

Parish	Gift Aid	Collections for last Sunday			Attendance
		Loose	Levy	Total	
Immaculate Conception	£187.50	£89.20	£84.34	£361.04	127
All Saints	£236.50	£117.24	£100.84	£454.58	105
St. John's	£165.00	£13.30	£23.60	<u>£201.90</u>	<u>45</u>
				<u>£806.29</u>	<u>277</u>

#### 100 Club Winners

1st Prize No. 2	Maria Baker	£50
2nd Prize No. 10	Ann Sheeny	£25
3rd Prize No. 37	Kitty May Sweeney	£10

*Thank you for all your contributions and generosity.*

#### Parish Notices

\* **Our Lenten Retreat is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> in Immaculate Conception starting at 11:00am with Adoration and concluding with lunch at 2:00pm.**

\* As part of our **Lenten exercises**, there will be Holy Mass on Fridays at **7:00am** at Immaculate Conception, Tredegar followed immediately by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 6pm. This we hope will enable workers to spend some quality time with the Lord to begin the day.

\* **"The Light is On"**: Each Wednesday of Lent, starting on 12<sup>th</sup> March until 16<sup>th</sup> April, many parish churches in the Diocese of Cardiff will be open from 7pm to 8pm for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For our Pastoral Area, this will take place at Immaculate Conception Church, Tredegar, with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

\* **"Walk With Me"** - A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2014 - booklets are on sale in the porch at £1.00 each – proceeds to the parish.

- \* All Saints Luncheon Club on Tuesday 11th at 1pm. Last day for names.
- \* All Saints monthly Quiz on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7/7.30pm. All are welcome.

\* There will be a **Cafod** Family fast Collection next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Our Pastoral area website: [www.trevcatholics.co.uk](http://www.trevcatholics.co.uk) has all the latest newsletters.



## Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A (Mass Book p. 151) 9<sup>th</sup> March 2014

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (vigil)</b>	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	Sr. Gregory Thanksgiving: Sandra Adams
	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Margaret Driscoll RIP. Peggy & Harry Richardson RIP
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Cliggett Family Intentions. Sr. Christopher RIP
	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Mandy Jones (very ill)
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10:00am	<b>St John's</b>	Bob Surtees RIP
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Harry & George Richardson RIP Catherine James RIP
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	David Scrivens RIP.
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	<b>All Saints school</b>	
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Margaret Driscoll RIP
	10:45am	<b>St John's</b>	Requiem Robert Surtees
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Ellen & Patrick Murphy RIP
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (vigil)</b>	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	Mary & Gwyn Morgan RIP
	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Daniel Scannell
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Derek Skovronek RIP
	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St John's: Following Monday 10:00am Mass  
 All Saints: Following Wednesday 10:00am Mass  
 Immaculate Conception: Friday from 12 noon to 6:00pm with Mass following

#### Stations of the Cross

All Saints Wednesday at 9:30am  
 St John's Friday at 10am.  
 Immaculate Conception Friday at 6pm

#### Confessions

Usual times, plus each Wednesday from 7-8pm in Immaculate Conception.

**Vigil Lamps**

All Saints: Our Lady Veronica & Dave Smith RIP  
All Saints: Sacred Heart Terry & Vincent Murphy RIP  
Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Gwyneth Gunter  
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart The Hughes & Adams Families

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**Eternal Rest**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert (Bob) Surtees, who died on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. The Requiem Mass will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10:45am in St. Johns followed by burial at Rhymney cemetery. Our Condolences and prayers go to the family.

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**From the Parish Priest**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the blessings of the Lenten Season be with you all!

“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, 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)

Beloved, in this season of Lent, Let us turn away from things and actions that temporarily delights our eyes and heart, but leads to death; and seek to build a stronger, trusting and loving relations with God through the gifts of His Word and Sacraments – Christ Jesus – who by the power of the Holy Spirit leads us to Life Eternal .

Have a fruitful Lenten Season leading to a Happy Easter. Remain in God’s Love and care!

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**Gospel Reflection** from a Parishioner

The Holy Gospel of Matthew 4:- 1 - 11

This week's Gospel is told as a journey of temptations in three stages. One is not to trust in God. We must remember the Spirit always leads His people into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. It is only then they will experience angels appearing and looking after them. We should fast and pray, diverting our gifts and mercy to the poor, everything else is hypocrisy. We must turn towards God, and away from sin. Jesus was lead by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

The three enemies of the soul are the flesh, the world, and the devil. "Thank you Lord for putting me through the trials and faith of life. Teach me to follow Jesus's example and overcome temptation in the name, cross, and blood of Jesus".

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**Please pray for the parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:**

✠ **those whose anniversary occurs at this time:** Alice Hamilton, Con Kelly, Arthur O’Connell, Sandra Benger, Beatrice Skinner, Michael O’Leary, Helen McCarthy, Jean Jenkins, Harold Jones, Danny Beynon, Derek Skovronek, Anne Kelly, Maureen Davies

✠ **the sick:** Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Jim Clarke, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Margaret Griffiths, Lina Guidice, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Brenda Hayden, Mary Hillier, Ken Holmes, Kate Hooper, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Nigel Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Colin Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Margaret Leesk, Doris Lloyd, Eithnes McCardle, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Mary Moseley, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, Cathy O’Leary, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Dennis Sullivan, Julie Thomas, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Tony Zeraschi.

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