Collections for last Sunday									
Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At	Sea			
					Mass	Sunday			
Immaculate									
Conception	£250.00	£90.00	£73.80	£413.80	118	£112.48			
All Saints	£275.60	£140.53	£100.90	£517.03	119	£134.63			
St. John's	£180.00	£15.91	£24.20	£220.11	44	<u>£56.00</u>			
				<u>£1150.94</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>£303.11</u>			

The Sunday Night Tea at St. John's raised £100 for Parish Funds. Thanks for your generosity.

### Parish Notices

\* Grateful thanks to all who attended the **Parish Meeting** held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>July in St. John's Hall, Rhymney. The few Parishioners who came helped to plan the way forward for our Pastoral area up to Christmas 2014.

\* A *First Holy Communion Medal* was found in All Saints Church Hall after the BBQ. If you know who lost this, please contact Vince on 304022.

\* On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August St John's will hold an *afternoon cream tea* in the Parish Hall. Tickets (adult £5, children £2.50) will be on sale soon.

\* **Tredegar Parish shop**: please save all your 'goodies' for the shop which will be open for donations on 4<sup>th</sup> September. More news later.

\* Next Sunday 27th July, we celebrate Day for LIFE. There will be *a retiring collection* to assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

\* **Congratulations** to St Joseph's pupils Raye-Louise Jones & Matylda Nawrocka who won prizes in the police Road Safety competition. Matylda's design, chosen as the best in Tredegar will be used as a poster.



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 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Year A
 (Mass Book p105)
 20th July 2014

 Immaculate
 Zoe Hughes

	5:30pm	Immaculate	Zoe Hughes			
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> (vigil)		Conception	Felix & Monica Amissah Anniv.			
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Margaret McMiles RIP			
	10:30am	All Saints	Davies Family RIP Jane George RIP In Thanksgiving (TH)			
	5:30pm	St John's	Ann-Marie & Stephen Osborne			
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am	St John's				
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Driscoll RIP			
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am	All Saints	Dr Kevin Neville (A/S)			
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>		School	No Mass			
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Theresa Short RIP			
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	All Saints	Private Intention			
17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Havard Jones RIP Butler Family			
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Stan Turner RIP Elsie Aherne RIP			
	10:30am	All Saints	Thomas & Annie Lynch RIP Alice Murphy RIP			
	5:30pm	St John's				
Confersions						

## **Confessions**

St John's:Monday after Mass; Sunday 5:00pmImmaculate Conception:Tuesday 6:30-7 pm; Friday 5:30pm; Saturday 5:00pmAll Saints:Wed after Mass; Saturday after MassThere will be Confessions during the time for adoration and also by arrangement.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St John's:	Following Monday 10:00am Mass
All Saints:	Following Wednesday 10:00am Mass
Immaculate Conception:	Friday 12 noon until 6:00pm

## <u>Vigil Lamps</u>

All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Derek Nevill
All Saints:	Our Lady	Rose Healy RIP
All Saints:	St. Joseph	Private Intention (MS)
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Maurine Baker
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Veronica Yandle

### From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth! Let us bring our prayers and sacrifices to him with willing hearts, and praise his holy name.

"The truth that God is at work in all the actions of his creatures is inseparable from faith in God the Creator. God is the first cause who operates in and through secondary causes: 'For God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.' Far from diminishing the creature's dignity, this truth enhances it. Drawn from nothingness by God's power, wisdom and goodness, it can do nothing if it is cut off from its origin, for 'without a creator the creature vanishes.' Still less can a creature attain its ultimate end without the help of God's grace." (CCC, 308)

Dearly beloved, God by his grace has given us the Holy Spirit for a guarantee as his adopted sons and daughters to help us in our weaknesses, to sanctify us in Christ Jesus through Holy Mother Church, and to, as St. Paul says, the Holy spirit express our plea in a way that could never be put into words, when we lack the right words in our prayers.

Let us turn to the Lord and ask that he mercifully increase the gifts of his grace in us so that we may ever remain close to his kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Remain in God's Love and care!

#### Sacraments

**Holy Matrimony**: Let us pray for Kristian Jon Knapp & Katherine Ann Bowdich who are preparing for their wedding on September 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Teilo's, Tenby. May the Lord bless and keep them in His love.

## <u>Gospel reflection</u> from a Parishioner The Holy Gospel of Matthew 13: 24 - 43

We have three more parables this Sunday. First, the parable of the sowing of darnel. God will not pull out the darnel until harvest time. This parable could bring back memories from the past, giving an insight into what is happening to you now, or inviting you to trust in the future.

The Church is the mustard seed, and the beginning of the Kingdom. The birds of the air; all of us, can shelter under it.

In our daily lives there are times when we fall short of the gospel, and feel we are only weeds that should be burned. The weeds will grow, but God is patient, knowing our good works, He will mercifully gather us into his Kingdom.

# Please pray for the parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

# ☆ <u>those whose anniversary occurs at this time:</u>

Michael O'Leary, John Griffiths, Hugh Griffiths, Patrick Riley, Julia McCarthy, Mary O'Leary, Fr. Clive Loosemore RIP

# ी <u>the sick:</u>

Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Molly Cini, Jim Clarke, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Margaret Griffiths, Lina Guidice, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Brenda Hayden, Mary Hillier, Kate Hooper, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Colin Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Margaret Leesk, Doris Lloyd, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, Cathy O'Leary, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Eileen Richards, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Maureen Roberts, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Betty Smith, Dennis Sullivan, Millie Sullivan, Julie Thomas, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi. Ruth Phillips. Norman Roberts.

If you know of anyone who is sick and not named – or indeed a name that should no longer be here – could you please pass a note to Father Edmund.