



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

DINAS POWYS

First Sunday of Advent (B) 30th November 2014

1st Reading	Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1:3-8	We humans are rebellious and our integrity is only skin-deep; yet God is the potter and we are the clay.
Ps.79	<i>R/</i>	<i>God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.</i>
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Jesus fills us with the gifts of the Spirit as we await his second coming.
Acclamation		<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!</i>
Gospel	Mark 13:33-37	Jesus teaches us never to forget that he, the master of our house, will come again.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) 2nd 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 poor, the sick and the lonely in our community – at home, in nursing homes and in hospital. 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 – especially at Christmastime. Help them to bring some Christmas cheer into the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas.

'Walk with Me: A Journey of Prayer for Advent and Christmastide 2014'

Copies of this pocket-size booklet of prayers and reflections for Advent and Christmas 2014 are now available, Archbishop George Stack, Bishop Tom Burns (Menevia) and Bishop Peter Brignall (Wrexham) have written a foreword for the booklet and recommend it as an aid to prayer. This year 'Walk with me' speaks of the *kerygma*, the message of God's saving love. In the introduction to the booklet we read, 'The Christmas *kerygma* reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas. Walk with me costs £1 – copies are available at the back of both churches.

Parish Advent Carol Service – coming soon.

Our annual Advent Carol Service will take place on **Sunday 14th December** at 3pm in St. Joseph's Church. It features the children of our Primary School. Not to be missed!

The Light is ON for US – during Advent.

"*The Light is ON for You*", invites practising and lapsed Catholics to go to Confession this Advent. In common with other dioceses across England and Wales, we are reaching out to those who may have wandered from the life of the Church and those Mass-going Catholics who have been away from Confession for some years. Participating Catholic Parish Churches in the Archdiocese of Cardiff will be open from **7pm to 8pm on Wednesdays during Advent** for Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests hearing confessions in the local area will rotate as follows - :

Penarth:	Wed. Dec. 3 rd – Mgr Maguire Wed. Dec. 10 th – Fr A. Bord Wed. Dec. 17 th - Mgr Maguire
Barry:	Wed. Dec. 3 rd - Fr Bogdan Wera Wed. Dec. 10 th - Canon Boardman Wed. Dec. 17 th - Fr Bogdan Wera
Canton:	Wed. Dec. 3 rd - Canon Boardman Wed. Dec. 10 th - Canon O'Gorman Wed. Dec. 17 th - Canon Boardman
Grangetown:	Wed. Dec. 3 rd – Canon O'Gorman Wed. Dec. 10 th - ----- Wed. Dec. 17 th – Canon O'Gorman

Christmas Fair... St. Joseph's School.

St. Joseph's School is holding its Christmas Fair on **Saturday 6th December from 12 noon till 2pm**. Lots going on. Why not go along and join in the fun? The annual Christmas Fair is an enjoyable way of supporting our parish school.