



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Fourth Sunday (Laetare) of Lent (B) 15th March 2015

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23 Such was the persistence of God's people in pursuing their own way and ignoring the Lord's that they found themselves exiled from the land promised to them. But the Lord worked through Cyrus, a gentile, to restore his people to their land and relationship with him.

Ps. 136:1-6

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O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

The great gift of God's boundless love and grace comes to us in Jesus, and fills our everyday lives in the Spirit. When we hand ourselves over to the Lord's love, he recreates us as his works of art.

Acclamation:

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ
God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ*

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Nicodemus come to Jesus by night. In the shadows of this conversation of wondering and searching, Jesus speaks of the love of the Father and the healing that is made possible for all people through the gift of his own life and his sacrifice on the cross.

THE CREDO OF MARRIAGE

Our Catholic faith and the teaching of the Church enable us to affirm the truth about marriage and family.

WHAT WE BELIEVE: -

We believe that, in Christian marriage, a man and a woman are joined together as husband and wife in a bond of love that is total, faithful, fruitful and lifelong in which Christ is ever present.

We believe that families are schools of deepest humanity, where virtue is learned and parents are the first teachers in the ways of faith.

We believe that the family is the foundation of society and the common good.

We believe that the Lord is present in the joys and struggles of spouses and families.

Therefore as a Church - We believe that marriage is the basis for family life which offers to the world the witness of faith lived as a journey of hope, joy and love.

Some questions for reflection:

- How do they touch your own call and mission as a family?
- What are your joys and hopes of marriage and family life today?
- What are your struggles and fears of marriage and family life today?
- Can we better understand Marriage as a vocation?
- How does marriage enrich you?
- How does your family life enrich those around you?
- In what ways, through the abiding presence of God, can your family be "salt of the earth and light of the world", and a place of and for handing on our faith?

Your responses can be sent to the Family Life Commission