



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



PENARTH

## PARISH GAZETTE

Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

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### Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) (Laetare Sunday) 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13</b>	The Lord makes the surprise choice of David to be king of Israel.
<b>Ps.22</b>	<b>R/</b>	<b><i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i></b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Ephesians 5:8-14</b>	Live in the light of the Lord, doing good and being virtuous.
<b>Acclamation</b>		<b><i>Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!</i></b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>John 9:1-41</b>	The miracle of Jesus curing a man blind from birth, which testifies to the power of Jesus to heal, not just the blindness of the eye but, above all, the blindness of the heart.

#### Candidate for Reception into the Catholic Church

**TODAY Sunday** at the **11.15am Mass** in **St. Mary's**, our candidate **Nicholas Abbott** will be asked to accept formally the Creed and the Articles of Faith, which he will recite together with the congregation during Mass.

Please keep him in your prayers as he comes to the final part of his journey of preparation.

#### The Light is ON for You!

Are you having difficulty forgiving an acquaintance or a loved one? Have you considered seeking God's healing? If you're baptised Catholic come along to St. Joseph's Church on Wednesdays between 7pm and 8pm, and begin again with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)! You won't be judged and a very warm welcome awaits you. This means that, for the next **two** Wednesdays only (Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> and Apr 9<sup>th</sup>), **the Light is on for You between 7pm and 8pm in St. Joseph's in Penarth.**

For additional resources visit -

<http://www.rcadc.co.uk/the-light-is-on-for-you.html>.

Also see: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/confession](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/confession).

#### The Light is also on for you in Cardiff!

On **Wednesdays of Lent** until 16<sup>th</sup> April inclusive, Confessions are also available from 7pm to 8pm at the following Cardiff churches: - St. David's Cathedral; St. Mary's, Canton; St. Brigids, Crystals; St. Francis, Ely; St. Joseph's, New Zealand Rd; Christ the King, Llanishen; St. Cadoc's, Llanrumney; St. Peter's, Roath; St. Alban's, Splott; St. John Lloyd, Trowbridge; Blessed Sacrament, Wentloog Road; St. Teilo, Whitchurch.

#### Mothers Day!

We wish all our mothers (and grandmothers) a very Happy Mothers Day and hope that they enjoy some quality time with their families.

#### Stations of the Cross during Lent (St. Joseph's)

On each of the Sundays during Lent – up to and including Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – there will be the traditional Stations of the Cross at 4pm followed by Benediction.

#### Archdiocesan Lenten Alms Collection

Next weekend **5/6<sup>th</sup> April** (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent) there will be a special 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Lenten Alms in response to Archbishop Stack's Lenten appeal. Details of the recipients of this collection will be announced later.

#### Gift Aid and non-Gift Aid boxes of Offertory

**Envelopes** are still available for pick-up from the back of both churches this weekend. Have you taken yours?

**CAFOD Pyramid Boxes** – Thank You for bringing in your filled boxes for exchange to new ones. Your contributions are being put to good use, as will be your CAFOD Lenten Fast Day donations. CAFOD's partners in Sierra Leone, for example, are training families to farm land which was previously thought to be barren and grow food all year round. This project has transformed land that was once the source of much brutality in the war into a source of hope and much needed food.