



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

20th December 2015

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4

A child will be born out of Bethlehem Ephrathah, who will establish a kingdom of peace to the ends of the earth.

Ps. 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

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God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Christ abolishes the ritual sacrifices of the law by offering his own body.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary sets out as quickly as possible to visit her cousin Elizabeth. When she greets Elizabeth the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy.

A Happy Christmas

Canon Joe wishes to thank parishioners for their cards, gifts and well wishes received over recent days; also for their support throughout the year. May you all enjoy a Holy and Happy Christmas with your loved ones.

Deacon Elfed also joins him in this recognition of your helpful support throughout the past year which is much appreciated.

The Christmas Crib – TODAY Sunday

Our crib will be erected TODAY Sunday 20th December after the 9.30am Mass in St. Joseph's. Volunteers are needed to assist with this task and are asked to please be available after Mass. *We also need to bring over 35 of the GREY chairs from the hall and arrange them around the church in readiness for the Christmas Masses.*

Christmas Masses and Service Cards

Just a few of the cards are left at the back of both our churches showing Mass and Service times over the holiday period.

- **Saturday 26th/Sunday 27th December (Feast of the Holy Family)**

Please note that there will be normal weekend Masses which begin on the evening of Boxing Day with the first Mass of Sunday at 5pm. There will be normal Sunday Masses on the

Sunday (27th), including the 6.30pm evening Mass in St. Mary's.

John & Maureen O'Donnell R.I.P.

We were saddened to hear of the deaths of John and Maureen this week – two days apart. John died in a nursing home on Sunday 13th December and Maureen died at home on Tuesday 15th December. There will be a double funeral with Requiem Mass in St. Mary's on Monday 4th January at 11am. And afterwards at St. Andrews Major cemetery.

May They Rest in Peace

The 2016 Diocesan Year Books.

The Year Books have arrived and are on sale in both churches and priced at £3 each.

Christmas Offerings on Christmas Day

All Christmas Offering envelopes and the loose plate collection at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will constitute our annual Christmas offerings to the parish priest as our traditional thank you.

CAFOD Pyramid Boxes – the collection and renewal process has been postponed to the 30th/31st of January 2016.