

## LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S

**Walk With Me Booklets** – These booklets contain the readings and reflections for the season of Lent. They are a wonderful help for us to reflect on the Word of God during this time. They are available from the back of Church at the cost of £1.

**Thursday morning Masses:** Following the success of the early Masses during Advent, Mass will be celebrated at 8am every Thursday morning during Lent in addition to the 10am Mass. This Mass will be followed by a simple breakfast in St Joseph's Hall.

**Confessions:** In addition to our usual confession times – 11-12 at St Joseph's and 4:45-5pm at St Philip Evans, the sacrament will also be celebrated from 5pm-6pm before the Saturday evening Mass at St Joseph's. If you would like to go to confession outside of these times, speak to a priest and they will be happy to oblige.

**Stations of the Cross:** The Stations of the Cross originate in Jerusalem, where pilgrims would walk the path that Jesus would have taken to Calvary and paused at various moments to meditate and what had happened. The devotion was brought to Europe in an adapted form and it was St Francis of Assisi who popularised the Stations of the Cross that we know today. The Stations will be prayed each Friday at St Joseph's at 7pm.

**Lenten Alms:** Almsgiving is one of the great pillars of our Lenten devotion. If you would like to give alms, there is a green box by the cross at St Joseph's and a basket at St Philip Evans.

**Lenten Station Mass:** There is an ancient tradition of the Church where the Pope would celebrate Mass at different Churches (stations) during the season of Lent. In this Archdiocese. The Archbishop does the same. We are invited to join him at our Deanery Station Mass which will be held at Holy Cross, Gendros, Swansea on Thursday 5th March at 7pm.

**The Clydach Passion Play: The Road to Calvary:** We are happy to announce that St Joseph's will host the Clydach Passion play. The play will take place here at St Joseph's on Friday 6th March at 7pm. Tickets are available to purchase from the sacristy after Mass for £5 with proceeds going to support the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP).

**The Passover Meal:** It has been a long standing tradition at St Joseph's to celebrate a Passover Meal in the run up to Holy Week. In doing so, we get a glimpse into Jewish life and what it may have been like in that upper room. It's also a lovely moment for us to come together as a parish. The meal will be held on Monday, 30th March at Blanco's Hotel. 6.15pm arrival for a 6.30pm start. 2 course lamb carvery for £10. There will be a sign up sheet after weekend Masses next week and if full payment can be had by the week after that would be great. Our thanks to the staff of Blanco's for being so welcoming.