



# ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

Separation from the community is a rule laid down for those with a contagious disease.

Ps.31:1-2,5,11

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*You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Christ Jesus is the true model of life.

**Acclamation:**

***Alleluia, alleluia! May the father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!***

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus heals a leper and finds he has to stay outside.

### LENT 2015 begins this week.

Wednesday of this week (18<sup>th</sup> February) is Ash Wednesday (a Day of Fasting and Abstinence) with a morning Mass at 10.00am in St. Joseph's and an evening Mass at 7.30pm in St. Mary's, with the blessing and distribution of ashes in each church. We begin our penitential journey to Easter, following in the steps of Our Lord, who spent 40 days in the desert preparing through prayer fasting and penance, for what lay ahead. We undertake our own spiritual journey through the weeks of Lent to condition ourselves by prayer and self-denial, so that we emerge stronger in our faith, renewed in our commitment and more spiritually focussed in our daily lives.

### Deanery Lenten Station Mass

This year the First Deanery Lenten Station Mass will take place in the Cardiff Deanery on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.00pm in St. Teilo's Church, Whitchurch. Archbishop George will be the main celebrant. It is hoped that a good representation from all the parishes of the Deanery will attend.

### 'Walk with Me: A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2015'

Some copies of this pocket-size booklet of prayers and reflections for Lent 2015 are now available. The Bishops of the Welsh Province recommend it as an aid to prayer. This year 'Walk with Me' reflects on *The Joy of Living the*

*Beatitudes*. The introduction to the booklet tells us 'the forty days of Lent encapsulate that journey of faith we all make in following Jesus'. They remind us of the time the people of Israel wandered in the desert and of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert preparing for his public ministry. We too are called into the desert, to strip away the distractions and pride which so often blind us to what is good and true about ourselves and others.

**'Walk with Me' costs £1 per copy and copies are available at the back of both churches.**

### "The Light is ON for You" again this Lent :-

**For four of the Wednesdays of Lent (from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March until Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March),** Canon Joe or another priest from the Cardiff Deanery will be available from 7pm – 8pm in St. Joseph's, Penarth, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Other Catholic Parish Churches in the Archdiocese of Cardiff will also be taking part. Both practising and lapsed Catholics are invited to come to Confession this Lent. Those who may have wandered from the life of the Church or those Mass-going Catholics who have been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation for some years will be most welcome.

### Stations of the Cross and Benediction for Lent.

On the six Sundays of Lent up to and including Palm Sunday, there will be traditional Stations of the Cross and Benediction beginning at 4pm.