



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 30th August 2015

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses urges the people to observe God's commands if they wish to have life and be recognised by the world as wise and prudent.

Ps.14:2-5

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The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27

We are the children of God, blessed with God's word and called to submit to it, in particular by caring for

those who are poor.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8. 14-15, 21-23

It is a tragedy to follow human traditions rather than the laws of God and to be unaware that evil comes from the heart, not from failure to observe ritual washings.

Assisted Suicide Bill (Marris Bill). Action!

We are reminded that this very important debate is taking place in the House of Commons on the **11th September** to legalise assisted suicide. Archbishop Peter Smith, Chairman of the Bishops' Conference Dept for Christian Responsibility and Citizenship, tells us that there are many MPs who are paying close attention to the views of their constituents and we must let our voices be heard. **This weekend 29th/30th August** there will be postcards available pointing out the great risks in the Bill and these cards can be signed and sent to our two MPs.

The postcards will be handed out as you leave the church and you can either sign them there and then and leave them in the box provided, or else you can take them home with you and **post** them yourself to your MP at the House of Commons. **There is an urgency here because of the lack of time, so please act now.** Thank you!

Pope Francis has spoken out about the sanctity of human life:

In a special message to Catholics, Pope Francis has emphasised the need to care for life from conception to natural end. He says that all life has inestimable value - *'even the weakest and most vulnerable; the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation; made in his own image.....and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect ...'*

We are to build "an environment of compassion and care, that nurtures and sustains life, even in the most challenging of human events and personal circumstances".

Annual Holiday – Canon Joe

Please note that from **Tuesday 1st September until Thursday 17th September** Canon Joe will be away from the parish on his annual holiday. Fr. Dermot Tredget OSB will cover the weekend Masses. There will be Eucharistic Services each weekday (Mon to Fri) during this period. **On the two Saturdays there will be no Eucharistic Service in St. Mary's in the morning and there will be no evening Mass in St. Mary's on the two Sunday evenings.** On his return, Canon Joe will celebrate the morning Mass in St. Mary's on Thursday 17th August at 9.30am.

Sacramental Preparation (St. Joseph's)

The 2015/2016 Preparation Course for those children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in St. Joseph's Church will be starting soon. Parents wishing to enrol their children (year 3 or above) on the programme are invited to see Canon Boardman or one of the catechists for an enrolment form (available also from St. Joseph's School), which should be returned as soon as possible.

