

## Stations of the Cross through Cardiff City Centre

Start on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at 10.45am: meet at the front steps of the Cornerstone (opposite St. David's Cathedral, Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2SF). See notice board for more info or go to [www.sdrcf.org.uk/stationsofthecross.htm](http://www.sdrcf.org.uk/stationsofthecross.htm). Thank you and God bless – hope to see you there!

**Confirmation:** a Reminder to all those taking part in this year's programme that the next meeting for candidates will be on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** in St. Mary's hall as usual – 7pm for 7.15pm start, ending at 8.45pm promptly.

## General Election 2015

The Bishops have written a joint Letter to all Catholics in England and Wales encouraging us to participate and vote in the election and offering some key issues and questions for reflection on where candidate stand. **Copies will be available THIS WEEKEND 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March.** We are all encouraged to take a copy and read it..

## St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

➤ It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Alesha O'Connor, past pupil and parishioner of St. Helen's, in the road tragedy near Brecon last weekend. Past pupils have visited the school this week and found comfort in the chapel. Please keep all those who died and their families in your prayers this week.

➤ Our Lenten service is a joint celebration with the infant and junior schools of St. Helen's, to take place in St. Helen's Church, Barry on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm and again on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** at 2pm. Please join us to hear the young people's story of Holy Week and join in their prayers. In future we aim to work with St. Joseph's Primary school on a similar service.

**Youth SVP:** The parish Youth SVP group are planning an event for years 3-6 (age 7-11) called Lenten Laughs. This will take place on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** from 1 to 3pm in St. Mary's hall and entrance will be by ticket only. Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend and next. A fun-packed afternoon of crafts and games is promised to help the children understand Holy Week.

## "Preparing to renew Baptismal Promises"

Four Faith Sharing meetings will be led by Fr. Ambrose Walsh, author of **"Shall I Renew my Baptismal Promises at Easter?"** and will be held in Christ the King Parish Centre, Newborough/Templeton Avenue, Llanishen, Cardiff CF14 5DB on **Tuesdays** from 2pm to 4pm on 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## Talk on Oscar Romero: A Martyr's Legacy

With the news that the beatification of the late Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador has been confirmed, our speaker, Julian Filochowski, chair of Archbishop Romero Trust, will give an insight to why Romero's message is so significant for our Church today. The talk begins at 7pm on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at St. David's Catholic College, Ty-Gwyn Road, Cardiff CF23 5QD. All welcome. Contact CAFOD South Wales on: [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk) for further information. See Poster.

**"The Light is ON for You" again this Lent.**

**For the next two Wednesdays of Lent (until Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March),** Canon Joe will be available from 7pm – 8pm in St. Joseph's, Penarth, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is in addition to the normal times of Confessions on Saturdays.

## Parish Advisory Council (PAC)

A reminder to members that there is a PAC Meeting this week on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's hall. A good attendance will be appreciated.

## Justice & Peace (J&P)

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church hall. New members are always most welcome. Thank you.

## The Glory of Easter

A concert will take place on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in St. David's Hall, Cardiff with the Cambrensis Choir and Orchestra, St. David's Praise Choir and soloist Kelvin Thomas. Tickets £13 and £11. The music includes both traditional and modern and will uplift you – bring a friend!

## ST. JOSEPH'S

### Lenten Lunches

This year as last year the Lenten lunches will take place at the Salvation Army Citadel in Plassey Street on Fridays from noon to 2pm - cost will be £4.

**On 20<sup>th</sup> March Stanwell Baptist and St Joseph's Churches will provide the Friday lunch.** All are welcome

### Eucharistic Service.

**A week on Monday** (March 23<sup>rd</sup>) there will be a Eucharistic Service in St. Joseph's at 9.30am instead of Mass as Canon Joe has to attend a diocesan meeting.

## ST. MARY'S

### Sacramental Preparation (St. Mary's)

The next meeting for children preparing for First Communion will be held in the hall on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**, beginning at 10.30am.



### St. Mary's UCM.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March**, beginning at 7.30pm in St. Mary's hall. During the evening for our Lenten reflection we will walk and pray the Stations of the Cross in church. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome - just come along. New members are always welcome to join us.

**Altar Linen:** March - Anne Fowler

### 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, Bev Fitzgerald and Gordon Smith.

**St. Mary's:** Lucienne Llewellyn, Nicholas Barron, Pat Prangley, Bernard McParlin, Terry Jones, Paul Walsh, Mary Isherwood, Betty Thorne, Charles Bulpin and John O'Donnell.