



# 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 15<sup>th</sup> 2017

1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.paxchristi.net)

**SVP:** The next meeting of the SVP will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 **50<sup>th</sup> 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**.