



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)

25th October 2015

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord has saved his people, gathering them from the ends of the earth.

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What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Christ was acclaimed as high priest by his Father.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, is healed by Jesus.

Sister Joseph Mary SSJ

Sister Joseph Mary has not been well for some time and she is to retire to Llantarnam Abbey at the end of November. The convent in Purcell Road is now closed.

We need to give her time to adjust to life in retirement, but obviously we will want to bring her back to the Parish at some stage, perhaps in the New Year, for a special Mass asking the Lord to bless her for the many years of service and devotion she has given to our two parish communities.

The Justice and Peace Group will be speaking at Masses this weekend.

Rosary in October

The Rosary will continue to be recited at St. Joseph about 30mins before weekday Masses during the month of October. It begins about 30 minutes before Mass.

Confirmation 2016 St Joseph's and St Mary's

The preparation programme for Confirmation, is about to begin. There will be a meeting for parents and candidates on **November 9th at 7pm in St Mary's Hall**. We would ask that, if possible, everyone concerned be in attendance or contact Nicky Price on nickyprice53@gmail.com.

Special Second Collection Next Weekend for retired priests. "Caring for those who cared".

The Clergy Welfare Board was established in 2005 by Archbishop Peter Smith, in order to provide for the care and well being of those priests who became sick, or who retired

from parish ministry, having reached the age of seventy five. Amongst other things, the Clergy Welfare Board ensures an annual income for those who have retired, a suitable place for them to live, as well as arranging residential accommodation or nursing care for those who have those needs. Last year the cost amounted to £220,000.

There are currently seventeen priests in the Archdiocese of Cardiff in retirement. The Fund which supports them has been adversely affected by a number of factors. The recent Archdiocesan Fundraising Campaign 'Embracing the Future' failed to reach its £4.7 million target for clergy welfare. The unpredictable events which took place in the financial markets in recent years have also meant a significant loss of interest to the fund, in addition to increased costs.

In order to care 'for those who cared', a second collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend (31st / Nov 1st) The collection will be allocated to the Clergy Retirement Fund. Gift Aid envelopes will be available, so that the offerings by taxpayers may be increased by 25% at no extra costs to themselves. The Archdiocese has also established a JustGiving campaign for people who would like to donate as and when they wish. To donate by JustGiving please use the following contact:

<https://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/archdiocese-cardiff/srclergy>

The Annual Mass Count on Sundays will continue into November in order to give a more accurate reflection of attendances.