



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



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

## Feast: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C) 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Samuel's mother, Hannah, dedicates her only son to the Lord's service.

Ps.83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

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*They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

St. John reminds us that we are God's children, and calls us to respond with love.

**Acclamation:**

***Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!***

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Jesus teaches us that obedience to God's word is to be the priority in our lives.

### White Flower (SPUC) Annual Collection

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the weekend of the **9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> January**. This appeal takes the form of a "Retiring Collection".

### Catholic Papers – Christmas/New Year.

There are Double Issues of the Catholic Papers this week. The Universe and Catholic Times cost £2.60 and the Catholic Herald is £4; all on sale in the Piety Shop in St. Joseph's.

### John and Maureen O'Donnell RIP

Because John and his wife Maureen died two days apart there is to be a double funeral on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January in St. Mary's, Dinas Powys, at 11am. followed by interment in St. Andrews Major. **May they rest in peace.**

### The 2016 Year Books are here for the New Year.

If you have not yet purchased the new Year Book, they are available in both churches priced at £3. They are both informative and a good read. They give a glimpse of the changing face of the Archdiocese as most parishes are now either amalgamated or clustered with their neighbours. What we did here in Penarth and Dinas Powys in 2008 many other parishes have since had to follow. We are by no means alone in adapting to the present situation. The Year Books also contain a record in both word and pictures of people and events during 2015. .

### CAFOD Pyramid Boxes.

The monthly collection and renewal of these boxes has been postponed from the end of December to the end of January (ie. 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> January). **Please do not bring in your full boxes next week.**

### International Refugee Trust (IRT)

The IRT was delighted to receive the sum of £1,010.00 which was the total collected with the November dead lists. They say: "Every penny of this kind donation will go towards the work of the Dominican and Comboni Sisters at the two hospitals in Amman and Karak in Jordan. This gift will make a big difference to their work and enable them to help more Syrian refugee babies and children who are suffering".

### Volunteers Needed again. Chairs to hall.

After the 9.30am Mass today in St. Joseph's (Sunday) can you please help to return the grey chairs to the hall. There are 50 of them. Many hands make light work! Thank you.

### A Heartfelt Thank You

Canon Joe thanks all parishioners who sent cards and gifts to him over the festive season. He is also grateful for the generosity of the Christmas Offerings. Deacon Elfed conveys his own gratitude for the many kindnesses and messages of goodwill and support he too has received. They are much appreciated.

**Happy New Year 2016**

