

Collections for Last Sunday

| Parish | Gift Aid | Loose | Levy | Total | At Mass |
|-----------------------|----------|--------|---------|----------------|------------|
| Immaculate Conception | £188.00 | £86.38 | £105.27 | £379.65 | 121 |
| All Saints | £214.00 | £98.94 | £124.16 | £437.10 | 104 |
| St. John's | £147.00 | £13.90 | £22.20 | £183.10 | 34 |
| | | | Total | <u>£999.85</u> | <u>259</u> |

The Coffee Evening held in Rhymney raised £110 for Parish funds.
Many thanks to those who continue to support.

Grateful thanks to all for your contributions!

ARCHDIOCESAN LEVY:

This is to advise that payments due to the Archdiocese of Cardiff for the financial year starting 1st April 2017- March 2018 are charged as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Immaculate Conception | £4,967.00 |
| All Saints | £5,876.00 |
| St. John | £2,939.00 |

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Development this year we will focus on interior development of St Johns Rhymney. We apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused and we ask for the prayers and support of all parishioners and people of goodwill.

Friends of All Saints There will be a meeting on Monday at 6:30pm in the Altar Servers Room.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: This will take place from Sept. 7th -14th 2017. Booking forms now available from Laurence O'Leary or Vincent McCarthy.

CPR and DEFIB training: We will be holding a training evening at All Saints Ebbw Vale on Thursday 27th July at 6:30 pm for anyone who would like to be trained *or* people who would like a refresh.

NEW APPOINTMENT

The Archbishop has appointed Fr. Edmund as Parish Priest of Maesteg and Aberkenfig with effect from September 2017.



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St John's, Rhymney

Parish Priest: **Fr. Edmund Neizer**

The Presbytery, Crossways, Dukestown, Tredegar NP22 4AT

Tel: **01495 717162** (Emergency Calls Only: **07964 366710**)

www.trevcatholics.co.uk e: newsletter@trevcatholics.co.uk

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Mass Book P102 16th July 2017

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---|
| Vigil | 5:30pm | Immaculate Conception | All Saints, Martyrs & Holy Souls; Colin & John Scannell RIP |
| 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00am | Immaculate Conception | Harry Richardson RIP |
| | 10:30am | All Saints | Cliggett family Intentions |
| | 5:30pm | St. John's | Fr. Edmund's Intentions |
| Monday 17th | 10:00am | St. John's | Bernard & Marian Wilson |
| Tuesday 18th | 7:00pm | Immaculate Conception | For Rev. Daniel Stanton for His Priestly Ordination on Saturday |
| Wednesday 19th | 10:00am | All Saints | Jane George RIP |
| Thursday 20th | 9:30am | AS School | Leavers Mass |
| | 1:00pm | StJ School | Leavers Mass |
| Friday 21st | 10:00am | All Saints | Requiem of Michael Gough |
| | 7:00pm | Immaculate Conception | For All Widows & Widowers |
| Saturday 22nd | 10:00am | All Saints | Fr. Michael Hagerty RIP |
| Vigil | 5:30pm | Immaculate Conception | Teresa Daniel & Patrick Carpenter & Family |
| 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00am | Immaculate Conception | Hughes Family Intentions Dillwyn Herbert RIP Anniv. |
| | 10:30am | All Saints | Margaret Evans RIP |
| | 5:30pm | St. John's | Prayer Group Members |

VIGIL LAMPS

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| All Saints: | Our Lady | Fr. Edmunds intentions |
| All Saints: | Sacred Heart | In Thanksgiving |
| Immaculate Conception: | Our Lady | Vocations to the Priesthood |
| Immaculate Conception: | Sacred Heart | Rev. Daniel Stanton |

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| All Saints: | Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm |
| St. John: | Monday after 10:00am Mass |
| Immaculate Conception: | Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| All Saints: | After Mass on Wednesday and Saturday |
| St. John's: | After Mass on Monday and Sunday at 5pm |
| Immaculate Conception: | Before Mass on Tuesday, & Saturday at 5pm |

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Jesus asks for childlike abandonment to the providence of our heavenly Father who takes care of his children's smallest needs: "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?". . . Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." (CCC, 305)

GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 13: 1-9)

The thirteenth chapter of Matthew's Gospel consists of seven parables and some interpretations. The parables centre on Kingdom of God and the various human responses to this kingdom and its message. The parables were interpreted most likely during the composition of the gospels. Jesus spoke in parables to arrest the attention of his hearers and to tease them into active thought. No wonder we read of the common refrain: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear", in two of the parables (Matt. 13:9, 43). This refrain is an invitation to the listener to think reflectively on the human application of the parables.

In the Parable of the Sower, the emphasis falls on the condition of the soil and its effects on the seed. The kinds of soil depict different responses to Jesus' words. The resistant response is the seed that falls along the path. Since the ground is hard, the seed cannot penetrate the surface and is soon devoured by the birds.

The shallow response is the seed that falls on patches of rock. The seeds sprout quickly but since there is no deeper soil for the plant to sink its roots, it withers under the heat of the Sun. this describes nominal disciples.

The distracted response is the seed that falls among thorns. Here, the soil is sufficiently deep but another problem arises; it is already occupied by weeds powerful enough to choke the new feeble plant. The thorns illustrate the power of money and earthly possessions to prevent undivided loyalty to Christ.

The productive response is the seed that falls on good unencumbered soil. Amidst the loss, there is an abundant harvest; despite all obstacles the message of the kingdom achieves its purpose. The good soil alone shows what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus, the way one lives one's life shows how one has really understood and received the message of the kingdom. What is our response to God's word?

Please pray for the Parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

✠ the sick and housebound:

Jeanette Badham, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Molly Cini, Jim Clarke, James Cullen, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Michael Gough, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Keyon Hughes, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Maureen Morgan, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Cathy O'Leary, Ruth Phillips, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Eileen Richards, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Maureen Roberts, Norman Roberts, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Helen Yabsley, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Daniel Morgan Bennett, Raymond Titley, Jeanette Prothero, Pauline Thomas. Barbara McCarthy, Gavin Hughes, Norma Beecher, Maria James, Maureen Hague, Doris Morris, Sheila Bennett, Joan Spencer, Mary (Benjamin) Thomas, Margaret Jones.

✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Jeremiah Delaney Jnr. Evan Jones, Anthony Lynch, Fr. Michael Hagerty, Michael O'Leary. Patricia Mary Morris, John Nigel Ryan, Margaret Rose Munkley, Noreen Burke, Michael Cooney, Sheila Pritchard, Mary Ann Price

Sacrament

We congratulate Sophia Ann Underwood on the occasion of her Baptism today 16th July at All Saints Church. May we continue to keep her and her family in our prayers.

Eternal Rest

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Gough (Snr) who passed on Friday 7th July. His Requiem will take place on Friday 21st July at 10am. Our sympathies and prayers go to the bereaved family. May he rest in peace and rise in Glory.