



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



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

## Third Sunday of Lent (Year C) 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

The Lord not only reveals the name by which he wants to be known; he declares that he has heard his people's cry in their distress. God acts on their behalf.

Ps. 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

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*The Lord is compassion and love.*

2nd Reading: Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

In a brief history lesson, Paul reminds the Corinthians of the deeds of God on behalf of God's people in the past. Their infidelity should be a warning to greater effort in the present.

**Acclamation:**

***Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is  
close at hand.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!***

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus makes it clear that sudden death is never to be seen as a punishment for sin. A more important issue is that people take to heart the call to embrace the arrival of God's kingdom.

### THE YEAR OF MERCY

#### **Day of Universal Adoration – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Thank you to all those who have committed themselves to one of the half-hour slots **NEXT** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March in order to spend time with the Lord, along with Catholics all over the world, in response to Pope Francis' initiative for the Year of Mercy.

In his exhortation for the Year of Mercy, *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis emphasises the central role that the Sacrament of Reconciliation should have in our Catholic lives and on our pilgrimage of Faith, as we journey back to God. In the words of Pope Francis: "Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more, in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands".

For some of us perhaps it has been too long since we last celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Sacramental Confession. The Year of Mercy opens up for us the opportunity to renew our acquaintance with this Sacrament, no matter how long it has been since our last visit. Pope Francis assures us that "for every penitent it will be a source of true interior peace".

With this in mind the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the Day of Adoration in St. Mary's, Dinas

Powys, from 10.30 to 11.30am and from 2.30 to 3.30pm. The Lord is inviting us to come and be touched by his healing presence in this wonderful Sacrament of the Lord's Mercy and Forgiveness.

#### **Cardiff Deanery Penitential Services During Lent. The Week of Mercy – 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March**

A programme of Penitential Services will be held each day during the **5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent** in different parishes as follows: -

- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> March: St. Cadoc's, Llanrumney – 2pm.
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> March: St. Joseph's, New Zealand Road – 7pm.
- Tue 15<sup>th</sup> March: St. David's Cathedral – 11am
- Tue 15<sup>th</sup> March: St. Francis, Ely – 7pm.
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March: St. Teilo's, Whitchurch – 2pm.
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March: St. Mary's, Canton – 7.30pm.
- Thu 17<sup>th</sup> March: St. Patrick's, Grangetown – 2pm.
- Thu 17<sup>th</sup> March: St. Philip Evans, Llanedeyrn – 7.30pm.
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> March: St. Helen's, Barry – 2pm.
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> March: **St. Joseph's, Penarth – 7pm.**

At least three priests will be on duty at each Service and Confessions will be available for at least one hour at the above times.