



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

January 22nd 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

The prophet foresees the great day of liberation when the Lord will visit his people.

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. Rv. 1.

The Lord is my light and my help.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

Paul reminds the Corinthians that the person of Christ and his sacrificial death and resurrection are the basis of their unity.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus proclaims that the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled in his own person, and he begins to gather the apostles about him.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Octave began last Wednesday 18th January and concludes this Wednesday 25th January on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. TODAY is the **Sunday within the Octave** and there are **Christian Unity Services** taking place in both, Penarth and Dinas Powys. The member churches of **Penarth Cytun** are **swapping pulpits** with one another today. Deacon Elfed is preaching at Stanwell Baptist Church this morning.

During the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, **nightly prayer services** are taking place and **Deacon Elfed** will be **leading the service** on Tuesday 24th January at 6.15pm at **All Saints Church, Penarth**. All welcome.

YOUTH SVP

This group is raising funds for **Mind in the Vale** to help other young people locally who have mental health issues. Any young people between 13 and 18 are welcome to join them. They are holding an afternoon of fun for all called **'Biscuits and Bingo'** on **Sunday 29th January** from 2.30pm-3.30pm in **St. Mary's Hall** and will be **selling tickets** priced at **£2 each** after Mass. Tickets include **coffee or tea**, a slice of **cake or biscuit** and a **bingo card**. **Donations** for the tombola will be **gratefully received**.

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL – NOMINATIONS OPEN FROM THIS WEEKEND.

The Parish Advisory Council (PAC) consists of 12 elected members and 5 ex-officio members. It is a **consultative body** and advises Canon Joe on **Parish matters** and on decisions he has to make. The Council meets about 5 times a year. Elected members serve for 3 years, after which time, they are eligible to serve a second term of 3 years and can apply for re-election. After serving two 3-year terms, they have to step down for one year.

This year, only **one elected member** has completed two terms and **has to step down**. **3 other elected members** have completed their first term of 3 years and **can apply for re-election**, if they so wish. They are welcome to do so. Likewise, **any parishioner can be nominated** to serve on the PAC. Nomination forms are now available from the sacristies of both churches.

Nominations will close on Sunday 5th February after the Evening Mass in St. Mary's.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

Last week's appeal for the **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)** raised a total of £940.39. Thank you very much for your generosity.