

Collections for last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£203.00	£44.33	£91.61	£338.94	112
All Saints	£207.00	£115.13	£116.26	£438.39	90
St. John's	£168.00	£25.00	£26.90	<u>£219.90</u>	<u>31</u>
			Total	<u>£997.23</u>	<u>233</u>

Grateful thanks to everyone for your contributions.

St John's Collection for the Apostolate of the Sea realised £63.30 and the Sunday Evening Tea collected £100 for parish funds. Many thanks to those who support

100 CLUB

1st Prize	No: 57	Pat Smith	£50.00
2nd Prize	No:27	Yvonne Davies	£25.00
3rd Prize	No.144	Joyce Riley	£10.00

Parish Notices

We **welcome** Fr. Benjamin Doe who will be serving our spiritual needs in the absence of Fr. Edmund as he takes a home leave in the month of August.

It is our hope that Fr. Benjamin will enjoy his stay with us.

- * **Friends of All Saints** Meeting will take place on Monday at 6:30pm.
- * **Know and Share** will meet on Thursday at 6:30pm in Immaculate Conception - all are welcome.
- * Next Rhymney **Coffee Evening** will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm on Friday 12th August. Everyone is welcome.
- * 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.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is at 6:00pm on Friday 5th August in Immaculate Conception beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is at 9:30am on Saturday 6th August in All Saints beginning with The Holy Rosary.

DAY OF MERCY

Day of Mercy will be next Sunday 7th 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.

Please remember there will be no **Adoration** in August at Immaculate Conception



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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31st July 2016

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Dennis Simmons RIP Anniv
18th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Agnus & Stephen Wickraasinge
	10:30am	All Saints	Barbara McCarthy's Wellbeing
	5:30pm	St John's	Kitty Surtees RIP
Monday 1st Aug	10:00am	St John's	Sandra Jones Special Intentions
Tuesday 2nd	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Lina Guidice RIP Anniv Margaret Driscoll RIP Anniv
Wednesday 3rd	10:00am	All Saints	Private Intention (VM)
Thursday 4th	-	-	<i>No Mass</i>
Friday 5th	12 noon	All Saints	Funeral of Joan Coughlin
	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 6th	10:00am	All Saints	Gemma Burchell RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Maureen Baker RIP
19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Ednyfed Austin-Prys B'day RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Kathleen & Alf McCarthy Kathleen & John McKiernan Mary Ellen Twohig RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	For Divine Healing

Vigil Lamps

Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Yvonne Brown
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart Jim Clark
All Saints: Our Lady Sick of the Parish
All Saints: Sacred Heart People of the Parish

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: No Adoration in August

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

St John's: Monday after 10:30am Mass and Sunday at 5pm
All Saints: After Mass on Wednesday and Saturday
Immaculate Conception: Before Mass on Tuesday, and Saturday at 5pm

From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

“The beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices. It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement - however beneficial it may be - such as science, technology, and art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love:

All bow down before wealth. Wealth is that to which the multitude of men pay an instinctive homage. They measure happiness by wealth; and by wealth they measure respectability. . . . It is a homage resulting from a profound faith . . . that with wealth he may do all things. Wealth is one idol of the day and notoriety is a second. . . . Notoriety, or the making of a noise in the world - it may be called "newspaper fame" - has come to be considered a great good in itself, and a ground of veneration.” (CCC, 1723))

REFLECTION

When the man in the crowd asks Jesus to settle a financial dispute with his brother, Jesus refuses to get involved. He knows that the man’s underlying problem isn’t a squabble over money, but in his covetous mentality. Jesus warns against the dangers of greed which can lead us to misplace our trust. We usually look to wealth and riches for security, but Jesus warns us that they will not only let us down but will also lead us to get our priorities wrong.

In the parable of the rich farmer, Jesus depicts a man who thinks that life is all about riches. Once he has more than enough, he thinks that his life is complete, that he has nothing more to worry about. He places his trust in his wealth to make him happy and fulfilled. His wealth leads him to think that life is nothing more than eating and drinking and being comfortable. His wealth made him to forget about his responsibilities to his neighbour and to God. His thoughts are all about “I”, “me”, and “my”.

If we live as if our jobs, our status, our money are more important than our family, our friends and our relationship with God, then we have our priorities wrong. We need money for the essentials, but money making is not the essence of life. In the hustle and bustle of life, it is very easy for us to get our priorities in life wrong- thinking in terms of what looks good, what appears attractive on the surface.

Life is far richer than that. Let us think of others; let us think about God.

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:*

Giacomo Carini, Luigi Carini, Kathleen McKiernan, Alma Glasson, Paul Higginson, Alf McCarthy, John McKiernan, Mary Ellen Twohig, Maurice Real, Angiolina Carini, Mary Joyce.. Patricia Mary Morris, John Nigel Ryan, Brian Thomas, Megan Jenkins, Winifred Bevan, Julie Stevens, Margaret Rose Munkley. Noreen Burke, Michael Cooney, Mary Ann Price, Sheila Pritchard

Eternal Rest

We pray for the repose of the Soul of **Joan Coughlin**. Her funeral will take place at All Saints Church on Friday 5th August 2016 at 12noon.

May our prayers and sympathies be with the bereaved family.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER

In our prayer pilgrimage around the Diocese for the Centenary Year we remember today the Parish and People of St Francis Xavier, Hereford and their priest Dom. Michael Evans