



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PENARTH

PARISH GAZETTE

DINAS POWYS

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C) 31st January 2016

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

The Lord gives us the strength to carry out our calling to follow him.

Ps. 70:1-6, 15, 17 *R/*

My lips will tell of your help.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 -13:13

The greatest of God's gifts is love.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus provides a list of blessings and curses. He predicts reversals in the fortunes of those who are now apparently blessed and of those now apparently cursed.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament forms an integral part of the Year of Mercy. The gift of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is itself an Act of mercy on behalf of God the Father. During the Holy Year, at the end of each period of Exposition, the prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy is said. Pope Francis has asked that during the Year of Mercy, parishes should give more of their people the opportunity to take part in this Catholic devotion. With this in mind Canon Joe is planning to arrange two extended periods of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – in each church on two different Saturdays – with prayers, devotion and silence, and with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available as well. The first of these days of Eucharistic Adoration will take place in St. Mary's on 5th March. The second will take place in St. Joseph's on 14th May, the Vigil of Pentecost. More details later.

Holy Door – St. Mary's, Newport

The Door of Mercy reflection card at St. Mary's, Newport is entitled 'The Hour of Mercy'. The people and clergy of All Saints, Newport invite you to a Holy Hour with Divine Mercy prayers **every Friday between 2 to 3pm** during the Holy Year - a great opportunity to make pilgrimage through the Holy Door and spend the hour up to the time of Our Lord's death on the cross (The Hour of Mercy) with him. All are welcome.

SVP - The next meeting of the SVP will be on **Tuesday 2nd February** in St. Joseph's hall at 2.15pm.

CAFOD Pyramid Boxes - TODAY

Thank you for bringing in your filled boxes today for exchange to fresh ones.

Parish Advisory Council (PAC)

The next meeting of the PAC will be on **Thursday 25th February** at 7.30pm in St. Mary's hall. At that meeting the new elected members will be welcomed: - Bill Nolan, Susan Patrick and Liz Reid. We will also welcome back Christiane Cantlay and Joyce Harding who put themselves forward to serve a second term of three years. **Would all the present membership please note the date of the next meeting.**

CAFOD Supporters Meeting, Cardiff

Join us for our supporters' meeting to hear the stories behind our Lenten appeal. Hear especially the story of Proscovia, a 14 year old girl from Northern Uganda, whose life has been transformed with our support. Find out how our donations for the Lenten appeal this year will be doubled by the UK Government (£1 = £2) and how this can bring about real and lasting change to more people this Lent.

Join us on Saturday 6th February at Nazareth House, Colum Road, Cardiff CF10 3UN at 10.30am to 12.30pm. Contact CAFOD South Wales on 029 20344882 for further information. All welcome. Website: www.CAFOD.org.uk