

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£185.50	£90.05	£80.20	£355.75	97
All Saints	£233.00	£134.31	£151.62	£518.93	124
St. John's	£113.00	£17.32	£20.99	£151.31	38
			Total	£1025.99	259

February Development Fund. All Saints: £153.00 Immaculate Conception: £756.47
 Sunday Tea after Mass: £55.00 Raffle: £52.00 St. David's Feast Tickets £55.00

Grateful thanks to all for your generous offerings.

CAFOD Fast Day: there will be a retiring collection next weekend.

Cafod Fast Day envelopes are available in the porch if needed

February 100 CLUB: 1st Prize No. 111 Margaret Hillman
 WINNERS 2nd Prize No. 217 Michael Charles
 3rd Prize No. 130 Mary Whitcombe

February RAFFLE: 566-570 Bernadelle (Rhymney)
 WINNERS 641-645 Amy Wilcox

PARISH NOTICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: All Saints every Wednesday at 9:30am. Immaculate Conception, every Tuesday after 7pm Mass and St. John, every Friday at 10am

* All Saints **Monthly Quiz** on Thursday 9th March at 7/ 7.30pm. All are welcome. Please bring your friends to join us for a fun night.

* Rhymney **Coffee Evening** will take place on Friday 10th March at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

* **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** will take place from 7th to 14th September, 2017. Booking forms now available from Laurence O'Leary or Vincent McCarthy

* **Warmest Congratulations to:** John and Ceredwen McDonagh who celebrate their 58th Wedding Anniversary; Lynn & Mike Morgan for celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary and Barbara McCarthy for her special birthday on 4th March.

YOUTH2000 RETREAT at St. David's Six form College from 17th - 19th March 2017.

All young people are welcome. Please get your Booking form at youth2000.org.

WEEK OF PRAYER & AWARENESS FOR DEMENTIA: 12TH MARCH TO 19TH MARCH

The ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK will be celebrated on **Saturday 18th March at 2:30pm in Llantarnam Abbey, Cwmbarn, Torfaen, NP44 3YJ** for people with dementia and their carers. Please consider bringing your loved one or come simply as a friend of people with dementia, to pray for them. We also remember those who have died as a result of dementia over the past year. Following Mass, refreshments will be served



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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1st Week of Lent, Year A

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5th March 2017

Vigil	Time	Parish	Notes
	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Glenys Simmons RIP Hughes Family Sp. Int.
1st Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Agnes Clark RIP; Wellbeing of Sheila Bennett & Jeanette Badham
	10:30am	All Saints	Margaret Paul RIP St Jude (SA)
	5:30pm	St. John's	Lynn & Mike Morgan Golden Wedding Anniversary
Monday 6th	10:00am	St. John's	Dan Acheampong B'day
Tuesday 7th	6:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Mary Agnus & Stephen Wickramsinghe Catherine James RIP Anniv.
Wednesday 8th	10:00am	All Saints	Deceased members of Jones Family
	1:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Requiem of Mary Thomas (Nee O'Connell)
Thursday 9th	9:30am	All Saints School	Holy Souls
Friday 10th	7:00am	Immaculate Conception	Margaret & Peter Withanage
Saturday 11th	10:00am	All Saints	William & Honora RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Glenys Simmons RIP
2nd Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Nora & Daniel Morgan Bennett & Family
	10:30am	All Saints	Derek Skovroneck RIP. George, Jimmy & Bessie Gough RIP.
	5:30pm	St. John's	

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 from 12noon until 3:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

St John's: After Mass on Monday and Sunday at 5pm

All Saints: After Mass on Wednesday and Saturday

Immaculate Conception: Before Mass on Tuesday, and Saturday at 5pm

	<u>VIGIL LAMPS</u>	
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Jeanette Badham
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Yvonne Brown
All Saints:	Our Lady	Barbara McCarthy
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	In Thanksgiving

From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

“The Holy Spirit makes us *discern* between trials, which are necessary for the growth of the inner man, and temptation, which leads to sin and death. We must also discern between being tempted and consenting to temptation. Finally, discernment unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good, a "delight to the eyes" and desirable, when in reality its fruit is death.

God does not want to impose the good, but wants free beings. . . . There is a certain usefulness to temptation. No one but God knows what our soul has received from him, not even we ourselves. But temptation reveals it in order to teach us to know ourselves, and in this way we discover our evil inclinations and are obliged to give thanks for the goods that temptation has revealed to us. (CCC, 2847)

GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 4: 1-11)

Beloved in Christ, in our daily relationships with God and neighbour we are faced with countless moments of temptation to sin against God and neighbour. We are bombarded with choices of being obedient to God or not, accepting him or rejecting him.

Just as Adam and Eve were tempted by Satan to disobey, so also was Jesus tempted to disobey his Father. However, unlike Adam and Eve, Jesus disobeyed the tempter and was rather obedient to his Father.

In the first temptation, the devil sought to draw away Jesus from submitting to his Father. Turning stones into bread would amount to the sin of rebellion or disobedience against the divine will, like the sin of Adam and Eve. In quoting Deut. 8:3, Jesus affirmed his total dependence on his Father. The word of God is made the chief nourishment: “Man shall not live by bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God”.

In the second temptation, the tempter urged a public display of Jesus’ messiahship. Jesus responded that he who really trusts the Father will trust him – not test – his word.

In the third temptation, the tempter falsely promised Jesus power and wealth, should he do him homage. Jesus recognized that worship should not be divided between God and Satan. God alone is worthy of our worship (c.f. Deut. 6:13). What choices do we make in life?

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 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, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley 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, Elizabeth Williams.

† *those whose anniversary occurs at this time:*

Ellen Coffee, Maureen Worthington, Catherine Murphy, William Foley, Cyril Williams, Alice Hamilton, Con Kelly, FR. Daniel O’ Connell, Sandra Benger, Beatrice Skinner, Michael Cliggett.. Mary Elizabeth Griffiths, James Hendry Lennon, Catherine Mary James, Mary Morgan

† *ETERNAL REST*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Thomas** who passed on Monday 28th February 2017. Her Requiem will be on Wednesday 8th March at 1.00pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Our prayers and sincere sympathies go to the bereaved family.

DAY OF MERCY

Today Sunday 5th March 2017 there will be ***Day of Mercy*** from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at St. John’s, Rhymney.

There is Devotion to the Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, Healing through the Proclamation of the Word of God & Anointing of the Sick.

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