



# 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 (B) 28<sup>th</sup> December 2014

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6. 21:1-3

God promised Abraham that he would have a son and countless descendants. Although it seemed unlikely, Abraham trusted in God's word.

Ps.104 R/

*He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.*

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-19

From the beginning of the human race, we have examples of people who remained faithful to God in good times and in bad.

**Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple to present him to God. For Simeon and Anna, Jesus was the long-awaited promise of hope. For Mary and Joseph, their moment of celebration was also a discovery of anxiety and pain to come.

### 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 and Sister Joseph Mary echo his sentiments and convey their gratitude for the many messages of goodwill they have received. They are much appreciated.

### Anna Christine Mahoney R.I.P.

It was with great sadness that we heard that Anna lost her long battle with cancer on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Advent (Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>). Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul, her husband, and sons Christian and Tristan and other members of the family at this time. Anna's body will be received into St. Joseph's, Penarth on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 4.30pm where it will remain overnight. From there the body will be taken to St. Mary's, Dinas Powys on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January for the Funeral Mass at 11.15am and afterwards at Thornhill Crematorium at 1.15pm.

**May she rest in peace**

### Stephen Dibble R.I.P. (11 Berkley Drive)

Stephen died in Llandough Hospital on 12<sup>th</sup> December at the age of 71 years after a long illness. We convey our sympathy to Jackie his wife and the family at this sad time. There will be a Funeral Service in St. Joseph's, Penarth on

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 1.45pm and then at 3pm in the Vale Crematorium.

**May he rest in peace**

### "In Between the Synods"

In October 2014 bishops and other delegates from around the world met with Pope Francis in Rome for a special gathering called a Synod. The theme for discussion was "the Pastoral Challenges to the family in the Context of Evangelisation. A further Synod will take place in October 2015 and the focus then will be on the theme of "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary world. In this time between these two Synods, our Holy Father has asked us to spend time reflecting on these themes with "true spiritual discernment". This we will be doing over the coming weeks and months.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> January.

**Happy New Year 2015**