

Collections for Last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£257.00	£63.82	£88.70	£409.52	113
All Saints	£210.00	£92.50	£104.34	£406.84	89
St. John's	£169.50	£20.00	£20.30	£209.80	40
			Total	£1026.16	242

Grateful thanks to all for your contributions!

100 CLUB JULY WINNERS

1st Prize	Mary Boulton	£50.00
2nd Prize	Neville Whitcombe	£25.00
3rd Prize	Michael Morgan	£10.00

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Development: interior of **St John's, Rhymney**. We apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused and we ask for the prayers and support of all parishioners.

* **Cleaning** The Church needs to be cleaned and prepared for Sunday Mass. Please could you give an hour of your time, after 5pm on Friday evenings. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

* There is a "**Development Fund Box**" at the back of the Church for contributions towards the work being undertaken at St. John's.

All Saints monthly Draw. Are you a member? Are you up-to-date with your contributions? Please check with Pat Withey today.

✠ **First Friday Devotions** to the Sacred Heart will be on Friday 4th August at Immaculate Conception beginning with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament at 6pm.

✠ **First Saturday Devotion** to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at All Saints at 9:30 am.

✠ **Day of Mercy** on Sunday 6th August at 2:30pm in **Immaculate Conception**. There will be Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament, Prayer, and Healing and anointing of the sick. All are welcome.

VISITING PRIEST

We welcome **Fr. Alexander Bedekuru** who is on Holiday in the UK to our Pastoral Area. We pray that his stay with us will bring us God's abundant blessings.



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Mass Book P108 30th July 2017

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Damian Thomas' Wellbeing Hughes Family Intentions
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Elsie Aherne RIP Neizer Family's Intentions
	10:30am	All Saints	Alice Murphy RIP Birthday Blessings for Lawrence
	5:30pm	St. John's	Thanksgiving for Sandra Jones; The O'Brien Family
Monday 31st	10:00am	St. John's	Elliot Eynon RIP
Tuesday 1st Aug	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Agnes & Stephen 54 th Wedding Anniversary
Wednesday 2nd	10:00am	All Saints	In Thanksgiving (AH)
Thursday 3rd	-	-	No Mass
Friday 4th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Driscoll RIP B'day anniversary
Saturday 5th	10:00am	All Saints	Christine James Wellbeing
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	John & Percy Neizer RIP Private Intention (M.B)
The Transfiguration of The Lord	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Teresa & Richie Griffiths Golden Wedding Anniversary Harry Pritchard RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Kathleen & Alf McCarthy RIP. Mary Ellen Twohig RIP.
	5:30pm	St. John's	Jack Thomas RIP

VIGIL LAMPS

All Saints:	Our Lady	Forgotten Souls
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Derek's Wellbeing
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Rev. Fr. Peter McLaren
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

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

“We can therefore hope in the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere "to the end" and to obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ. In hope, the Church prays for "all men to be saved." She longs to be united with Christ, her Bridegroom, in the glory of heaven:

Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one. Dream that the more you struggle, the more you prove the love that you bear your God, and the more you will rejoice one day with your Beloved, in a happiness and rapture that can never end.” (CCC, 1821)

GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 13: 44-52)

What treasure in life are we prepared to sacrifice everything or even offer the ultimate sacrifice of our life in order to attain it? The two parables of the treasure and the pearl, suggest that the Kingdom of God (Reign of God) is the supreme value of life, well worth the sacrifice of everything else. The two parables underscore the priceless value of the Kingdom of God for which no sacrifice is too great.

The ultimate value of the Kingdom of God or God's Kingly rule is a question about the priority of values. In a society which is ever more doing away with values sacred to Christians such as the value of life, sound judgement about a priority of values is of great importance and requires sacrifices from all Christians. The rich young man in Matthew 19:16-22 was unable to abandon his beloved earthly possessions in order to follow Jesus and proclaim the good news of the kingdom. His wealth was more meaningful to him than Jesus. May the Holy Spirit touch our hearts to understand that the kingdom of God is worth everything in this life and beyond.

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, 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, 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. Kathleen Woolley, Derek Kerwick, Donald & Kathleen Bennett, Damian Thomas.

✠ *those whose anniversary occurs at this time:*

John O'Sullivan, Giacomo Carini, Luigi Carini, Kathleen McKiernan, John McKiernan, Michael Peddle, Alma Glasson, Paul Higginson, Alf McCarthy, Mary Ellen Twohig, Maurice Real.. Patricia Mary Morris, John Nigel Ryan, Margaret Rose Munkley, Noreen Burke, Michael Cooney, Sheila Pritchard, Mary Ann Price, Bernard Michael Kearney, David John Colwell, Betty Packer, Brinley Smith

SACRAMENTS

We congratulate **JAN WLODZIMIERZ LODZIANA** for his baptism this Sunday 30th July 2017 at All Saints Church. Let us continue to pray for him and his Family, that his parents may be the best teachers of the faith to their Child.