

### Collections for last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£167.00	£70.90	£90.53	£328.43	92
All Saints	£233.00	£104.30	£105.50	£442.80	95
St. John's	£114.00	£84.40	£70.70	£269.10	114
			Total	£1040.33	301

*Grateful thanks to everyone for your contributions.*

#### GRATITUDE

Fr. Edmund will like to express his heartfelt gratitude to all for your presence, sincere wishes, cards and presents at the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. He will like to thank in a special way the organisers for all the details of the celebration. It was amazing. Be assured that his thoughts and prayers will ceaselessly be with you. God Love you all!

#### WELCOME

We welcome Monsignor Alexander Bobby Benson and Fr. Benjamin Doe to our Pastoral Area. We hope they will enjoy their stay as they offer themselves to celebrate Holy Masses for us and with us this week and in the near future.

\* Immaculate Conception **Charity Shop** will open on Friday 19th August. If you are able to help please Contact Sheila on 01495 723507 and keep all your surplus items for this parish fundraiser.

#### DAY OF MERCY

**The next Day of Mercy will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August.** There will be Devotion to the Divine Mercy, Rosary, Healing through the Proclamation of the Word and Anointing of the Holy Spirit from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at **ST. JOHN'S, RHYMNEY.**

***Come and have an encounter with Our Lord Jesus Christ, through Prayer, Repentance, Forgiveness and Healing.***

#### CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER

In our prayer pilgrimage around the Diocese for the Centenary Year we remember today the Parish and People of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Hereford and their priest Dom. Matthew Carney and The Monastery of Poor Clares

**Newsletter:** we will need a volunteer to assist in the production of the newsletter for 3 weeks at the end of August. If you can help please let Fr. Edmund know.



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#### 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time *Mass Book p114* **24th July 2016**

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Thomas Family
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Gerard & Gaynor McCarthy Margaret Driscoll RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	William & Selina Hussey Mary Smith RIP Alice Murphy RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Fr. Edmund - Thanksgiving
Monday 25th St James (Feast)	10:00am	St John's	Havard Jones RIP
Tuesday 26th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Stephen & Agnes Wedding Anniversary
Wednesday 27th	10:00am	All Saints	Jim & Winnie O'Connor RIP
Thursday 28th	-	-	No Mass
Friday 29th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Gavin Hughes' Wellbeing
Saturday 30th	10:00am	All Saints	In Thanksgiving (SA)
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Dennis Simmons RIP Anniv
18th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	For Unity and Growth of the Parish
	10:30am	All Saints	Barbara McCarthy's Wellbeing
	5:30pm	St John's	Kitty Surtees RIP

#### Vigil Lamps

**Immaculate Conception:** Our Lady Gavin Hughes Wellbeing  
**Immaculate Conception:** Sacred Heart For all Priests and Deacons  
**All Saints:** Our Lady Fr Edmund's Intentions  
**All Saints:** Sacred Heart Luigi & Myra Carini

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**St John's:** Monday 10:30am until 11:00am  
**All Saints:** Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm  
**Immaculate Conception:** Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm

## From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

“God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve him, and so to come to paradise. Beatitude makes us "partakers of the divine nature" and of eternal life. With beatitude, man enters into the glory of Christ and into the joy of the Trinitarian life.” (CCC, 1721)

### REFLECTION

**PRAYER** – It is not just a function in life, not even the most important function, rather it is LIFE itself. “We are truly alive, truly human only when our whole life is prayer”.

The Holy Eucharist is the greatest prayer of the Church. It is the climax on earth of God’s search for us and our search for God, beginning with interior prayer and leading to exterior Sacrifice. Our personal prayers and sacrifices are incomplete without Christ Jesus; hence the absolute necessity of perseverance in prayer through our total participation in the Eucharistic celebration.

Today’s readings give us the occasion to reflect on prayer. Prayer is an essential part of the life of the disciple of Christ. It is about living in trust with God, which is why perseverance has a prominent place in the readings.

Prayer is necessary to ADORE, THANK, IMPLORE PARDON and PETITION God.

“Only the fool ignores God. Wisdom recognises God, worships His infinite excellence and acknowledges our absolute dependence on Him, and all this is prayer.

To ADORE God is the first commandment, since as Creator and Preserver of all things, He is supreme.

To THANK God for all the gifts of nature that you have received as His creatures; for all the gifts of grace that you have received as His Children.

To IMPLORE PARDON from God, because sin is the evil responsible for all temporal and eternal punishment

To PETITION God for His graces and blessings, because not to ask is either to ignore or reject them.”

Truly good prayer involves the virtue of perseverance. “He who perseveres to the end shall be saved” says the Lord

### Quotes for the Day

“Successful people have two things on their lips, Smiles and Silence.  
Smiles can solve problems, while silence can avoid them”

“Sugar and salt may be mixed together but ants will reject the salt and carry away the sugar. Select the right people in life and make your life better and sweeter”

“If you fail to achieve your dreams, change your ways not your creator”

## Please pray for 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 Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Keyon Hughes, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, 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, Mary Thomas, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Daniel Morgan Bennett, Raymond Titley, Jeanette Prothero, Pauline Thomas. Barbara McCarthy, Gavin Hughes

### † *those whose anniversary occurs at this time:*

Julia McCarthy, Jerimiah Delaney, Mary O’Leary, Father Clive Loosemore, John O’Sullivan. Patricia Mary Morris, John Nigel Ryan, Brian Thomas, Megan Jenkins, Winifred Bevan, Julie Stevens, Margaret Rose Munkley. Noreen Burke, Michael Cooney

### APPRECIATION

**Our sincere thanks go to God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, the Blessed Mother Mary, Ever Virgin, and to Archbishop George and all who contributed and supported to make last Sunday’s Confirmation a fruitful and successful celebration. May the fruits of the Holy Spirit abundantly fill our Parishes to the Glory of God and for the good of the Church. God Love you all.**

