



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

5th Sunday of Easter (Year C) April 24th 2016

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas complete their missionary journey and put fresh heart into the followers of the Lord.

Ps 144:8-13, R v.1

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

In faith we see God who wipes all tears away.

Acclamation: John 13:34

*Alleluia, alleluia
Jesus said : 'I give you a new commandment:
love one another, just as I have loved you'.
Alleluia*

Gospel: John 13:31-35

We are to love as Christ loves us

EMERGENCY APPEAL – THE UKRAINE

We shall be taking a **special second collection** at all Masses **next weekend (30th April/1st May)**. This is in response to Pope Francis' request, when he drew attention to the plight of people in the Ukraine, during his *Regina Cœli* address on Sunday 3rd April in The Vatican. An information sheet is enclosed with your Gazette this **Archbishop George commands this ongoing humanitarian disaster to your generosity.**

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

There is a meeting of the PAC on **THURSDAY this week (28th April)** at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Hall. Would all members do their best to attend. Thank you.

Date for your diary – Mass for the Sick 2016.

The annual Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will take place at 12 noon in St. Joseph's Primary School on **Saturday 18th June**. We appeal for drivers to help bring the sick, the elderly and the housebound – and for helpers in general. If you can help please let us know as soon as possible. Ring Sheila Collins on 2115 3074 or Paul Gallone on 2070 9401.

We need to compile lists of those who are coming and calculate numbers for catering purposes. If you know of someone who needs transport, or if you are bringing someone yourself, please let us know by ringing either of the above telephone numbers.

SVP – NEXT MEETING

The next SVP meeting will take place on **TUESDAY this week (26th April)** at 2.15pm in St. Joseph's Hall.

Pilgrimage of Prayer - Year of Mercy.

This week we are praying for another of the four Merthyr Parishes - the Parish of St. Aloysius, Gurnos - their priest Canon Barry English, the sick in Prince Charles Hospital, and all the parishioners. **We will be saying the pilgrimage prayer after Exposition on Fri/Sat.**

Elections for the Welsh National Assembly – Bishops' Letter.

The elections for the Welsh National Assembly take place on May 5th. The Catholic Bishops of Wales have produced a document which hopefully will help people to reflect on the major issues which face voters at this time, as they decide who to vote for. **The letter to Catholics in Wales is again available at the back of our Churches. Please pick one up as you leave the Church. Thank you.**

Good Shepherd Sunday (Priests Training Fund)

Thank you for your generosity last weekend when we raised £1,432.97 for the Priests Training Fund. Please continue to pray for our young men training to be priests and for more vocations.