



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday (Year C) April 17th 2016

1st Reading : Acts 13:14,43-52

The preaching of Paul and Barnabas is well received by the Jewish community in Antioch, but their leaders are so opposed to it that Paul directs his mission instead to the pagans.

Psalm 99:1-3, 5 R v3

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

In his vision of heaven, John sees a huge crowd standing before the throne of God. These will have the Lamb as their shepherd who will lead them to living water.

Acclamation: John: 10:14

*Alleluia, alleluia
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and they know me.
Alleluia*

Gospel: John 10:27-30

The sheep entrusted to Jesus by the Father listen to his voice and are kept safe for eternal life.

Good Shepherd Sunday - TODAY – a Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. There will be a second collection TODAY for the PTF (Priests Training Fund).

Every baptised Christian has the vocation of making Jesus present in the varying circumstances of life. Today, however, we affirm the importance of the ordained priesthood at the heart of the sacramental life of the Church. The call to priesthood is as real today as it has ever been, although it may be more difficult to hear in a world opaque to the things of God. That is one reason why our homes, schools, parishes, colleges and chaplaincies need to be 'schools of prayer', in which young people in particular learn how to listen to God's word and draw more closely to Him on a daily basis.

The Archdiocese of Cardiff is currently blessed with six men preparing to serve as priests in the years to come. They need your prayerful support, not least when they come to parishes on pastoral placements. **They also need your financial support in order to fund their training and formation. So there will be a second collection THIS weekend for the Priest Training Fund. It takes over £20,000 per year to train one student, this will be over**

six years. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN URGENT APPEAL AS THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND HAS TO BE TOPPED UP EVERY YEAR TO MEET THE ONGOING COSTS.

Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of both churches to Gift Aid your contributions if you are a taxpayer.

Sister Joseph Mary SSJ – This week! MASS.

As we know, Sister Joseph Mary has now retired to Llantarnam Abbey. We have arranged a Special Mass of Thanksgiving for her, to thank her for her many years of dedicated service to our two Parish communities. **It will be celebrated this Friday 22nd of April in St Joseph's at 6pm followed by refreshments in the hall.** A presentation will be made to her on the night of the Special Mass.

Thank you to all who contributed so generously to her collection.

Pilgrimage of Prayer - Year of Mercy.

This week we are praying for two of the four Merthyr Parishes - the Parish of St. Mary's, Merthyr Tydfil, and St Benedict's, Merthyr Vale, - their priest Canon Barry English, Deacon David O'Keefe, and all their parishioners. **We will be saying the pilgrimage prayer after Exposition on Fri/Sat.**