

Collections for last Sunday

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Attended</i>
Immaculate Conception	£261.00	£53.98	£104.81	£419.79	119
All Saints	£220.00	£176.89	£184.27	£581.16	120
St. John's	£131.00	£26.55	£31.65	£189.20	34
				<u>£1190.15</u>	<u>263</u>

Grateful Thanks to all for your generous contributions

PARISH NOTICES

Sunday Lunch Our first Sunday Lunch for the year 2016, will be at Moose Hall on February 21st at 1:00pm. Adults £8.00, Children £4.00. Please see Yvonne Davies for your Ticket.

Know & Share will meet on Thursday at 6:30pm in All Saints. All are welcome.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is 19th February. A retiring collection will be taken as you leave the Church next weekend. Envelopes are available today if you wish to use them.

Catholic History Society As part of the Archdiocesan celebrations there is a talk entitled **The Search For Our Cathedral** on Sunday 28th February at 3pm in St. David's Catholic Sixth Form College, Tygwyn Rd. Cardiff. For further detail contact Tricia on: 02920 595 899 or triciacoulthard@outlook.com

Walk with Me Lent is a journey to the Mercy of the Cross of Christ and the light of the empty tomb. "In the eve of our lives we will be judged on our love" (St John of The Cross). Lenten booklets are now available in the Church Porch for £1. Please take a booklet for your Lenten Journey.

Fr. Edmund will like to thank you all for your prayers and support towards his visit to Rome to receive the Mandate of the Holy Father as a Missionary of Mercy. God love you all.

Missionary of Mercy

Pope Francis has granted to the Missionary of Mercy the faculty to absolve, for the duration of the Jubilee Year, those sins reserved to the Holy See. Limited **exclusively** to the following sins:

1. Profaning the Eucharistic species by taking them away or keeping them for a sacrilegious Purpose
2. Use of physical force against the Roman Pontiff
3. Absolution of an accomplice in a sin against the Sixth Commandment of the Decalogue
4. A direct violation against the sacramental seal by a confessor

The Missionary is to be a joyful proclaimer of divine mercy and its faithful dispenser, above all in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	O'Connell Family Butler Family
First Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Mary & John Lloyd Anniv. Mel Hillman Peter, Margaret & Chrispin RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Kate Hooper RIP Sid Withey RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Members of the Prayer Group
Monday 15th	10:00am	St John's	Vincent McCarthy
Tuesday 16th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Reardon Family RIP
Wednesday 17th	10:00am	All Saints	Dean O'Neill RIP Mary Fonda RIP
Thursday 18th	10:00am	All Saints School	Holy Souls
Friday 19th	7:00am	Immaculate Conception	Jim Driscoll's Intentions
Saturday 20th	-	All Saints	No Mass
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Butler family St. Jude – Sandra Adams' intentions
Second Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Des Jones B'day George Richardson RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Margaret, Irene, Sandra, Joan, Pat, and Phil Benger RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Lazzaro Minoli RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

St John's: Monday after Mass; Sunday 5:00pm
Immaculate Conception: Tuesday 6:30pm; Saturday 5:00pm
All Saints: Wednesday & Saturday after Mass

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Immaculate Conception: Tuesday after 7:30pm Mass
All Saints: Wednesdays before Mass at 9:30am
St John's: Fridays at 10:00am

	<u>Vigil Lamps</u>	
Immaculate Conception	Our Lady	Veronica Yandle
Immaculate Conception	Sacred Heart	Charles Sheehy RIP
All Saints	Sacred Heart	McCarthy Family
All Saints	Our Lady	People of The Parish

From the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

This dramatic situation of "the whole world [which] is in the power of the evil one" makes man's life a battle:

"The whole of man's history has been the story of our combat with the powers of evil, stretching, so our Lord tells us, from the very dawn of history until the last day. Finding himself in the midst of the battlefield man has to struggle to do what is right, and it is at great cost to himself, and aided by God's grace, that he succeeds in achieving his own inner integrity." (CCC, 409)

Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

Holy Gospel of Luke 4 : 1 -- 13

Try as he might by offering every attractive thing -- wealth, power, esteem --- the devil couldn't prove stronger. The gentle persuasion of prayer and fasting kept Jesus stronger and able to resist temptation. Not even the Son of God was exempt from being tested!

Temptation then, isn't necessarily a sign of great sinfulness. It is an occasion for showing that our lives are turned to God, for remaining steadfast in the faith that we profess. Lent isn't simply our desert time to overcome temptation. It is also a springtime of renewed relationship to God. It is a time when we are strengthened, with the gentle warmth of God's Spirit leading us, to overcome even temptations to wealth, power, and esteem.

Reflect during Lent, on the temptations that we inevitable meet as the Spirit guides us through the desert. None of us is spared these. The Spirit is a pillar of fire to lighten our path on the journey, but daily events allure us to follow other pillars of fire as we wander through the desert. But we find our hunger satisfied, our thirst quenched, only in the person of a loving, provident God who walks with us always. This Lent all of us must ask ourselves: what is the greatest temptation I face?

For the grace to be detached from wealth,
JESUS WE TURN TO YOU.

For the grace to be detached from power,
JESUS WE TURN TO YOU.

For the grace to be detached from esteem,
JESUS WE TURN TO YOU. AMEN

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, Michael Gough, Margaret Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Pat & 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, Millie Sullivan, 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, Chelsea, Daniel Morgan Bennett, Raymond Titley, Kitty Surtees, Tony Dallenegra, Bob Roberts.

✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Shirley Skelly, Bridget Buckley, Dean O'Neill, Ernie Worthington, Nora Jones, Theresa French, Janice Daniels, Francis Long, Bryn Davies, Terry Briggs, Veronica O'Donovan, Clifford White. Sharon Rosemary Browning, Kevin Charles Lewis, Sylvia Vranich. Patricia Davies, Doreen Lee

✠ Eternal Rest

Please pray for the Repose of the soul of **Charles Joseph Sheehy** who died last week. His Requiem will take place at Immaculate Conception on Thursday 18th February at 11:30am.

Please remember him and the family in your prayers.
May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.