



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A) January 15th 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6

God's servant is called to bring all people to God, to be "the light of all nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth".

Ps 39: 2. 4. 7-10. Rv. 8. 9.

*Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

Paul prays that the people of Corinth will experience the grace and peace of Christ, and be called into communion with one another and with Christ.

Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 1: 29-34

John the Baptist saw the Spirit of God come down upon Jesus in the form of a dove and identifies Jesus as "the Chosen One of God" and "the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world".

ENROLMENT MASS FOR CONFIRMANDI:

This morning at the 9.30am Mass in St. Joseph's we welcome our young people who will be Confirmed this year (Wed 17th May). They will be making their commitment to the preparation programme during the Mass.

PEACE SUNDAY – TODAY

Recently, there was a meeting in Rome of representatives of the **Catholic peace movement** including bishops, priests, leaders of religious congregations and national leaders of **Pax Christi**. Our own UK representative, Pat Gaffney, was there. They were **reflecting on** affirming the vision and practice of **gospel non-violence at the heart of the Church**. They launched the **CATHOLIC NON-VIOLENCE INITIATIVE**. Pope Francis affirmed this in his 2017 peace message to the whole world, in which he said: "*may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds and becoming non-violent people and to build non-violent communities that care for*

our common home. Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be a peace maker".

For further information, please visit this website:

www.paxchristi.net

SVP: The next meeting of the SVP will be on Tuesday 24th Jan in St. Mary's Hall.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL – THIS WEEKEND

The **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)** will be holding its **annual appeal this weekend**. In 2017, SPUC is commemorating the **50th anniversary** of the passing of the **1967 Abortion Act**. Over **8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives** due to abortion in the last 50 years. Since 1967, SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. **Please help** make 2017 a landmark year in SPUC's historic campaign to **win legal protection** for unborn children. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC and help save **mothers and babies from abortion**.