



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



PENARTH

## PARISH GAZETTE

Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

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### Third Sunday of Lent (A) 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Exodus 17:3-7</b>	After their escape from slavery in Egypt into the barrenness of the desert, the Israelites begged Moses to give them water.
<b>Ps.94</b>	<b>R/</b>	<b><i>O that today you would listen to his voice: "Harden not your hearts".</i></b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Romans 5:1-2. 5-8</b>	Our thirsty souls need the life-giving water that is love. Through Jesus, the Spirit of love gives us the life for which we all long.
<b>Acclamation</b>		<b><i>Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!</i></b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>John 4:5-42</b>	The Samaritan woman represents all of us who thirst for the spring of water "welling up to eternal life", which Jesus makes available to us in himself.

#### Candidate for Reception into the Catholic Church

**Next Sunday** at the 11.15am Mass in **St. Mary's**, our catechumen **Nicholas Abbott** will be asked to accept formally the Creed and the Articles of Faith, which he will recite together with the congregation during Mass. Please keep him in your prayers as he comes to the final part of his journey of preparation before being Baptised during the Easter Vigil Mass.

#### The Light is ON for You!

You know how it feels when people seem to "kick us when we're down"? God is never like that; he always gives us a helping hand. In fact, that's what Confession is all about. On Wednesdays of Lent from 7pm to 8pm, if you're baptised Catholic, come along to St. Joseph's Church and experience God's compassionate love in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). You won't be judged and a very warm welcome awaits you. **So every Wednesday until 16<sup>th</sup> April inclusive, the Light is on for You between 7pm and 8pm in St. Joseph's in Penarth. This Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March Canon Joe will be available.**

#### The Light is also on for you in Cardiff!

On the Wednesdays of Lent until 16<sup>th</sup> April inclusive, Confessions are also available from 7pm to 8pm at the following Cardiff churches: - St. David's Cathedral; St. Mary's, Canton; St. Brigids, Crystals; St. Francis, Ely; St. Joseph's, New Zealand Rd; Christ the King, Llanishen; St. Cadoc's, Llanrumney; St. Peter's, Roath; St. Alban's, Splott; St. John

Lloyd, Trowbridge; Blessed Sacrament, Wentloog Road; St. Teilo, Whitchurch.

#### CAFOD Fast Day Collection – Thank You!

Well done! It was a magnificent contribution you made last weekend to CAFOD for the Fast Day collection. The total amount raised by our two communities came to £2,051.15. CAFOD will put this money to good use in relieving some of the needs of the world's poor.

#### Stations of the Cross during Lent (St. Joseph's)

On each of the Sundays during Lent – up to and including Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – there will be the traditional Stations of the Cross at 4pm followed by Benediction.

#### Archdiocesan Lenten Alms Collection

On the weekend of 5/6<sup>th</sup> April (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent) there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> special collection for Lenten Alms in response to Archbishop Stack's Lenten appeal. Details of the recipients of this collection will be announced later.

#### Gift Aid and non-Gift Aid boxes of Offertory

**Envelopes** are now available for pick-up from the back of both churches this weekend.

**CAFOD Pyramid Boxes** – please bring in your filled boxes next weekend for exchange to new ones.