

## Advent Homilies

Fr Tim McGrath will give the last '**Friday Homily**' in St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at the 12.45pm Mass.

### Advent Reflections.

• Advent is a beginning and an end, an alpha and an omega of the Church's year of grace. Too often considered merely a season of preparation for the annual commemoration of Christ's birth, this rich and multi-layered season is actually designed to prepare the Christian for the glorious possibilities of the "parousia" – the Second Coming of the Lord.

• "**Come Lord Jesus**" (**Apocalypse 22:20**) *William J. Storey*

• Our time is a time of waiting; waiting is its special destiny. And every time is a time of waiting, waiting for the breaking in of eternity. All the time runs forward. All time, both history and in personal life, is expectation. Time itself is waiting, waiting not for another time, but for that which is eternal. *Paul Tillich*

### Last Chance to sign up for the Senior Citizens Community Mass & Christmas Party at St. David's Catholic Sixth Form College – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Senior parishioners are invited to this celebration from 12 noon until 3pm. Following the Mass, a buffet and a full entertainment programme with prizes and small gifts will be provided. For the housebound, it is a lovely opportunity to meet new friends. For the more active, it is an entertaining and vibrant occasion where young and old enjoy each other's company.

**Will those wishing to attend, if you have not done so already, please give their names** to Sister Joseph Mary (St. Joseph's) 2070 4481 or Sheila Collins (St. Mary's) 2115 3074, or fill in one of the postcards at the back of church and give it to Canon Joe for onward transmission to the college. See Poster

**Mission Today Calendar 2015** is available from the back of church. There are plenty of spare copies so even if you do not have a Red Box, you are invited to take a copy home.

**The Missio 2013 Annual Review** lists: - 54 churches and chapels built; £93,323 distributed to help children around the world; 1,989 seminarians trained for the priesthood; nearly £5 million raised by Missio in England and Wales; just under £3 million raised by the Red Box in Catholic homes; £458,813 raised on World Mission Sunday.

Any queries to Tim White - tel: 2070 7558.

### World Youth Day 2016

After a successful Youth Encounter Event at St David's Cathedral, on the solemnity of Christ the King when Archbishop Stack launched the registration for World Youth Day 2016, preparation is now in full swing. Full information may be found on the diocese website for World Youth Day (WYD) [www.Cardiff2Krakow.org](http://www.Cardiff2Krakow.org). There you will find the latest information for spiritual and practical preparation for WYD, as well as the registration form that is required to be filled in. Young people are invited to participate in this exciting adventure. It will be a very special occasion, where you can

share with other young people your faith, and the real joy of the Gospel.

### Mike Dacey R.I.P.

We have been informed of the death in Caerphilly on the 8<sup>th</sup> December of a former parishioner, Mike Dacey. For the benefit of those who knew him, his funeral will be at St. Helen's, Caerphilly on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm. Our condolences are with his family at this time.

**May he rest in peace.**

### CAFOD Pyramid Boxes

Donations for the month of October totalled as follows: -

St. Joseph's: £61.20 + GA: £29.71

St. Mary's: £132.00.

Thank you!

### CYTŪN – March of Light

This March is being organised as a witness within the community of Jesus' presence and hope at Christmas. It will take the format of the Good Friday March of Witness, processing from the top of Arcot Street to West House, starting at 5pm on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December** with participants carrying lights and singing carols.

Please bring your own torches, camping lanterns, mobile phones – anything to safely provide light.

**Bible Alive:** A couple of complimentary copies of this monthly publication are left at the back of St. Joseph's. It's a way of giving yourself a spiritual uplift every day. Take one.

## ST. JOSEPH'S

**Piety Shop:** Please pick up your Catholic papers – the Universe, the Catholic Times, and the Catholic Herald. (Check out the new Catholic Herald format. Price £2.)

**A variety of Xmas cards, Advent calendars and diaries are still on sale.**

## ST. MARY'S

### John Porter R.I.P

Sadly John lost his battle with cancer and died on 6<sup>th</sup> December in Velindre Hospital. Our thoughts are with Nick and Kerry and the children at this time. The Funeral Service will take place in St. Mary's **this Monday at 2.15 pm** and afterwards St. Andrews Major.

**May he rest in peace.**

**Altar Linen:** December – Chris Llewellyn  
January - Pam Huish

### Please pray for our Sick

**St Joseph's:** Eileen Sinclair, Femmy Rowlands, Patrick Rickard, Joe Cronin, Charles Curran, Valerie Catterall, Norma Flanigan, Karen Lyons, Nero Peralta, Maria Ferrari, Damian Hegarty and Bev Fitzgerald..

**St. Mary's:** Lucienne Llewellyn, Bill Turton, Nicholas Barron, Pat Prangley, Bernard McParlin, Terry Jones, Paul Walsh and Mary Isherwood.