



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Solemnity: The Ascension of the Lord (B) 17th May 2015

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Jesus ascends into heaven and returns to his Father.

Ps. 46:2-3,6-9

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God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13

Paul writes from jail to encourage the early Christians. The ascended Lord has left them with many different talents..

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:9-17

The Lord commands us to love and so to bless the world.

First Holy Communions

That wonderful time of year is upon us again when our two parish communities rejoice to see the children progress in their Sacramental journeys. Next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, at the 11.15am Mass, it will be the children of St. Mary's who will make their First Holy Communions and then two weeks later (June 7th), on the Feast of Corpus Christi, the children of St. Joseph's will follow them. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

CAFOD - Nepal Earthquake Appeal – Thank You!

What a magnificent response last week to this appeal! Our two communities raised between them the amazing sum of £4,226.14. This sum was augmented by 82 Gift Aid contributions totalling £2,413 which at 25% equates to an extra £603 for the people of Nepal. Well done indeed!

May Procession and Crowning of Mary

Pupils at St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School have been celebrating the month of Our Lady with the Rosary each day and will crown their statue in the May Procession led by Deacon Elfed on **Friday afternoon, 22nd May**, before taking part in the Mass to launch the new Welsh Simple Prayer Book.

Celebratory Bilingual Mass and Reception

This Mass at **6pm on Friday 22nd May** in St. David's Cathedral will be followed by a Reception and Launch of the new **Welsh-English Simple Prayer Book**.

Light refreshments will be available at the Cornerstone, directly opposite the Cathedral. Further info from Sue Roberts on 01758 614977 or email: sue@inc-cyf.com. All welcome.

Day of Prayer at St. Helen's Church, Barry

On **Saturday 23rd May (Eve of Pentecost)** St. Helen's Parish Church is having a day of prayer, beginning with Mass at 10am and concluding with Holy Hour from 12 midnight until 1am. All parishioners of St. Joseph's and St. Mary's are welcome to come. Further info on the day from websites: <http://sthelensrcchurch.co.uk> and <http://sthelensrcchurch.co.uk/pentecost>.

Welsh National Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan – Today Sunday 17th May

The Bishop of Wrexham, Rt. Rev. Peter M. Brignall will lead the pilgrimage. The celebration begins with Confessions from 1.30pm. The Holy Rosary Procession is at 2.30pm. The Holy Eucharistic Celebration is at 3.00pm. After a tea/coffee break, Benediction and the Blessing of the Sick will take place.

Pope Francis invites us, "...Let us 'walk...build...& witness' to our faith". What a great opportunity it will be then, to gather in Our Lord's name, at the Shrine of His Mother, walking the Rosary Procession and bearing witness..! The Pilgrimage is of national importance. See Poster

SVP – The next meeting of the SVP will take place on **Tuesday 26th May** at 2.15 pm in St. Joseph's hall.