



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity) December 25th 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10

Joyful news comes to a broken world.

Ps 97: 1-6. Rv. 3.

*All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6

In Jesus, born of Mary, God reveals himself to us.

Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 1: 1-18

Jesus, Son of God, is the light of the world.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Canon Joe wishes to thank parishioners for their cards, gifts and well wishes received over recent days; also for their support throughout the year. **"May you all enjoy a Holy and Happy Christmas with your loved ones"**.

Deacon Elfed echoes his gratitude, and joins him in his recognition of your helpful support throughout the past year which is much appreciated.

THE 2017 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS ARE HERE.

If you have not yet purchased the new Year Book, they are available in both churches priced at £3 each. They are both informative and a good read, and represent value for money. They give a glimpse of the changing face of the Archdiocese as most parishes are now either amalgamated or clustered with their neighbours. The Year Books also contain a record in both word and pictures, of people and events during the 2016 Centenary Year.

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE TRUST (IRT)

The IRT was delighted to receive the sum of £883 in response to their appeal to help the children in northern Uganda to go to school. This money was collected from the November Dead List envelopes. "It will have wide reaching impact and will be the start of a ripple effect helping hundreds of children and their families to lift themselves out of poverty".

"JP SCHOOL OF SONG" – CONCERT.

On Wednesday evening, many parishioners from both communities came to St. Joseph's for a wonderful evening of readings, seasonal music and carols, performed by James Patrick and his choir of 11 – 17 year olds, pupils from different secondary schools across Cardiff and the Vale. Everyone enjoyed their memorable performance and wished James every success in this new venture.

CATHOLIC PAPERS – DOUBLE ISSUE.

On sale in the Piety Shop in St. Joseph's a DOUBLE ISSUE of The Universe and Catholic Times, covering Christmas and New Year editions priced at £2.60 respectively. **The Catholic Herald** (double issue) is on sale at £5.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS THIS WEEKEND.

This weekend, all Christmas Offering envelopes and the loose plate collection will constitute the Christmas Offerings to the Parish Priest as our traditional "thank you" to him. Gift Aid envelopes and Non gift Aid envelopes will go to the parish.

GORDON SMITH RIP.

Gordon died on 15th December after a long illness at the age of 75yrs. His funeral took place in St. Joseph's on Friday 23rd December, and afterwards at Penarth cemetery.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.