



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



PENARTH



DINAS POWYS

## Parish Newsletter

The Archdiocese of Cardiff: Charitable Incorporated Organisation No.1177272

25<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Year A

You can also view the full readings online at

[http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass\\_readings.html](http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass_readings.html)

#### A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS

Monsignor Joe and Deacon Elfed would like to wish the parishioners of St Joseph's and St Mary's Parish a very peaceful Christmas-time and every blessing for the New Year. They are grateful for the messages and kindnesses they have received over recent days and also for the support people have expressed in so many ways over the past year.



#### CISSIE CLIFTON RIP

We were saddened to hear of Cissies' death on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at the age of 96yrs. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tony, Chris and all of Cissie's family at this sad time. The Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec at 12.30pm in St. Mary's, Dinas Powys, and afterwards at the Vale Crematorium

*May she rest in peace.*

#### YOUR GIFTS TO THE CHURCH 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

	Gift Aid	Loose	Total
St. Joseph's	£304.50	£354.05	£658.55
St. Mary's	£23.50	£ 90.60	<u>£114.10</u>
			<u>£772.65</u>

(Income from standing orders approx. £500 weekly).

Church fees	£ 75.00
Misc CAFOD (Coffee morning)	£ 37.00
SVP (late)	£ 5.00

Standing Orders (Nov) £2458.25

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

#### CHRISTMAS IS NOT A 2-DAY WONDER

Popular tradition in England, Wales and Ireland has had its own way of designating this hallowed time. It was customary to speak of "the 12 days of Christmas" and to celebrate them as such. These were the 12 days between Christmas and the Epiphany. Against this background of liturgy and tradition, there is surely something wrong with the way we celebrate Christmas today. For one thing we anticipate the celebration itself unduly. Carols begin too early in the Advent season; festivities begin well before Christmas Day; and then we try to pack everything into one or two days of celebration, and tend to eat and drink more than is good for us. If there is any spiritual fallout from the feast, it is not given time to settle. Other matters and pursuits claim our attention, and then it is back to the workaday world, with Christmas left behind. The celebration of the Lord's Nativity cannot be disposed of in a single day. We need time to take it in and absorb the enormity of it. The 12 days of Christmas help us to do this.

(Vincent Ryan OSB)

#### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The collection at the two Masses on Christmas Eve and the two Masses on Christmas Day will constitute the annual Christmas offerings to the Priest. Any Gift Aid envelopes and Non Gift Aid envelopes will go to the Parish. Special Christmas Offering envelopes can be found in your box set of envelopes or alternatively scattered around the back of the churches.

#### Please pray for our sick:

**St. Joseph's:** Valerie Catterall, Muriel Perry, Veronica Hooper, Sandra Curtin, Joyce Potter, Barbara Duffey and Nora Berry.

**St. Mary's:** Mary Isherwood, Betty Thorne, Liz Evans, Anne Dean, Hilary Benton, Philip Hanley, Kevin Lamb and Val Kacal.

(Please include other we know of with serious health issues)

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### TIMES OF MASSES

**ALL MASSES AND SERVICES IN ST. JOSEPH'S ARE STREAMED LIVE.**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas Eve.</b>	
	St. Joseph's	10am-11am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	St. Mary's	3.00pm	<b>Crib service</b>
	St. Mary's	7.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass of Christmas</b>
	St. Joseph's	10.00pm	<b>Mass of Midnight</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas Day.</b>	
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Dawn Mass of Christmas
	St. Mary's	11.15am	Day Mass of Christmas.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Stephen, Martyr (Feast)</b>	
	St Joseph's	10.00am	Debbie Evans and Kevin McCarthy (Family) 396
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)</b>	
	St Joseph's	10.00am	Peter Hegarty (Anne) 516
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)</b>	
	St. Joseph's	10.00am	Albert Stimpson (Pat) 461
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas</b>	
	St Joseph's	9.30am	Pat and Bill Jones (Family) 515
<b>FUNERAL MASS</b>	St. Mary's	12.30pm	<b>Cissie Clifton RIP</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Holy Family</b>	
<b>WEDDING MASS</b>	St. Joseph's	11.00am	<b>Imogen John and Rhys Edwards</b>
	St. Joseph's	6.15pm	<b>Exposition of the Bl Sac / Confessions.</b>
	St. Joseph's	7.00pm	Paul Gardner (Eileen) 399
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas</b>	
	St. Joseph's	10am-11am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>MASS OF SUNDAY</b>	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	Gregorry Garson (Wellbeing) (Trixie) 537
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>	
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Peter Cummins (Judy & Family) 508
	St. Mary's	11.15am	Dan Driscoll (Kath) 523



*We wish every blessing on Rhys Edwards and Imogen John, who are to be married in St Joseph's on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. The couple live in Dinas Powys.*

Please note that the main door to St Joseph's Church will be closed outside of Service times.

