



PENARTH

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PARISH GAZETTE



DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

3rd Sunday of Advent (Year B) GAUDETE SUNDAY December 17th 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

The prophet speaks in the person of Christ, the anointed one of the Spirit. Later Jesus applies this verse to himself.

Ps Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. Rv. Is 61:10

My soul rejoices in my God.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul prays that the whole of our being, spirit, soul and body, may be healed and saved.

Acclamation: Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 1:6-8. 19-28

John the Baptist testifies to the divinity of Christ, describing himself as the one who makes way for "the Lord".

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE – TODAY

Our Annual Advent Carol service will take place at 3pm this afternoon (3rd Sunday of Advent) in **St. Joseph's Church** featuring the Children of **St. Joseph's Primary School**.

ADVENT REFLECTION

"Ask not. Doubt not. You have, my heart, already chosen the joy of Advent. As a force against your own uncertainty, bravely tell yourself, 'It is the Advent of the great God.' Say this with faith and love, and both the past of your life, which has become holy, and your life's eternal boundless future will draw together in the now of this world. For then into the heart comes the one who is Advent, the boundless future who is already in the process of coming, the Lord, who has already come into the time of the flesh to redeem it." *Karl Rahner*

THE SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY FUND

Thank you to all who contributed to the Appeal last weekend. It raised **£1465.50** for the **Sick and Retired Clergy Fund**. Gift Aid envelopes will be at the back of both churches until after Christmas. If you were away and wish to contribute please use one of them and put it in the collection plate.

HOME4U SLEEP OUT – SPONSORSHIP MONIES

Mary Ward and Roswitha Davies and 8 members of their team successfully completed their annual sleep out in aid of Home4U, in Cardiff city centre on 17th November. **Mary and Roswitha will collect their remaining outstanding sponsorship monies THIS weekend. Gift Aid envelopes will be available.** It is never too late to sponsor them, even after the event!

CHRISTMAS TREE AND CRIB - TODAY

We shall finish decorating our Christmas Tree after the **9.30am Mass TODAY**. Also **TODAY**, after the **9.30am Mass**, we shall bring out **THE CRIB and crib figures**. If you can help the 'team', please stay behind after Mass.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU AGAIN

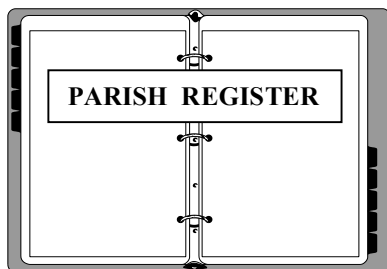
There will be one final extra period of confessions on **FRIDAY of this week**. This will take place on **22nd December** from **6pm to 7pm** during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE CARDS AGAIN THIS WEEK

Greeting cards will be **on sale after all Masses again this week** Price £1.50 (any profit will go to **Action by Christians Against Torture**). We are supporting a range of people in detention, including Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and organisations working for human rights in different parts of the world.

THE 'JP SCHOOL OF SONG' – SPECIAL NIGHT OF CAROLS – THIS WEEK

Our organist James Patrick will present a **Carol Service** for a second year in **St. Joseph's Church** on **THIS Wed 20th Dec at 7pm**. This will once again feature his choir of 10-17 year olds. It promises to be an enjoyable evening with readings, seasonal music and carols featuring pupils from Catholic schools and colleges across Cardiff and the Vale. **We hope many of you will be able to join us.** Refreshments will be available in the Hall afterwards.



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Schools

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email: stjosephsps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School
Argae Lane, Barry. Tel: 01446 729250
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St. David's Catholic College (6th Form)
Ty Gwyn Rd. Penylan, Cardiff. CF23 6XL
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Church Hall Bookings

St. Joseph's – Christiane Cantlay Tel: 029 2070 4857
St. Mary's – Judith Braeman. Tel: 029 2051 5309

Gazette Contributions by Wednesday please to:
Email: parish.gazette@gmail.com
Please note that your emails will be sent automatically from this address to Canon Joe and Deacon Elfed.

Archdiocesan Child Safeguarding Group
Helpline: 029 2034 3811
Contacts: St. Joseph's – Mary Taylor: 029 2065 8506
St. Mary's – Anne Chilcott: 029 2140 2942

Emergency sick calls.

- (i) Hospitals: Llandough and UHW – Ask a nurse to call out the priest-on-call. (There is a Catholic priest on call 24/7)
- (ii) Marie Curie Hospice, (Holme Tower) Penarth, Ask a nurse to call the sick person's Parish Priest or alternatively St. Joseph's Presbytery, Penarth (phone number below)
- (iii) Local Nursing/Care Homes – please phone presbytery: 029 2070 8247
- (iv) (Tuesdays only) All enquiries to the Deacon – Rev Elfed Jones mobile 07950 013224

YOUR GIFTS TO THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

	<u>Gift Aid</u>	<u>Non-Gift Aid</u>	<u>Total</u>
St. Joseph's	£342.10	£366.01	£708.11
Retired Clergy			£1007.51
approx. £200 per week Gift Aid Income also received by S/O			
St. Mary's	£187.00	£228.44	£415.44
Retired Clergy			£457.99
approx. £150 per week Gift Aid Income also received by S/O			

Thank you all for your generosity

ADVENT CELEBRATIONS – ST. RICHARD GWYN – THIS WEEK

St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, Argae Lane, Barry, invites you to celebrate Advent at the school on **Tuesday 19th December** at **6pm**. There will be an **Advent Reflection** in words and music, followed by seasonal refreshments and Christmas music.

On **Wednesday 20th December**, from **2.45pm** until **3.45pm**, our SVP group will hold their annual *Coffee and Carols* in aid of **Cancer Research**. The event timing allows people to get home before the dark nights of winter.

There are **no tickets required** for the events but **please email the school** n.price@strichardgwyn.co.uk or phone on 01446 729250. You will be made very welcome.

WALK WITH ME – ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2017

This pocket sized booklet of prayers and reflections for **Advent and Christmas 2017** is **NOW AVAILABLE** from the back of both churches, priced at **£1 each**. The **Walk With Me** meditations offer us the time and space to stop and think.

Why not sit quietly with Walk With Me for a few minutes each day? OR Why not give a copy of Walk With Me to a friend, relative or work colleague?

CHRISTMAS SERVICE CARDS

The times of Masses over the Christmas period can be found on the Special Printed Cards at the back of both Churches today. **Please take one** as Christmas this year falls on a Monday which means that there is a **DOUBLE WEEKEND** of Masses.

CAFOD PYRAMID BOXES.

A reminder that there is **NO** collection of boxes this month. The next date for collection is on the w/end of 27th / 28th Jan.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

Waiting to go into hospital? Do please let your parish priest know in plenty of time. He will be pleased to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with you or any pastoral support you need. This is preferable to leaving it until you are in hospital. The small team of parish priests who currently provide 24/7 emergency cover in the Cardiff hospitals are under a great deal of pressure, so unfortunately there is no guarantee that one is always available at any particular time. On the same theme, if you know of any Catholic already in hospital, who needs or might like a visit or sacramental support, please continue to leave details with the Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy on 2074 3230. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS ON CHRISTMAS WEEKEND.

Next weekend, the Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent will be as normal and Gift Aid envelopes, non-Gift Aid envelopes and the loose plate will go to the parish.

HOWEVER, at the two Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve, (Sun 24th) and the two Christmas Masses on Christmas Day (Monday) the collection as a whole will constitute our annual **Christmas Offerings** to the parish priest as our traditional thank you.

THE 2018 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK

The new **Year Books** have arrived and are **on sale in both churches** priced at **£3 each**. In **St. Joseph's** they are in the **Piety Shop** and in **St. Mary's** you will find them at **both entrances**. Please think of buying one because in doing so you are helping the **parish finances**. There is **no 'sale or return'** facility. The new Year Book has a **new friendlier layout** and is full of information about **what is going on** in the diocese while **looking back** in text and pictures over the events of the past year.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS

A huge **thank you** to those who contributed to the **International Refugee Trust** appeal though the November Dead List envelopes. A total of **£1,205** was raised and this has been sent to the IRT, to help with their work with refugees and displaced people in Sudan, Jordan and other parts of the Middle East. The envelopes containing lists of deceased loved ones have been placed next to the tabernacle and will remain there until the end of Christmastide.

OFFEREN NADOLIG YN GYMRAEG – MASS IN WELSH FOR CHRISTMAS

A Vigil Mass for Christmas will be celebrated in **Welsh** on Christmas Eve at **St. Teilo's Church**, Old Church Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 1AD at **4.30pm on Sunday 24th December**. All welcome. 'O deuwch ac addolwn'. Croeso cynnes i bawb.

WORLD GIFTS FROM CAFOD

As Advent progresses, we continue to **reflect on the different aspects of the season of Advent**, and on the **act of giving**. **World Gifts** offers a **different way** to share and reflect God's love for each and every one of us. Each gift is **an example of the work CAFOD's partners** are doing right now to **change the lives** of the poorest members of our global family. It isn't too late to pick up a catalogue as you leave the church.

HEADTEACHER WANTED

Corpus Christi Catholic High School, Ty Draw Road, Lisvane, CF23 6XL. Required for September 2018. Closing date 12 noon – Friday 12th January 2018. For more information, please contact Mrs B Mullins, on Tel: 02920 761893 or email bmullins@cardiff.gov.uk. **SEE POSTER**

CAFOD PYRAMID BOXES

The **next collection** of the CAFOD Pyramid boxes will take place on the **27th/28th January 2018**. There will be no collection in December.

SVP MEETING

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 9th January 2018** in **St. Joseph's Hall**.

IMMEDIATE PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

The time of **immediate preparation for Christmas** liturgically, begins **from 17th December**. From this date, the **liturgy** acquires a **distinctive form** and is designed to **lead us** progressively day by day to the feast of **Christmas**. There is an historical reason for the choice of this particular day to begin the Church's final preparation. It seems that, at an early period in the Western Church, the churches of Christian Gaul (France) and Spain began their preparation for **Christmas and Epiphany** on the 17th December. This was just three weeks before the Epiphany, a feast of very great importance in Gaul, as it was in the Eastern Church. So we have here the vestige of a **more ancient Advent** which began on this day and concluded three weeks later on the Epiphany. (**Advent To Epiphany, Vincent Ryan OSB.**)

ST. JOSEPH'S

KAREN LYONS RIP

Karen died peacefully in the Waverley Care Centre on Tuesday 12th December at the age of 85yrs. Our thoughts are with the family at this time. Please remember Karen in your prayers. Her funeral Mass will take place in St. Joseph's, Penarth, on Friday 22nd December at 10.45am and afterwards at the Vale Crematorium. **MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.**

ST. JOSEPH'S PIETY SHOP

Christmas cards, Advent calendars, diaries and 2018 Year Books etc. are still available. The Catholic papers are on sale in the Piety Shop every weekend. The Universe and Catholic Times are £1.30 and the Catholic Herald £3. Please pick up your papers before you go. A double issue of all three papers will be on sale next week covering Christmas and New Year.

ST. MARY'S

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP – HELP NEEDED

The **Children's Liturgy Group** facilitate the liturgy for the children in **St. Mary's** alongside the **11.15 Mass**. We are **very low on helpers to run this important ministry** and need the help of parishioners to join our team. If you would like to know more before committing yourself, please contact Laura – lauraaky@talktalk.net or speak to one of the other facilitators after the 11.15am Mass.

Altar Linen: December – Chris Llewellyn
January – Pam Huish

Please pray for our Sick

St. Joseph's: Femmy Rowlands, Patrick Rickard, Valerie Catterall, Margaret Osborne, Nero Peralta, Leslie Moorcraft, Lesley Strain, Muriel Perry, Margaret Ward, Kay Critchett, Veronica Hooper, Joe Fadian and Sandra Curtin.

St. Mary's: Lucienne Llewellyn, Nicholas Barron, Pat Prangley, Paul Walsh, Mary Isherwood, Betty Thorne, Pat Pickering and Clare Reece.

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TIMES OF MASSES AND RECONCILIATION
WEEK COMMENCING SATURDAY DECEMBER 16TH / SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH 2017

Saturday	December 16th	3rd Sunday of Advent (B) (Gaudete Sunday)	
	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	Queenie Jones (Barnes) & Mary Fitzgerald [Carol] 748
Sunday	December 17th	3rd Sunday of Advent (B) (Gaudete Sunday)	
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Eva Sinclair (Latham) 784
	St. Mary's	11.15am	Mary & Ron Baker (Stimpson)
Advent Carol Service	St. Joseph's	3.00pm	With St. Joseph's Primary School children
	St. Mary's	6.30pm	Terry & Mary Jones (Kathy) 773
3rd Week of Advent			
Monday	December 18th	Advent Mass	
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Barbara Harding (Diane) 806
Tuesday	December 19th	Advent Mass	
	St. Mary's	9.30am	Special Intention (Trow) 797
Wednesday	December 20th	Advent Mass	
	St. Joseph's	10.00am	Roy Greenslade (Christiane) 795
Carol Service	St. Joseph's	7.00pm	James Patrick Choir
Thursday	December 21st	Advent Mass	
	St. Mary's	9.30am	Pat & Bill Jones (Diane) 753
Friday	December 22nd	Advent Mass	
Funeral Mass	St. Joseph's	10.45am	Karen Lyons RIP
The Light is On for You	St. Joseph's	6.00pm	Exposition / Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St. Joseph's	7.00pm	Roy Greenslade (Ann Petersen & Family) 793
Saturday	December 23rd	Advent Mass	
	St. Mary's	9.30am	Exposition / Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St. Mary's	10.00am	Nell & John O'Donovan (Chris & Anne) 778
	St. Joseph's	11am – 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday	December 23rd	4th Sunday of Advent (B)	
	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	Maeve Lyons (Joyce & Sheila) 787
Sunday	December 24th	4th Sunday of Advent (B)	
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Peter Cummins (Judy) 785
	St. Mary's	11.15am	Judith Tailby (Bevan) 810
Sunday	December 24th	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Solemnity)	
Carols from 6.30pm	St. Mary's	7.00pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas
Carols from 10.30pm	St. Joseph's	11.00pm	Mass of Midnight
Monday	December 25th	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Solemnity) – Christmas Day	
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Dawn Mass of Christmas
	St. Mary's	11.15am	Day Mass of Christmas
No Evening Mass			

Please note that the main door to St. Joseph's Church will be closed outside of Service times.