



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



## PARISH GAZETTE

The Archdiocese of Cardiff: Charitable Incorporated Organisation No.1177272

**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

**26th September 2021.**

**1st Reading Numbers: 11: 25-29**

**If only we all were prophets of the Lord.**

**Ps 18:8.10.12-14 R/ v.9**

*The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.*

**2nd Reading: James 5:1-6**

**Our wealth can hinder us from caring for those in need.**

**Acclamation: Jn. 17:17**

*Alleluia alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47- 48**

**Anyone who is not against us is for us.**

You can view the full readings online at [http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass\\_readings.html](http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass_readings.html)

### SEASON OF CREATION AND THE AMAZON.

In 2019 we saw terrible pictures of fires in the Amazon. Instinctively we knew that this was important for the whole world. The Amazon rainforest is vital in stabilising the global climate as an absorber of carbon dioxide and an emitter of oxygen. It is under threat from illegal logging, mining and agriculture. It is also home of many indigenous people. Invalide, at the centre of CAFOD harvest fast day this year, is a grandmother. For the last 19 years she has been on the frontline of the struggle to protect our common home. She lives in a small patch of rainforest in one of the most deforested regions of the Brazilian Amazon. Pope Francis has said that the health of our planet depends on the health of the rainforest, yet every year thousands of acres are burned so that land can be cleared for cattle ranching. Invalide's home has been burned and her trees and crops destroyed by such fires. She has replanted and human rights lawyers are fighting in the courts the right for Invalide and her community to stay and protect the fragile piece of the Amazon they call home. O Creator God, protect all those striving to protect the earth. Strengthen them in their work and inspire us all to be guardians of your precious gift of creation. Amen.

### CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCT.

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this family fast day, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP.

Donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10\*. Or choose to give any amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580.

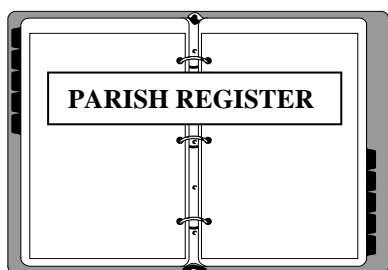
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### CAFOD ENVELOPES

Members of the Justice & Peace Group will hand out the CAFOD envelopes as you leave the church. Please bring them back next weekend with your donation inside (gift aided if you deem it appropriate) representing your Harvest Day Fast. There will be an extra receptacle at the back of church.

### PRAY A ROSARY FOR CREATION. THIS WEEK.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, to coincide with the CAFOD Fast Day, which will be a "Climate Crisis Appeal", there will be a "Rosary for Creation" in St. Joseph's at 6pm when Mgr Joe and a member of the Justice & Peace Group will lead the recitation of the 5 Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, with prayers and reflections, before the Friday evening Mass at 7pm. You can join us for that either in the church physically or online - on stream.



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### Schools

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**Church Hall Bookings (Suspended)**  
St. Joseph's – refer parish priest.  
St. Mary's – refer parish priest.

**Gazette Contributions** by Wednesday please to:  
Email: [parish.gazette@gmail.com](mailto:parish.gazette@gmail.com)  
**Please note that your emails will be sent automatically from this address to Monsignor Joe and Deacon Elfed.**

**Archdiocesan Child Safeguarding Group**  
Helpline: 029 2034 3811  
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St. Mary's – Nicky Price 029 2051 4034

### Emergency Sick Calls. (There are restrictions).

- (i) Hospitals: Llandough and UHW – Ask a nurse to call out the priest-on-call. (or contact the Hospital Chaplaincy on (029) 2184 3230)
- (ii) Marie Curie Hospice, (Holme Tower) Penarth, Ask a nurse to Ring the Parish Priest of the patient or ring St. Joseph's Penarth on (029) 2070 8247
- (iii) Local Nursing/Care Homes – Please ring the presbytery number in Penarth (as above).

### YOUR GIFTS TO THE CHURCH 19th SEPT 2021

	Gift Aid	Loose	Total
St. Joseph's	£343.00	£239.00	£582.00
St. Mary's	£81.00	£103.00	<u>£184.00</u>
			<u>£766.00</u>

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

**HOME MISSION COLLECTION** 502.01

**Standing Orders (August)** £2,521.25

**Virgin Money Donations (on-line) [Aug]** £28.75

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

### SISTER JOSEPH MARY SHEEHAN SSJ. RIP.

Sister Joseph Mary was for many years the parish sister here in St. Joseph's Penarth and St. Mary's Dinas Powys. She died in retirement at Llantarnam Abbey on 23<sup>rd</sup> September after a long illness. Please remember her in your prayers. Funeral arrangements to be confirmed. **MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.**

### THE THREAT OF ASSISTED SUICIDE.

A second reading of the Assisted Dying Bill is expected in the House of Lords. The Bishops' Conference has made an urgent appeal for the faithful to write to peers, particularly if they have stories they are able to share, to give voice to the concerns and fears of disabled people and to offer personal stories of those with medical expertise in end-of-life care.

**Please read the letter from Bishop John Sherrington**, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, to his brother Bishops, which is attached to this gazette and in which he emphasises the gravity and urgency of the situation.

### ANNUAL MASS COUNT – WEEK TWO.

Would the stewards again please take a count of every one present at each of the Sunday Masses on **this Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> Sept)** and on the following TWO Sundays ie. 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, and 10<sup>th</sup> Oct.

### GIFT AID SCHEME

**Letters of Thanks** from the Archdiocese are available to those involved in the Gift Aid Scheme. We cannot distribute them from the back of church because of Covid, but if anyone wants/needs their letter – for tax purposes or whatever, they should contact Tim White on 2070 7558.

### GOING BACK TO “THE DAY OF THE LORD”.

The Bishops of England and Wales are conscious that the lifting of the Sunday Obligation, which has been allowed during the pandemic, cannot go on indefinitely. For the moment however, they are conscious that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. It is their continuing judgement therefore that, whereas it may not possible or safe at the present time for all the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday, thus fulfilling their duty to God, it is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept - that of the Sunday obligation - **by the First Sunday in Advent 2021**. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.

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**TIMES OF MASSES**  
**MASSES WITH A FULL CONGREGATION\***  
**(SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS)**

<b>Saturday*</b>	<b>Sept 25th</b>	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	
<b>Public Mass</b>	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	Priest's Int'n
<b>Streamed Live</b>			
<b>Sunday*</b>	<b>Sept 26th</b>	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	
<b>Public Mass</b>	St. Joseph's	9.30am	People of our parish, living and dead.
<b>Streamed Live</b>			Gretta Dimascio (Bernard) 45
<b>Public Mass</b>	St. Mary's	11.15am	
<b>Ordinary Time – Summer. Week 26. Year 1.</b>			
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept 27th</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul. Priest. (Mem)</b>	
<b>Live streamed</b>	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Madeleine Heguy (Trow) 153
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sept 28th</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>MASS IN PRIVATE</b>		9.00am	Albert Stimpson (Pat) 135
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept 29th</b>	<b>SS Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Archangels. (Feast)</b>	
<b>Live streamed</b>	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Mary and James Walsh (Bernadette) 144
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept 30th</b>	<b>St. Jerome. Priest and Doctor of the Church. (Mem).</b>	
<b>MASS IN PRIVATE</b>		9.00am	Joyce Rice (Pam) 941
<b>Friday*</b>	<b>Oct 1st</b>	<b>St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>	
<b>SEASON OF CREATION</b>	St. Joseph's	6.00pm	Rosary and Reflections on Creation. (Streamed)
<b>Public Mass</b>	St. Joseph's	7.00pm	Priest's Int'n. (Laudato Si)
<b>Streamed live</b>			
<b>Saturday*</b>	<b>Oct 2nd</b>	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	
	St. Joseph's	10am-11am	Sacrament of Reconciliation. (On Request)
<b>Public Mass</b>	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	Dorothy Burns (Pauline) 170
<b>Streamed live</b>			
<b>Sunday*</b>	<b>Oct 3rd</b>	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	
<b>Public Mass</b>	St. Joseph's	9.30am	People of our parish, living and dead.
<b>Streamed live</b>			
<b>Public Mass</b>	St. Mary's	11.15am	Jim McCarthy (Mo & Mary) 113
<b>CIVIC SERVICE</b>	St. Joseph's	2.00pm	Cllr Ian Buckley. Penarth Town Mayor. (Streamed)



“To follow Jesus, mere good works are not enough; we have to listen daily to his call. He, who alone knows us and who loves us fully, leads us to push out into the depths of life.” (Pope Francis)





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2 September 2021

Dear Brother Bishops

In the next weeks, we face an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of life with Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021' which received its First Reading in the House of Lords and is due its Second Reading with full debate on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The term 'Assisted Dying' is euphemistic, the truth is that this bill seeks to introduce Assisted Suicide. If legalised, this Bill would allow a terminally ill adult, with less than 6 months to live, to be assisted in committing suicide.

The context of the debate is fundamentally different from the Marris Bill in 2015. *Dignity in Dying* are running a vigorous campaign, which is highly mobilised. They have some national papers on side and are using strong, personal and emotional narratives to win hearts and minds. They also have a high presence on social media and are encouraging their supporters to write to Peers. Those in favour of the bill are making good use of language to confuse the issue and call it a compassionate and caring approach to obscure the actual reality and consequences of such legislation. As Pope Francis has said, 'Physician-assisted suicide is part of a "throwaway culture" that offers a "false compassion" and treats a human person as a problem... True compassion does not marginalize anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude – much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing.' He criticised 'those who hide behind an alleged compassion to justify and approve the death of a patient.'<sup>1</sup>

We continue to argue for good palliative care and its important values, including spiritual ones, which are part of this approach. However, this language is being manipulated by *Dignity in Dying*. Importantly, at this stage we need to argue the dangers of the introduction of Assisted Suicide, which includes the safety of people who are vulnerable due to external pressures, and later liberalisation of the law which is evidenced by other countries which have introduced Assisted Suicide. Many voices from the world of disability-rights and other allies are also

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2016/june/documents/papa-francesco\\_20160609\\_ordini-medici-spagna-america-latina.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2016/june/documents/papa-francesco_20160609_ordini-medici-spagna-america-latina.html)



very fearful and fighting this bill. The Bill would also fundamentally change the relationship between the Healthcare Professionals and the Patient from treatment and care to providing the lethal means to commit suicide.

It is possible that the Bill will pass to Committee Stage without a vote in October and be returned to the Lords for Third Reading and then, if passed, be sent to the Commons. There will be pressure on the Government to provide time for this.

To prepare for these events, I ask your engagement and that of your dioceses over these next weeks. First, to ask you to call people to pray that the Bill will be defeated. Second, to ask that people write to the Peers from their personal experience and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life. Healthcare and legal professionals should write giving reasons why they oppose the Bill. This needs to be done before the Second Reading on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Peers engage with personal correspondence and not to campaigns. Third, to ask parishioners to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media.

In this way, the Church will be a prophetic voice: a voice of clarity and truth amidst the great confusion around this Bill.

The Secretariat of the Bishops' Conference is engaged and will be providing further resources over the next weeks. A first briefing is attached.

Be assured of my prayers.

With all good wishes.

Yours fraternally,

+ John Sherrington

The Rt Revd John Sherrington  
Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster