



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

DINAS POWYS

Feast: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14th September 2014

1st Reading	Numbers 21:4-9	God was prepared to save the lives of those Israelites who rebelled against Moses and the hardships of the desert.
Ps.77	<i>R/</i>	<i>Never forget the deeds of the Lord.</i>
2nd Reading	Philippians 2:6-11	In Jesus, God chose to be one of us. Through the pain and humiliation of the cross, Jesus raised our humanity from degradation to glory.
Acclamation		<i>Alleluia, alleluia! We Adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!</i>
Gospel	John 3:13-17	Just as Moses lifted up a bronze serpent in order to heal those who would otherwise have died, so Jesus, through the cross, gives life to those who search for him.

Racial Justice Sunday – This Weekend!

TODAY the Catholic Church in England and Wales will be celebrating Racial Justice Sunday (**14th September**). It is a day on which all Christians are called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality. Please pray for this intention in your own prayers. The Catholic Church in England and Wales is contributing to the efforts to overcome racial injustice in our nation through the pioneering work of the Bishops' Conference Office for Migration. To support this work and that of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice, **a second collection will be taken this weekend**. Your donation, however great or small, will help to make a difference. Thank you.



Sacramental Preparation 2014/2015 (St. Joseph's)

The preparation course for those children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in St. Joseph's Church will be starting soon. Parents wishing to enrol their children on the program (children in Year 3 or above) are invited to see Canon Boardman or one of the Catechists for an enrolment form, to be returned as soon as possible. Forms will also be available from St. Joseph's Primary School.

Youth SVP – Our new group for those who were confirmed last year, or earlier, re-starts on this Sunday in St. Mary's hall. President Megan White says new members are very welcome. In this month of awareness about SVP the young people are turning **concern** into action – so join them!



First Holy Communion 2014/2015 (St. Mary's).

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Confirmation 2015

Confirmation this year will take place in St. Mary's Church on **Friday 12th June 2015**. Anyone in Year 8 or above in any secondary school (aged 12+) who would like to be confirmed this year should give their names as soon as possible to Canon Joe and collect an enrolment form. If you know anyone in this age group who is thinking of being confirmed please pass this message on. Pupils in St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School may collect their forms from the chaplain. All forms should be returned to Canon Joe. If you have already given Canon Joe your name, please collect a form and return it.

SVP Meeting

The next meeting of St. Joseph's & St. Mary's SVP will be held in St. Mary's hall on **Tuesday 16th September at 7pm**.

Parish Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

There will be a meeting of the PAC on **Thursday 18th September** at 7.30pm in St. Mary's hall. A good attendance would be appreciated.