



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

DINAS POWYS

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) (Sea Sunday) 13th July 2014

1st Reading	Isiah 55:10-11	God's word succeeds in what it was sent to do.
Ps.64	<i>R/</i>	<i>Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.</i>
2nd Reading	Romans 8:18-23	The whole of creation seeks to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.
Acclamation		<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i>
Gospel	Matthew 13:1-23	The one who hears God's word and understands it is the one who yields a great harvest.

Sea Sunday - 2nd Collection TODAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers.

Seafarers living and working on board ships have to endure much. They face danger from heavy machinery and constant discomfort on pitching decks. Their accommodation may be cramped and basic. Their fellow crew members may be too much for them. Yet there is loneliness in their hearts, as the months go past far from home.

Seafarers, perhaps more than most people, need, crave and deserve the strength and comfort of Christian faith and Christian friendship. They tell us that they want to hear the Word of God, and be part of the believing Church. In the short window of opportunity when their ship is in port, they need support that is immediate, practical personal and also spiritual.

The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) offers this support, but it offers it as the Church's outreach to this very special and scattered "congregation". It offers it under the patronage of Our Lady Star of the Sea. Indeed her title of Stella Maris is better known to seafarers than the official name of AoS.

Please give generously to support its important work.

For more info visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

SVP – the next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 15th July** at 7.30pm in St. Mary's hall.

Cardiff and the Vale Citizens Alliance

Special Parish Meeting – Thursday 17th July in St. Joseph's Hall at 7.30pm. Final reminder !!!!!

This is a new community based initiative which, when it is launched in October 2014, will mirror other Citizens Alliances which are already up and running in various parts of the UK. Our local Citizens Alliance will be made up of a diverse mixture of communities from religious groups, secular groups, universities, schools, charities and trades unions. Our local organiser is Jonathan Cox, son of Rev Peter Cox, vicar of All Saints Church, Penarth.

Prior to the launch in October, a special parish meeting will take place in St. Joseph's Hall on **Thursday 17th July** at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Jim Barnaville of St. David's Cathedral, who is well versed in Catholic social teaching.

Cardiff and the Vale Citizens Alliance has the backing and commitment of Archbishop George Stack and Archbishop Barry Morgan, who will both be prominent at the launch, with other religious and community leaders.

Canon Joe is asking for parishioners to come to the meeting and find out more about its aims and objectives, and how they can play a part in preparing for its launch in October.

Please come along and join Canon Joe so that St. Joseph's and St. Mary's can play its part in what is going to be an important instrument for change, for social justice and for the common good.

NO MORNING MASS

On Wednesday of this week (16th July) there will be **no 10.00am morning Mass** in St. Joseph's. Canon Joe has a Diocesan meeting to attend during the morning. Instead there will be an **evening Mass** in St. Joseph's at 7pm.