



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



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

## Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua gives the people of Israel the opportunity to choose between serving the Lord or serving pagan gods. They opt for the Lord because they have seen all that he has done for them.

Ps.33:2-3.16-23

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*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

The relationship between Christ and the Church is symbolised by that between a loving husband and wife.

**Acclamation:**

***Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!***

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Jesus is rejected by many of his early followers who are unable to accept the challenge of his words. His disciples, however, recognise that these same words are their only way towards God and eternal life.

### Assisted Suicide Bill

A reminder that this very important debate is taking place in the House of Commons on the **11<sup>th</sup> September** to legalise assisted suicide. Archbishop Peter Smith, spokesperson for the Bishop's Conference on Christian Responsibility and Citizenship says: "There are many MPs who are paying close attention to the views of their constituents and we must let our voices be heard". **Next weekend 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> August** there will be postcards available for this purpose which can be signed and sent to our two MPs. Archbishop Peter acknowledges that this is not a great time to be doing this, but the timing of the Bill leaves us with no option.

### Dementia & Spirituality: Prayer Service

A Prayer Service with hymns and the Sacrament of the Sick for people with dementia, and their carers, will take place on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August** at 2-3pm in Llantarnam Abbey, NP44 3YJ. Light refreshments will be provided. See Poster

### Coffee Morning for Zimbabwe

The annual Coffee Morning held at All Saints Church Hall last Saturday raised £380 for the HIV/AIDS project in Zimbabwe. Thanks to members of the Sully Terrace Allotment Association, who once again provided a marvellous range of vegetables and fruit and to all the people who helped out before and on the day.

### Deacon Philip Gummatt RIP.

Philip died after a short illness while on holiday in Portsmouth at the age of 92yrs. Our prayers are with the family at this time. His body will be received into St. Peter's, Bargoed on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug at 6pm followed by Mass. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Aug at 11.30am.  
**MAY HE REST IN PEACE**

### Gift Aid – Please take your “Thank You” letters?

Your envelopes have been placed at the back of both churches for your collection. You may need these for your tax return. We are most grateful to you for Gift Aid-ing your contributions throughout the past year.

### Exam Results! GCSE's

Congratulations to the students who gained successful results in their 'GCSE' exams this week. Well done to those who worked hard this year to achieve the grades they require for their future studies and careers. A special mention to our parishioner Gem Pippis, who gained 13 A\* grades and an A, at St. Richard Gwyn High School this year.

### Eucharistic Service on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Please note that there will be a Eucharistic Service in St. Mary's, Dinas Powys at 9.30am next Tuesday led by Deacon Elfed as Canon Joe has a Diocesan meeting to attend.