



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Third Sunday of Advent (Year C) (Gaudete Sunday)

13th December 2015

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

After warning against the coming day of judgement, the prophet encourages the people to rejoice because God is among them and salvation is near.

Is. 12:2-6. *R/*

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

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul is in prison because of his work for the Lord but concentrates only on his love and concern for the Christians in Philippi.

Acclamation:

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 3:10-8

John the Baptist teaches the people how to change their lives in preparation for the coming of Christ.

Advent Carol Service – TODAY Sunday

Our annual Advent Carol Service will take place at 3pm today **Sunday 13th December (3rd Sunday of Advent)** in St. Joseph's Church, featuring the children of St. Joseph's Primary School.

Christmas Masses and Service Cards

Cards are now available at the back of both our churches showing Mass and Service times over the holiday period. **Please take one and display it prominently in your home.** Be ready to share the information with anyone who asks you.

➤ **Saturday 26th/Sunday 27th December
(Feast of the Holy Family)**

Please note that there will be normal weekend Masses which begin on the evening of Boxing Day with the first Mass of Sunday at 5pm. There will be normal Sunday Masses on the Sunday (27th), including the 6.30pm evening Mass in St. Mary's.

Walk With Me – Advent 2015' Booklet

Only one or two of these pocket-size booklets of prayers and reflections for Advent and Christmas 2015 are left. Priced at £1 each.

The Holy Year of Mercy Banner

The Holy Year Banner is now displayed in both our churches. An image with which we shall become familiar in the year ahead is the Holy Year logo. This illustrates Jesus taking on his shoulders the lost and strayed. According to that illustration, He just does not take us on his shoulders, but merges his life with our life so that the two become one: a profound reflection on our sharing in His life through Baptism, Holy Communion and Reconciliation. The merging of the eyes illustrate the truth that Christ sees with the eyes of Adam - and Adam (which is the whole human race), is enabled to see with the eyes of Christ. We see the meaning and purpose of our lives as life lived through and with and in union with Christ.

Although the Holy Door in St. Peter's in Rome was opened on Tuesday of last week (8th December) by Pope Francis, heralding the beginning of the Holy Year, our own Year of Mercy will begin **TODAY Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent)**, when the Holy Door in St. David's Cathedral will be opened by our Archbishop.