



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

First Sunday of Advent (Year C) 29th November 2015

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Through the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord assures his people that he will bring salvation and restoration to the land.

Ps. 24:4-5,8-9,10,14 *R/*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Paul reminds the Thessalonians of the instructions he gave them on the authority of Jesus the Lord. If they continue to follow them, their hearts will be confirmed in holiness.

Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus looks to the time when he will come again, and tells his disciples to be ready.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) Collection – TODAY

SVP is an international voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and helping the disadvantaged with practical assistance. Our own St. Joseph's and St. Mary's group visit the sick, the poor and the lonely in our community – at home, in nursing homes and in hospital. They also help and assist our Catholic schools as well as helping organise the annual Mass for the Sick. Currently they help individuals and also some families who are in desperate need of assistance. They very much reflect and answer the call for our Faith to be in action. Your donation today will be gratefully received for the work of our local group, but should you also be interested in joining our local SVP group, you can contact Colin Lyons on 2053 0611.

First Sunday of Advent – TODAY

Advent is a time of preparation and it is an ideal time to prepare for the Year of Mercy, due to start in a couple of weeks. It is a time when, as we await the Lord's birth at Christmas, we can renew our relationship in expectation of his arrival. 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.

Walk With Me – Advent 2015' Booklet This pocket-size booklet of prayers and reflections for Advent and Christmas 2015 is now available from the back of both churches, priced

at £1 each. Archbishop George Stack, Bishop Tom Burns (Menevia) and Bishop Peter Brignall (Wrexham) have written a foreword to the booklet and recommend it as an aid to prayer. This year 'Walk With Me' contemplates the mercy of God. The daily reflections are rooted in the Gospel and in Pope Francis' vision for the Holy Year. Each day is an opportunity to learn more of God's mercy and love. In the introduction we read, "By God's grace we reach out to others". Don't be afraid to share what Christmas means to you. Why not give a copy to a friend, relative or work colleague?

Dinas Powys Council of Churches – This week!

St Mary's will be hosting an ecumenical Advent Service to which all the churches in Dinas Powys are invited. The service is **THIS Tuesday 1st December at 7.00pm**. We would of course be especially pleased to see **parishioners from both St. Joseph's and St Mary's supporting this event.**

November Dead Lists- Thank you

A reminder that these envelopes will remain next to the tabernacle in both churches until the end of Christmastide (Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord). **Thank you so much for your kind donations which will go to an Emergency Medical Appeal for Syrian Babies and Children, run by the Dominican and Comboni Sisters at two hospitals in Jordan.**