



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



PENARTH

## PARISH GAZETTE

Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

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### Solemnity: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A) 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17</b>	Today's reading follows the prophet's stinging words of indictment against the leaders of Israel who had failed in their responsibility for God's people. These leaders were focussed on their own particular agenda and personal gain; the Lord, in contrast, is a good shepherd.
<b>Ps.22</b>	<b>R/</b>	<b><i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i></b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28</b>	Paul presents a powerful picture of Christ as Lord. Christ is presented as the ruler to whom every other power and authority must eventually give way.
<b>Acclamation</b>		<b><i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!</i></b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 25:31-46</b>	A description of the last judgement where God's people are judged according to how well they followed Christ in demonstrating compassion and love in their lives.

#### **TODAY Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. Youth Sunday.**

At the 9.30 Mass in St. Joseph's, this morning, we welcome some of the pupils and teachers and governors from our parish Primary School. The children will be taking part in the Sunday liturgy and sharing with us some of their youthful energy and enthusiasm. It is an opportunity for the parish community to see for themselves what a wonderful school St. Joseph's is.

**Also:** the children of our Primary School will be under the watchful eyes of **the 2015 Confirmation Group.**

Ten of our young people from both our parish communities, who have come forward asking for the Sacrament of Confirmation next year, will be making their Inscription at this Mass into the Confirmation programme. It will be good for the older ones to remember where they are coming from on their journey of faith – and for the younger ones to see where their journey is leading them.

#### **TODAY Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. Youth Sunday.**

The **Five** remaining seminarians of the Archdiocese of Cardiff (after the ordination of Fr. Michael Doyle) are organising a Youth Retreat Day at The Cornerstone at St. David's Cathedral, concluding with Mass celebrated by the Archbishop.

The retreat day will begin at 2.30pm, and will be an opportunity to learn something about the way we encounter Jesus, to share our faith, how to share your faith with others, and meet socially with other young people from the Archdiocese of Cardiff. The day is being designed for those of post-Confirmation age (+14).

#### **White Fathers' Appeal – Thank You!**

Fr Jack Thora has written to thank us for the extremely generous response to his appeal last Sunday. The second collection raised a total of £1,508.37 from our two churches.

#### **The Light is ON for US – during Advent.**

**"The Light is ON for You"**, invites practising and lapsed Catholics to go to Confession this Advent. In common with other dioceses across England and Wales, we are reaching out to those who may have wandered from the life of the Church and those Mass-going Catholics who have been away from Confession for some years. Each Wednesday of Advent, participating Catholic Parish Churches in the Archdiocese of Cardiff will be open from **7pm to 8pm on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December** for Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This means that **'The Light is ON for You'** at these times in St. Joseph's, Penarth.

Mgr John Maguire, parish priest of St. Mary's, Canton will be hearing confessions in Penarth, while Canon Joe will go to Canton. Further details of other participating parishes in Cardiff and the Vale will be published next week.

#### **Talk at The Cornerstone, Cardiff**

On **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** there will be a half-hour talk by Des Robertson at 12.30pm on **Life after Death**. Des Robertson asks what the Catholic Church teaches us about death. Refreshments will be available after the talk.