



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) (Good Shepherd Sunday) 26th April 2015

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12

It is in the name of Jesus Christ that we can be saved.

Ps. 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

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The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

The Father has lavished his love upon us, by letting us be called God's children.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life TODAY Sunday 26th April There will be a second collection TODAY for the PTF (Priests Training Fund).

Every baptised Christian has the vocation of making Jesus present in the varying circumstances of life. Today, however, we affirm the importance of the ordained priesthood at the heart of the sacramental life of the Church. The call to priesthood is as real today as it has ever been, although it may be more difficult to hear in a world opaque to the things of God. That is one reason why our homes, schools, parishes, colleges and chaplaincies need to be 'schools of prayer' in which young people in particular learn how to listen to God's word and draw more closely to Him on a daily basis.

The Archdiocese of Cardiff is currently blessed with five men preparing to serve as priests in the years to come. Hopefully, they will be joined by a sixth candidate in the autumn. They need your prayerful support, not least when they come to your parishes on pastoral placements. **They also need your financial support in order to finance their training and formation. Please do and give what you can to ensure there will be priests in our parishes for many years to come.**

Prayer cards and booklets are available at the back of church to help you in your prayers. Also available are Gift Aid envelopes to Gift Aid your contributions.

To find out more, visit: www.vocationsunday.org.uk.

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Diocesan Days for Lay Ministers of Communion

The Liturgy Commission is offering two days for Communion Ministers at **Our Lady's, Abergavenny on Saturday 9th May** and at **St. Mary's, Bridgend on Saturday 16th May**. The day will give time for prayer and encouragement in Eucharistic devotion and faith. In the afternoon there will be a chance to look at taking Communion to those unable to get to church, both housebound and hospital ministry, or alternatively a training session for those new to the ministry. There is no charge for the day; tea and coffee will be provided but it is suggested that people bring a packed lunch. Arrive 10.30 for 11.00am start – finish 3.30pm. To book a place – see Poster for details.

Welsh National Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan – Sunday 17th May

The Bishop of Wrexham, Rt. Rev. Peter M. Brignall will lead the pilgrimage. The celebration begins with Confessions from 1.30pm. The Holy Rosary Procession is at 2.30pm. The Holy Eucharistic Celebration is at 3.00pm. After a tea/coffee break, Benediction and the Blessing of the Sick will take place.

Pope Francis invites us, "...Let us 'walk...build...& witness' to our faith". What a great opportunity it will be then, to gather in Our Lord's name, at the Shrine of His Mother, walking the Rosary Procession and bearing witness..! The Pilgrimage is of national importance. See Poster