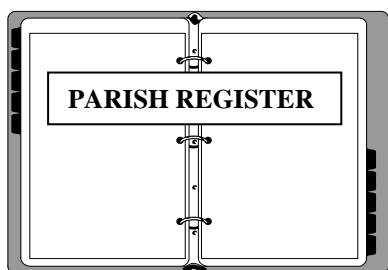
This Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, is last Sunday when the Justice and Peace Group will be asking parishioners to write a Christmas card to a prisoner of conscience. The J&P Group are proposing that parishioners send one of their own Christmas cards (preferably non-religious) to one of four prisoners of conscience **included in a handout that will be distributed after Mass today**. The handouts contain names and information of the four, and even the cost of postage. A card from you at this time of year would mean a great deal to them and it would lift their spirits, knowing that someone out there is aware of their plight and of course letting those responsible for their imprisonment know that they are being held to account.

4-PAGE GAZETTE – A WELCOME BACK.

The printed version of the Gazette is available at the back of both churches at every Sunday Mass. It is there as a symbolic gesture of welcome to those who have been away since the beginning of COVID, as we try to restore **attendance at Sunday Mass** to its rightful place in our Catholic lives. The 4-page Gazette is a symbol of the "normality" that we had pre-Covid, and which we yearn for, as we tip-toe towards the easing of restrictions imposed by the government in the wake of the new variant OMICRON. The Gazette is also an important instrument of communication because it doubles as a channel of information and a connection with their parish, for those who may feel isolated because they do not/cannot access the digital version of the Gazette online. If you know of a person in this category, then please take a Gazette to them or push it through their letterbox. Thank you.

THE ADVENT SVP APPEAL – ONGOING.

We thank those who have already contributed to the SVP Appeal. The Appeal continues. **There are collection bins positioned at the back of both churches.** Alternatively you can write cheques payable to St. Joseph's and St. Mary's SVP. Please put them in an envelope, marked for the SVP and place them in the collection bins, or post them through the presbytery door. You can also donate on-line: their bank is: Nat West, Account No. 46077669, Sort Code 60 60 04. The Account Name is G050208 St Joseph's, St Vincent de Paul Society.



Parish Priest: Monsignor Joseph Boardman V.G.
St. Joseph's Presbytery, Wordsworth Avenue
Penarth, CF64 2RL Tel: 029 2070 8247
**Monsignor Boardman can be contacted on the new
parish e-mail: penarth@rcadc.org**

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Elfed Jones
Tel: 07950 013224 email: elfed.jones@rcadc.org

Parish Website: www.stjosephsandstmarys.com
Notices/photos to: events@stjosephsandstmarys.com
Web Co-ordinator: Daniel Murray

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
Email: d.blackwell@strichardgwyn.co.uk

St. David's Catholic College (6th Form)
Ty Gwyn Rd. Penylan, Cardiff. CF23 6XL
Tel: 029 2049 8555
Email: enquiries@st-davids-coll.ac.uk

Parish Advisory Council Chair
Bill Nolan Tel: 029 2070 2056
Email: billnolan14@gmail.com

Church Hall Bookings (Suspended)
St. Joseph's – refer parish priest.
St. Mary's – refer parish priest.

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

Archdiocesan Child Safeguarding Group
Helpline: 029 2034 3811
Contacts: St. Joseph's – Mary Taylor: 029 2065 8506
St. Mary's – Nicky Price 029 2051 4034

Emergency Sick Calls. (There are restrictions).

- (i) Hospitals: Llandough and UHW – Ask a nurse to call out the priest-on-call. (or contact the Hospital Chaplaincy on (029) 2184 3230)
- (ii) Marie Curie Hospice, (Holme Tower) Penarth, Ask a nurse to Ring the Parish Priest of the patient or ring St. Joseph's Penarth on (029) 2070 8247
- (iii) Local Nursing/Care Homes – Please ring the presbytery number in Penarth (as above).

YOUR GIFTS TO THE CHURCH 5th Dec. 2021

	Gift Aid	Loose	Total
St. Joseph's	£479.50	£193.38	£672.88
St. Mary's	£25.00	£74.75	£99.75
			£772.63
(Income from standing orders approx. £500 weekly).			
SVP.			£451.34
World Missions (late)			£6.09
Standing Orders (Nov)			£2571.25
Virgin Money Donations (on-line) [Nov]			£7.50
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY			

CHRISTMAS 2021.

You will see from the table below that Christmas this year falls on a Saturday which means that the Christmas celebration extends into the weekend making it a "double weekend." Please note the timings of the Masses. Entry will not be by "ticket" this year. It will be on a first-come basis so people are asked to come early. Because of Covid, the annual Advent Carol Service in St. Joseph's with the children of St. Joseph's Primary School, has had to be cancelled again this year. So too is the Crib Service in St. Mary's on the afternoon of Christmas Eve. **Special cards have been printed and should be available by this weekend.** (See attachment)

CHRISTMAS & THE WEEKEND MASSES 2021.

(All Masses from St. Joseph's are streamed live).

Friday 24th December

Vigil Mass of Christmas - St. Joseph's. 7.00pm.

Mass of Midnight – St. Joseph's – 10.00pm.

Saturday 25th December.

Dawn Mass of Christmas – St. Joseph's – 9.30am.

Day Mass of Christmas – St. Mary's – 11.15am.

NO EVENING MASS.

Sunday 26th December. Feast of the Holy Family.

Usual Sunday Mass – St. Joseph's – 9.30am.

Usual Sunday Mass – St. Mary's – 11.15am.

THE DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS 2022.

The number of Diocesan Year Books that were ordered earlier in the year, was based on the reduced congregations that were part of the Covid restrictions at the time. Consequently, there is only a limited number for sale this year. They are at the back of church in St. Joseph's and in the priest's sacristy in St. Mary's. If you want one, just ask a steward. They cost £3. Please drop the money into the offertory collection bin.

EXTRA CONFESSIONS IN ADVENT. In addition to normal Confessions on Saturdays 10am – 11am, there will be extra time set aside during exposition of the Bl. Sac on Friday evenings from 6.15pm until the Evg Mass at 7pm. Confessions have been heard in the priest's sacristy for some time now and it has proved successful despite the Covid precautions we have to comply with. The traditional Confessional has been out of use during the pandemic. The sacristy provides a safe and well ventilated space in which to celebrate the Sacrament.

SAINT OF THE WEEK.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS. Doctor of the Church.

(Tuesday 14th December).

I first came across the Carmelites, having a friend in the late Fr. John Fitzgerald of Aberystwyth, who was a member of the Order, who was an enormous influence on Welsh-speaking Catholics like myself.

St. John was a Carmelite; his father was an accountant for a wealthy Spanish family who disowned him because he had married a poor woman of a lower class. As a result, the family fell into deep poverty and we know that his eldest sibling died of malnutrition, as well as his father when John was three years old. That left his mother scraping a living to keep the family going. Born in Avila in the mid sixteenth century, he became a biblical expert and translated the Song of Songs into Spanish. This was forbidden in those days for everything had to be in Latin to protect the original meaning. He became a priest in 1567 and encountered St. Teresa of Avila. Together they opened many Carmelite houses in Spain. However, those were troubled times because the Carmelite Order was being reformed under the direction of visitors from the Dominican Order. This led to disagreements, because both St. Teresa and St. John disagreed with the reforms as they thought the changes would undermine the original Charism of the Carmelite Order. Indeed St. John was kidnapped and charged and imprisoned for disobedience. He escaped dramatically from prison and was restored, with the intervention of Pope Gregory in 1580, who recognised that there could be a new order of Discalced Carmelites.

St. John died on December 14th 1591 from an infection, and was canonised by Pope Benedict XIII in 1726. [Deacon Elfed]

OUR RING-AND-COLLECT "PIETY SHOP" SERVICE

For your Christmas cards, Advent calendars, missals, religious articles, and cards for other occasions etc.

Please ring Shirley Powney on (029) 2053 0723

BELMONT ADVENT RETREAT – PART TWO.

These have been two in-person days at Belmont Abbey on the theme of "The Road to Bethlehem, and based on St. Luke's Infancy Story. They are led by Dom Brendan Thomas OSB.

The **second day** is on Sat 18th December 10am – 3pm.

Refreshments are included (Lunch can be booked £15).

Please contact the Retreat Secretary, Fr. Augustine on retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk or phone 01432 374750.

THE NATIONALITY AND BORDERS BILL.

This Bill currently going through Parliament is regarded by the Bishops' Conference and some eighty other concerned bodies and organisations, as being unjust and showing no respect for human dignity or the protection of human life. Please consider writing to your MP about this Bill and a template letter is available from the St. Vincent de Paul Society which you may wish to use. It outlines the main issues and objections against the Bill. To obtain a copy e-mail: petersullivan46@btinternet.com

Please pray for our sick

St. Joseph's: Valerie Catterall, Muriel Perry, Veronica Hooper and Nora Berry.

St. Mary's: Mary Isherwood, Betty Thorne, Liz Evans, Cissie Clifton, Anne Dean and Hilary Benton.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022.

Provisional dates for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are set out below:

St. Joseph's.

Mass of Enrolment: Sunday 9th January at 9.30am in St. Joseph's Church. *All candidates must attend.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation :

Thursday 17th March 2022 at 6pm in St. Joseph's Church.

First Holy Communion :

Saturday 18th June 2022 at 11am in St. Joseph's Church.

St. Mary's

Mass of Enrolment: Sunday 9th January at 11.15am in St. Mary's Church. *All candidates must attend.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wed 9th March at 7pm in St. Mary's Church.

First Holy Communion:

Saturday 11th June at 11am in St. Mary's Church.

Contact e-mail addresses for the catechists are:

St. Joseph's – cm.sommerville@hotmail.co.uk

St. Mary's – victoriabatten@hotmail.co.uk

ONLINE DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

We have been receiving a steady trickle of donations to the parish account via a donation platform called Virgin Money Giving. Would those who have been using this facility, or those who have been thinking about making donations via this platform, please note that Virgin Money Giving is no longer accepting donations on behalf of our parish as from the end of November 2021..

However, we are pleased to inform you that the Archdiocese has set up a new donations platform for every parish. It is called "Invest in my Community" and will work in the same way as Virgin Money Giving. We are currently in the process of updating our parish website. In the meantime, we have been asked to contact regular donors to Virgin Money Giving asking them to either set up a Standing Order as an alternative method of giving, or to move their regular donation onto the new Invest in My Community platform. For more information contact Martin Price on martin@martinprice.com

TO ARRANGE A BANKERS ORDER FOR THE PARISH.

These are the details you require

PLEASE PAY TO: Barclays Bank Queen St. Cardiff.

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TO THE CREDIT OF: **Archdiocese of Cardiff**

PARISH ACCOUNT NUMBER: **33170373**

The "Archdiocese of Cardiff" identifies the "Group" account, and the "Parish Account Number" identifies the Parish.

You can find a blank Bankers Order Form on our website. Simply click on "Parish Offertory".

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR PARISHES.

This week it is the turn of our neighbour, St. Helen's, Barry.

The parish priest is Canon Patrick O'Gorman. There is St Helen's Primary School, and the Junior School which is a feeder school for St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School.

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TIMES OF MASSES
MASSES WITH A FULL CONGREGATION*
(SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS)

Saturday*	Dec 11th	3rd Sunday of Advent (C) Gaudete Sunday	
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	Patricia (Pat) Hardiman. (Family) 13
Streamed Live			
Sunday*	Dec 12th	3rd Sunday of Advent (C) Gaudete Sunday	
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Teresa Maramaros (Gamgee) 210
Streamed Live			
Public Mass	St. Mary's	11.15am	People of our Parish, living and dead.
Weekdays of Advent. Week 3.			
Monday	Dec 13th	St. Lucy. Virgin and Martyr.	
Live streamed	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Peggy Roblin (Trow) 230
Tuesday*	Dec 14th	St. John of the Cross. Priest. Doctor of the Church.	
MASS IN PRIVATE		9.00am	Priest's Int'n
Wednesday	Dec 15th	Weekday in Advent	
Live streamed	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Madeleine Heguy (Trow) 231
Thursday	Dec 16th	Weekday in Advent	
MASS IN PRIVATE		9.00am	Peter Payne (Pam)
Friday*	Dec 17th	Weekday in Advent	
	St. Joseph's	6.15pm	Exposition of the Bl. Sac. + Confessions
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	7.00pm	Lesley Strain (Adrian) 177
Streamed live			
Saturday*	Dec 18th	4th Sunday of Advent (C)	
	St. Joseph's	10am-11am	Sacrament of Reconciliation.
BAPTISM	St. Joseph's	2.00pm	Esmeralda Berenice Patricia Crowe
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	John & Nell O'Donovan (Anne & Chris) 161
Streamed live			
Sunday*	Dec 19th	4th Sunday of Advent (C)	
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Peter Cummins (Judy & Family) 202
Streamed live			
Public Mass	St. Mary's	11.15am	Des Roblin (Kit) 207



"The Lord says this: You Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. He himself will be peace." (Micah 1:14)





A SAVIOUR IS BORN

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CHRISTMAS 2021

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10.00pm St Joseph's Penarth, Mass of Midnight

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11.15am St Mary's Dinas Powys, Day Mass of Christmas

NO EVENING MASS

Sunday 26th December - Feast of the Holy Family

9.30am St Joseph's, Penarth, Usual Sunday Mass

11.15am St Mary's Dinas Powys, Usual Sunday Mass

ALL MASSES FROM ST JOSEPH'S ARE STREAMED LIVE.

Visit: stjosephsandstmarys.com

Click on: "Live Mass".



Catering Assistant Wanted

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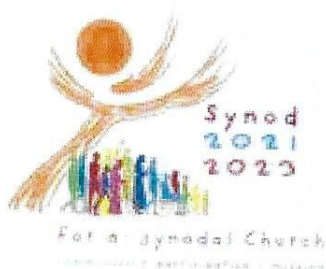
If you are enthusiastic and reliable and would like to join our dynamic catering team then we have a vacancy for a Catering Assistant. The successful candidate would assist with the production, serving and selling of school foods and maintaining the Catering Department in a clean, safe condition.

We are looking for someone who is flexible, able to work alone and with a team and willing to undertake training.

We are keen to accept applications as soon as possible. If you are interested, please email an expression of interest together with your CV to recruitment@strichardgwyn.school by midday on Friday 7th January 2022.

St Joseph's and St Mary's Penarth and Dinas Powys

Synod 2021 / 2022



Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: He says: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission. Our "journeying together" is, in fact, what most effectively enacts and manifests the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God.

- What do we mean by a Synod? Its Greek origins are: "syn" together and "hodos" road or path – journeying together, talking and listening to each other
- Synods are as old as the Church – Acts 15 – Disciples met with James and Peter and others to discuss how the new Church should reach out to the Gentiles.
- It involves bishops, clergy and laity
- Reaches out to each and every one of the People of God

How are we in Penarth and Dinas Powys going to address this?

We ask everyone to think and pray about how they can contribute to the Synod's work locally and in the wider world. It may help to ponder some practical questions

- What should the Church look like in ten years' time? In the Parish, the Diocese, in the World.
- Given what you see of the Church's words and actions in the Parish and beyond, what would you say is the Church's Mission?
- What are the best ways in which we bring people together at the moment?
- How can we better enable full participation and co-responsibility in the life of the church at Parish and Diocesan levels?
- Reflecting on the effect of the pandemic, how has participation in the Parish been affected? Were these issues there before?

These are just suggestions. This is a listening process. What questions do you see as important?

We ask you to share your thoughts, in writing if you wish, during December in paper form or by sending them by email to synodstjstmsynod@gmail.com. These contributions will inform the themes of our discussions.

The Parish Council will meet and there will be a series of structured public meetings in St Joseph's and St Mary's during January and February. These will be face to face as permitted by Covid regulations and held virtually.

The themes will be gathered into a Document which will form the Parish's response to the Pope's request and will be forwarded to the Diocese to be incorporated in the Diocese's response to the Bishops of England and Wales and thence to Rome.