



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

1st Sunday of Advent (Year A) November 27th 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Isaiah has a vision in which all peoples will stream to the Temple of the Lord, and he will establish a kingdom where there will be no more war.

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. Rv.1

*I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'*

2nd Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Paul urges the Romans to give up the ways of the night and to live sober lives in the light of the day.

Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

Jesus urges his disciples to remain awake and ready for the coming of the Son of Man

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – TODAY

Advent is a time of preparation when, as we await the Lord's birth at Christmas, we are asked once again to reflect on **our relationship with HIM** in expectation of his arrival. We are also challenged to explore the impact Advent is a time when, in renewing our relationship with God, we can **receive grace** and, through grace, **joy** and **hope**. It is very much a time of hope as **we look forward to Christmas**.

“THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU” in Advent.

On the **first three Wednesdays of Advent**, from **7pm to 8pm**, Catholics are invited to come along to selective parishes across the Cardiff Deanery and experience the simple **generosity of God's love** in the celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**. For those who have perhaps been away from the Sacrament for some time, as well as those who just want to make Confession part of their Advent journey, a **very warm welcome** awaits them. This is **in addition to normal Confession times on Saturdays**. Canon Patrick O'Gormon will be hearing Confessions in St. Joseph's, Penarth, on Wednesdays, and Canon Joe will be in St. Helen's, Barry.

SVP MEETING

The next meeting will take place on **Tues 29th November** in **St. Joseph's Church Hall** at 2.15pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

2ND COLLECTION TODAY.

SVP is an **international voluntary organisation** dedicated to tackling poverty and helping the disadvantaged with **practical assistance**. Our own St. Joseph's & St. Mary's group **visit the sick, the poor and the lonely** in our community at home, in nursing homes and in hospital. They very much reflect and answer the call for our **Faith to be in action**. Your donation will be gratefully received for the work of our local group who will bring some Christmas cheer where it is most needed.

DIARY DATE – TUESDAY THIS WEEK – 29TH NOV.

In conjunction with Dinas Powys Council of Churches **St. Mary's will be hosting an ecumenical Advent Service to which all the churches in Dinas Powys are invited**. The service this year is on **THIS Tues 29th Nov at 7pm**. We would of course be especially pleased to see parishioners from both, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's, supporting this event. All welcome.

FORTHCOMING ART EXHIBITION & TALKS

Kevin Sinnott's exhibition will last from the **26th Nov** until the **4th Dec**. Come and **listen to Kevin** who will give a **talk** about his **religious art** at **12 noon** on **27th Nov** and **3rd Dec** in **St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff**. Parish Groups welcome. Take a brochure home with you from the back of church.