



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)

13th September 2015

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

The prophet foretells Christ's total trust in his Father at the time of his Passion.

Ps. 114:1-6. 8-9

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I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living

2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

The apostle teaches that faith in God should lead us to active charity

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus explains that suffering and surrender into God's hands are the necessary prelude to eternal happiness.

Next Sunday – Home Mission Sunday – a second collection will be taken.

On Sunday 20th September the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales ask that Home Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish to invite prayer and support for the work of evangelisation.

Here are four ways of responding to next Sunday's Gospel – in our lives, in our families, in our parishes and by reaching out to non-churchgoing Catholics. We have to allow ourselves to be called by God to whatever acts of witness he wants from us. Pope Francis says: evangelisation "is first and foremost the Lord's work, surpassing anything we can see and understand. In every act of evangelisation, the primacy always belongs to God, who has called us to co-operate with him and who leads us on by the power of his Spirit" (EG 12).

Confirmation – St. Joseph's & St. Mary's

If you, or anyone you know, are thinking about the Sacrament of Confirmation, the programme will start in October, with the Sacrament being celebrated next summer. You need to be 12+ (year 8 starting September) or older. Collect an enrolment form from the sacristy (both churches) or email the co-ordinator: nickyprice53@gmail.com for an enrolment form and give your name and contact details to Canon Boardman.

UCM Centenary – Quarterly Mass

On Wednesday 23rd September St. Joseph's UCM will be celebrating the centenary of their foundation – the first set up in Wales. Other UCM foundations from the Archdiocese will join us at the UCM Quarterly Mass. Groups from our parish have been invited and the invitation is cordially extended to all parishioners, especially past members of the UCM.

New Safeguarding & Learning Programme

The Catholic Church of England and Wales is the first Church in the UK – and indeed the world – to offer safeguarding and learning to every parishioner free of charge. For further details please see: www.catholicnews.org.uk. The programme is an integral part of the commitment of the Catholic Church for safeguarding.

Annual Holiday – Canon Joe

Please note that Canon Joe will be returning from his annual holiday this Thursday 17th September, on which day he will celebrate the morning Mass in St. Mary's at 9.30am. In the interim Fr. Dermot Tredget OSB will cover this weekend Masses, while there will be Eucharistic Services each weekday until Thursday. **Please note that there will be no evening Mass in St. Mary's this Sunday evening.**