Holy Year of Mercy

This will be inaugurated by Pope Francis on 8th of December with the opening of the Holy Door of Mercy in Rome. The Holy Door in St David's Cathedral will be opened at the 11am Mass on Sunday the 13th of December. There will also be Holy Doors of Mercy at Belmont Abbey, Bridgend, Merthyr (St. Mary's), and Newport (St. Mary's), which will be opened on the same day. These places are meant to be places of pilgrimages with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Penance readily available. There will be a great deal of material currently being produced by the Vatican to explain the purpose of the Year of Mercy, which will become available to parishes soon.

"Year of Mercy 2015-16: A Pilgrimage Companion. Recommended by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishon Stack "The Year of Mercy is an invitation to star

Archbishop Stack. "The Year of Mercy is an invitation to start again and discover the wonder of the love and mercy of God". **Booklets on sale at the back of church £1 each.**

SVP - The next meeting of the SVP will be this Tuesday October 20th in St Joseph's Hall at 2.15pm

Marriage Care

Our marriage preparation and support service enables couples to nurture faithful and fruitful marriages that last, as we draw on Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples focus on the quality of their relationship with each other. We are the largest faith-based provider of relationship support services in England and Wales, committed in all aspects of our work to sharing the great joy of the Catholic understanding of marriage and family life, as good news for all people. Through our relationship counselling service we accompany, with compassion and practical wisdom, couples who find themselves in need of support on their journey. Email: <u>connect@marriagecare.org.uk</u>

tel: 02073711341 or see website: www.marriagecare.org.uk.

Standing Orders and the Gift-Aid Scheme.

The use of bank standing orders eases the burden of finding cash for the parish weekly collections, When allied to the Gift-Aid scheme, either by standing order or Gift Aid envelopes, the parish, as part of a registered charity, can collect an additional 25% of the donation from tax already paid by the parishioner/taxpayer. Forms available on request.

Penarth Cytûn

- October 21st at 7pm Talk by Phil Kingston at Stanwell Baptist Church: "Challenges by Pope Francis about the Environment and Social Justice".
- On November 4th at 6.15pm the monthly Ecumenical Prayer Service will be led by All Saints Church at Tabernacle Baptist Church.
- December 4th Carols and supper at Elfed Avenue 6.30pm

ST.JOSEPH'S

Maureen Kingston RIP

We were saddened to hear of the death of Maureen Kingston on October 13th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gerard, her husband, and the family at this time of great sadness. Her Funeral Service will take place in St Joseph's on Monday the 26th October at 11.45am, and afterwards at the Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. **May she rest in peace.**

St. Joseph's Parish Hall Bookings

Please note that **Mrs Christiane Cantlay** will be taking bookings for St. Joseph's hall. Anyone wishing to use the hall should phone her on **2070 4857.** Groups that use the hall regularly can continue to do so, provided their meetings are on the same day and at the same time as before.

November Dead Lists

During November, Masses are said for specific intentions (where applicable) and also for the Holy Souls – in particular for those named in the November Dead Lists which are placed on the altar.

Special envelopes are available at the back of both churches.

Piety Shop – don't forget to pick up your Catholic papers and periodicals. Many of our Catholic papers remain unsold each weekend. Please take the trouble to call in the piety shop in St. Joseph's after Mass and buy one, or ask Canon Joe to bring a Universe, Cath. Times or Cath. Herald up to St. Mary's for you. It is important that we support the Catholic Press. Thank you.

ST. MARY'S

Dinas Powys Council of Churches- Diary Date

St Mary's will be hosting an ecumenical Advent Service to which all the churches in Dinas Powys are invited. The service this year will take place on **Tuesday December Ist at 7.30pm**. We would of course be especially pleased to see parishioners from both St. Joseph's and St Mary's supporting this event

UCM – We will meet next week on **Wednesday 21**st **October** in the hall at 7.30pm when Sia, who is a chiropractor, will speak to us. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

A Note for your Diary

On **Saturday 28th November** there will be a Christmas Quiz Night at St. Mary's Hall starting at 7.30pm. Quiz, Raffle and nibbles will be provided – please bring a plate of food to share. Tickets will be £5 and all proceeds will go to Shelter Cymru. Tickets will be available towards the end of October.

Altar Linen: October: Mo McCarthy

Please pray for our Sick

St Joseph's: Eileen Sinclair, Femmy Rowlands, Patrick Rickard, Charles Curran, Valerie Catterall, Norma Flanigan, Karen Lyons, Margaret Osborne, Nero Peralta, Gordon Smith, Leslie Moorcroft, John Gibbs and Joe Cronin.

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