

Justice & Peace (J&P) – Prisoners of Conscience

For the second and last time this Advent, our J&P group will be inviting parishioners to sign and send cards to Prisoners of Conscience over the Christmas period. Cards and stamps cost £1.50 each. These prisoners need our support all year, but we can tell them, particularly at this time of year, that they are not alone or forgotten. You can read more about these prisoners by accessing the website: www.stjosephsandstmarys.com, clicking on information and then on the Justice and Peace group.

SVP - The next meeting of the SVP will be on **Tuesday 5th January in St Joseph's Hall at 2.15pm**

St. Richard Gwyn High School

As we try to make Advent a time of reflection and preparation for our students, they are reaching out to all our parishes to invite you to celebrate this Holy Season. On **Monday 14th December** at 2.30 pm the school SVP group hold their annual Coffee and Carols with refreshments for all. There is no charge – older parishioners are especially welcome and we can arrange transport.

On **Wednesday 16th December** at 6pm we have our Advent and Christmas celebration "Journey to Christmas".

There is no charge for either event and no tickets. Simply phone the school on 01446 729220 or 01446 29250 to let us know you are coming. There will be a retiring collection at both events for our CAFOD refugee appeal.

St. David's Sixth Form College Christmas Party

This is the last opportunity to let us know if you know of any senior citizens who would like to go to the annual Community Mass and Christmas Party at the College on **Thursday 17th December** from 12 noon until 3pm. Parishioners wishing to attend may give their names to Deacon Elfed (07950 013224) or Sheila Collins (029 2115 3074).

Missio – Red Boxes

- Thank you so much to everybody. The detail of individual amounts by box reference number is listed at the back of church as usual.
- **Mission Today Calendar 2016** is available from the back of church. Anyone can take one.
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CAFOD "World Gifts" Catalogues

A number of catalogues have been placed at the back of church offering many ALTERNATIVE gifts suitable for Christmas. The refugee crisis in both Europe and the Middle East has prompted CAFOD to include two additional World Gifts this year: **Food for a family** and **Winter survival kit** are both gifts that can help provide the basic necessities to those fleeing war. Other gifts help people in the poorest countries to make a living.

CAFOD is recruiting – A Community Participation Coordinator. CAFOD is currently looking for a Community Participation Coordinator based from our volunteer centre in Cardiff to cover CAFOD's work in the dioceses of Cardiff and Menevia. This is part time (17.5 hours per week) fixed term contract to 31st July 2017. To read more and to apply please visit Cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/UK-Jobs/CPC-South-Wales and complete our online application form by the closing date on

3 Jan 2016. Contact CAFOD South Wales for further details on 029 2034 4882 or e-mail southwales@cafod.org.uk.

St. Joseph's & St. Mary's Parish Film Club

Our parish invites all children in school years 3 – 8 to its FREE Film Club. This month's film is '**ELF**' (PG) on **Sunday 20th December** from 2 – 4pm in St. Mary's Church hall, Edith Road, Dinas Powys. Bring a cushion to sit on and money for the tuck shop. Any questions – contact Stephen Katchi on skatchi@btopenworld.com or Lisa Hassan Scott on lisa@lisahassanscott.co.uk.

ST. JOSEPH'S

Christina Rose Coelho R.I.P.

Christina lived at 66 Windsor Road, Penarth and she passed away in UHW on the 5th December at the age of 53 years after a long illness. Please remember her family in your prayers at this sad time. A Funeral Service will take place at the Vale Crematorium on **Friday 18th December** at 11am. Canon Boardman will officiate. **May She Rest In Peace.**

Penarth Cytûn Events

➤ March of Light – Saturday 19th December

The March will take place on Saturday 19th December, meeting at Penarth Heights at the top of Arcot Street at 3.45pm and processing at 4pm with carol singing, moving along Arcot Street into Plassey Street and then Glebe Street, where we will gather in front of the St. Fagan's Public House to sing carols until around 5pm. Coffee will be served but donations of mince pies would be welcomed.

UCM – The next meeting will take place in St. Joseph's hall on **Monday 14th December** at 7.30pm. New members welcome – just come along.

Piety Shop – don't forget to pick up your Catholic papers and periodicals. Thank you.

With Christmas around the corner, there are still a variety of cards, advent calendars, diaries, AND NOW YEAR BOOKS available. Why not visit the shop after Mass?

ST. MARY'S

UCM – The Annual Dinner will take place next **Wednesday 16th December** at The Huntsman, Dinas Powys. Please meet there at 7.30pm.

Altar Linen: December: Chris Llewellyn

Please pray for our Sick

St Joseph's: Eileen Sinclair, Femmy Rowlands, Patrick Rickard, Charles Curran, Valerie Catterall, Norma Flanigan, Karen Lyons, Margaret Osborne, Nero Peralta, Gordon Smith, Leslie Moorcroft, John Gibbs, Joe Cronin and Helena Miller.

St. Mary's: Lucienne Llewellyn, Nicholas Barron, Pat Prangley, Bernard McParlin, Terry Jones, Paul Walsh, Mary Isherwood, Betty Thorne, Sheila Docking and John O'Donnell.