



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Solemnity: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year C) November 20th 2016

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3

David is chosen as the undisputed king of Israel by all the tribes at Hebron. David was God's choice; people agree that he alone is fit to lead God's people.

Ps 121:1-5. Rv.2

*I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'*

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

The Son of God is the image of the unseen God, the firstborn of all creation, the one who existed before anything was created.

Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

The kingship of Jesus is recognised by the unlikeliest of people: a self-confessed criminal who admits he deserves to die for what he has done.

CAFOD NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASS this week!

CAFOD will hold a Diocesan Memorial Mass in **St. Joseph's Penarth** on **Fri 25th Nov at 7pm**. Please join us in commemorating all past CAFOD supporters, those who have touched our lives and made the world a better place. Refreshments available after Mass in the Hall. If you would like to have anyone remembered in the book of remembrance, which will be presented in the Mass, contact Kieran O'Brien: southwales@caofd.org.uk; 029 2034 4882. All welcome.

MARY AND ROSWITHA are **absolutely delighted** with the amount of money raised for their **sleep-out** on 7th Oct in aid of **Home4U**. The **amazing sum of £1225** was collected in sponsorship moneys and some very generous donations. The **highest amount ever** for the annual event! This is again a **testimony of the continued generosity and support** of the parish for which we express our **heartfelt thanks!** The money will be used to provide, at any one time, four asylum seekers who are destitute with accommodation and a small weekly allowance for up to six months. This allows a respite from homelessness and an opportunity for each one to prepare a fresh asylum claim. Home4U is in partnership with Space4U, a drop-in centre for asylum seekers in Cardiff, which is run by Sister Ruth O'Neill, whom we support with our toiletries' collections. A big **'THANK YOU'** to all who supported us!

WALK WITH ME 2016: 'ADVENT – SEASON OF LOVE'

This pocket size booklet of prayers and reflections for **Advent and Christmas 2016** is **NOW AVAILABLE** from the back of both churches, priced at **£1 each**. Archbishop George Stack, Bishop Tom Burns and Bishop Peter Brignall have written a forward to the booklet and recommend it as an aid to prayer. In their introduction, we read: 'The threefold seasons of **Advent-Christmas-Epiphany** are a **joyous reminder** of the underlying **framework of the spiritual life**. The seasons remind us of the virtue of waiting in **hope**, of the necessity of living by **faith**, of the need for **reconciliation** and **forgiveness**.' 'Advent is such a busy time, there is much to do. Yet, in the midst of all this, we can discern the voice of the Spirit calling us: "**Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest**", Mark 6:31. We sense an ache or longing to be still and enjoy God's peace and presence.' **Why not sit quietly with Walk With Me a few minutes each day? Why not give a copy of Walk With Me to a friend, relative or work colleague?**

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 is on **Tue 29th Nov at 7pm**. We would of course be especially pleased to see parishioners from both, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's, supporting this event.