



# ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

## First Sunday of Lent (B) 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God tells Noah of a covenant, a binding agreement that will exist between God and Noah – and Noah's descendants.

Ps. 24:4-9

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*Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

At the start of Lent we are reminded that the innocent Christ died for the guilty, to lead us to God. This passage links the waters of the flood in Noah's time to the waters of Baptism by which we come to life in Christ who died for us.

**Acclamation:**

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

This experience undergone by Jesus after his baptism is not so much a temptation as a time of 'testing'. Unlike Matthew and Luke, Mark does not describe the testings.

### Deanery Lenten Station Mass

This year the First Deanery Lenten Station Mass will take place in the Cardiff Deanery on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.00pm in St. Teilo's Church, Whitchurch. Archbishop George will be the main celebrant. It is hoped that a good representation from all the parishes of the Deanery will attend.

### CAFOD Lenten Fast Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

The collection of the fast day envelopes (**given out this weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> February**) will be taken up next weekend **28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> February**.

Fast Days are our opportunity to ensure that long term, deep-rooted devastation from extreme weather doesn't become a fact of life.

Please note that donations between Ash Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup> February) and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May will be matched £1 for £1 up to the value of £3.5m. by the UK Government..

### "The Light is ON for You" again this Lent.

For four of the Wednesdays of Lent (from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March until Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March), Canon Joe or another priest from the Cardiff Deanery will be available from 7pm – 8pm in St. Joseph's, Penarth, for the Sacrament of

Reconciliation. Both practising and lapsed Catholics are invited to come to Confession this Lent. Those who may have wandered from the life of the Church or those Mass-going Catholics who have been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation for some years will be most welcome.

### First Reconciliation/Confessions.

The children from both our parish communities will be making their first Confessions/Reconciliation starting this week. The first will take place at **5.30pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** in St. Joseph's. Those in St. Mary's will follow a week later – but on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers

### Stations of the Cross and Benediction for Lent.

On the Sundays of Lent up to and including Palm Sunday, there will be traditional Stations of the Cross and Benediction beginning at 4pm.

### CAFOD Pyramid Boxes – next weekend

You may bring in your filled boxes, along with your CAFOD Fast Day envelopes, for exchange to new ones.