



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)

20th September 2015

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

Those who are just will suffer for their virtuous life.

Ps.53:3-6.8 R/

The Lord upholds my life.

2nd Reading: James 3:16 – 4:3

Real prayer can overcome the violence that arises in us because of our thwarted desires.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus tells us that true leadership will only be effective through humble service.

Today Sunday 20th September – Home Mission Sunday – a second collection will be taken.

This is the day in the Church's calendar when the bishops invite every member of the Catholic community to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

This year's theme is PROCLAIM God's Mercy – in anticipation of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, called by Pope Francis, which begins in December this year.

"How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone". (Pope Francis – *Misericordia Vultus* 5).

A Joint Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Peter Smith on behalf of the Bishops of England and Wales will be read out at Masses.

Confirmation – St. Joseph's & St. Mary's

If you, or anyone you know, are thinking about the Sacrament of Confirmation, the programme will start in October, with the Sacrament being celebrated next summer. You need to be 12+ (year 8 starting September) or older. Collect an enrolment form from the sacristy (both churches) or email the co-ordinator: nickyprice53@gmail.com for an enrolment form and give your name and contact details to Canon Boardman.

CAFOD Pyramid Boxes – Next Weekend

Please bring in your filled Cafod Pyramid Boxes for emptying next weekend 26th/27th September and collect fresh ones.

St. Joseph's UCM Centenary (1915 – 2015)

On Wednesday 23rd September St. Joseph's UCM will be celebrating the centenary of their foundation – the first set up in Wales - with a special Mass. Other UCM foundations from the Archdiocese will join them on this occasion. Other parish groups from our parish have been invited and the invitation is also cordially extended to all parishioners, (especially past members of the UCM) who would like to attend. There will be refreshments in St. Joseph's hall after the Mass, allowing those present to meet socially, perhaps to exchange memories of past UCM members and UCM events.

We congratulate St. Joseph's UCM for reaching this most significant milestone and we wish them well for the future.

Home4U Sleep-out Sponsorship - this weekend, 19th/20th September. (names only)

Mary Ward and Roswitha Davies will be doing their annual sleep-out in the centre of Cardiff to raise much needed funds for the charity Home4U, which provides short term accommodation to destitute and homeless asylum seekers, in order to give them a chance to rest and benefit from living in a proper home for a few months. Our parish has been very supportive of this project in the past, and they will be asking you again to sponsor them after all Masses in St. Joseph's and St. Mary's this weekend.

Sponsorship monies will be collected after Masses on the weekends of 26th/27th Sept and 10th/11th October respectively.