

Collections for last Sunday

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>At Mass</i>
Immaculate Conception	£214.00	£60.10	£98.03	£372.13	108
All Saints	£206.00	£100.29	£126.46	£432.75	96
St. John's	£133.00	£4.00	£18.00	£155.00	29
			Total	£959.88	223

Immaculate Conception: Sunday Tea after Mass £30 - Monday Lunch £132.
Grateful thanks to all organizers and patrons for your support. God love you.

PARISH NOTICES

Know & Share is on Thursday 1st December at 6:30pm in Immaculate Conception

* **All Saints APF boxes** Last call for your Red Boxes. There are still a few outstanding, please contact Mary Taylor or Vincent. Thank you.

* **Christmas Shopping Trip** to Cheltenham on Monday 28th Nov. Bus leaves from outside William Adam Court, Rees St, Ebbw Vale at 9:15am. Return at 4:30pm.

* **Christmas Lunch at Moose Hall** will take place on Sunday 4th December 2016 at 1pm. Adults £8 and Children £4. Please see Yvonne Davies for your tickets.

* **All Saints Luncheon Club** Christmas Dinner will take place on Monday 5th December at 5pm. Please give names by today please.

* **St Joseph's school fete** will be on Thursday 15th December at 1:30 in the school hall. All welcome and a special visit from Father Christmas. Also, the school will be doing a Mass with Bishop Hedley on Saturday 3rd December with carols.

* The **Annual Community Meal** at Bishop Hedley High school is on Thursday 15th December. **All Parishioners are welcome.** The afternoon will start at 1 pm and finish at 5pm. Free food and drink will be provided by the learners, also an afternoon of Christmas themed music, acts, Gym and Dance and other items from the learners of Bishop Hedley. To secure a place, please contact Robin Davies on 07943397511 or contact the school. We can also prearrange transport if required.

* The **Christmas Coffee Evening** will be held on Friday 16th December in the Parish Hall in Rhymney. Everyone is welcome.

* Rassau Community Centre Christmas Day Lunch and Party for **everyone living alone**. Transport will be available. Contact Julie Thomas on 07749803060

THE SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is on Thursday 8th December 2016. It is our **Parish Feast**. There will be Holy Mass at 6:30pm at St. Joseph's School followed by Refreshments. For catering purposes, please add your names to the list in the porch.



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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1st Week of Advent Year A *Mass Book p82* **27th November 2016**

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Mary Nyinaku RIP Nell Turner RIP Anniv. Idris Williams
First Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Mary Molly Lewis Mel Hillman; Rita & Rose Benkins
	10:30am	All Saints	John & Mary Harris RIP Theresa McCarthy RIP Kath James & Pauline Jones RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Francis Ofori RIP
Monday 28th	10:00am	St John's	Holy Souls
Tuesday 29th	7.00pm	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Driscoll RIP
Wednesday 30th	10:00am	All Saints	Terry McCarthy RIP, Paul Crawley RIP
Thursday 1st Dec	9.30pm	St Joseph's school	Holy Souls
Friday 2nd	7.00pm	Immaculate Conception	DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS 6PM Holy Souls
Saturday 3rd	10:00am	All Saints	William & Selina Hussey & Mary Smith RIP Wellbeing of the Roffi Family.
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Marion & Charles Ypres Butler; Shirley Owens, Fred & Mary Simmons
Second Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Davie Sylve Vaughan Francis Ofori RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Andrea & Giuseppina Roffi RIP Lionel Lewis RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Comfort Ofori RIP

Vigil Lamps

Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Maureen Baker RIP
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart Maria Kerwin RIP
All Saints: Our Lady Terry McCarthy RIP
All Saints: Sacred Heart Tony Jenkins & Paul Crawley RIP

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

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

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (CCC, 542)

GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 24: 37-44)

The Season of Advent is a four week preparation towards the coming of Christ. Advent simply means "to come". The preparation during advent is twofold; preparing for the second coming of Christ from today till December 16 and preparing for the birth of Christ as Saviour from December 17 to 24. The reason why violet chasuble is worn during Advent is that, in addition to the character of preparation, Advent also has a penitential character which has almost died out.

Jesus in the Gospel cautions his disciples that the time of his second coming is unknown just as the Flood took people by surprise during the time of Noah. The men and women of Noah's day drew the wrong conclusion from their ignorance of the time of the Flood and were careless in things pertaining to God. Jesus continues that his second coming will be a time of selection. Some will be taken, others will be left behind. Since the time of his coming is unknown, Jesus admonishes his disciples to stay awake and to be prepared and ready when he comes again.

DAY OF MERCY

Are you or your relation terminally ill? Are you having health issues? Are you suffering with depression, disappointed in relations, living with fear of the unknown? Are you carrying any burden that is too heavy to bear? Whatever challenges you are facing presently, The DAY Of MERCY is for you.

Come and have an encounter with the Lord!

On Sunday 4th December, 2016 from 2:30pm to 5:00pm, The DAY OF MERCY will be at **St. John's Church, Rhymney**. There will be Devotion to the Divine Mercy Rosary, Healing & Anointing by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Please pray for parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

✠ the sick and housebound:

Jeanette Badham, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Molly Cini, Jim Clarke, James Cullen, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Michael Gough, Margaret Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, 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, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman 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, Donna Marie, Keyon Hughes, John O'Leary

✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Margaret Amos, Kathleen Rabiotti, Kathleen James, Catherine Cliggett, Theresa McCarthy, Bridget Flaherty, Pauline Jones, Terry McCarthy, Paul Crawley, Tony Jenkins, Winnie O'Connor, Crohane Murphy, John Glasson, Anthony O'Donnovan.. Catherine Wakeford, Kelly Anne Marie Presley, Eleanor (Nell) Turner, Hilda Dolling. Sylvia Doreen Bennett, Julie Mary Mantle.

ADVENT RETREATS 2016

Saturday 3rd December, 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Children and Young People's Retreat at Immaculate Conception.

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th December. Pastoral Area Retreat

Led By: Rev. Jerry Able Manomey of Sacred Heart Parish, Northampton.

Friday 9th December, 6.30pm: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Holy Rosary
Holy Mass with an Introductory Talk for the Retreat.

Saturday 10th December, 10am - 2.00pm: ST. JOHN'S:

Holy Mass/ Talks/ Adoration/ Confessions /Q&A/ Shared Lunch/ Benediction

Sunday 11th December Thanksgiving Mass at all the Parishes.

***Please keep these days open to prepare the way for the Lord.
Come, Lord Jesus Come!***