

### Collections for last Sunday

| Parish                | Gift Aid | Loose   | Levy    | Total    | At Mass |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| Immaculate Conception | £223.50  | £71.58  | £90.53  | £385.61  | 97      |
| All Saints            | £203.00  | £124.32 | £131.28 | £458.60  | 102     |
| St. John's            | £138.00  | £18.05  | £20.10  | £176.15  | 36      |
|                       |          |         | Total   | £1020.36 | 235     |

*Grateful thanks to everyone for your contributions.*

**Immaculate Conception:** July Raffle raised £120.00 and Tea after Sunday Mass at the Conservatory raised £51.00.

**All Saints** Parish Development Fund Donations for July is £2,681.60

*Thanks to all for your generous contributions towards the Development of the Parishes in the Pastoral Area. God love you.*

#### Parish Notices

Immaculate Conception **Charity Shop** in the Old PoundLand store will be open to receive donations of clothing & bric-a-brac next Thursday 18th August from 9am-2pm and will open to the public on Friday 19th for one week. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Sheila on 01495 723507.

All Saints **Prize Draw** Tickets available, could you help by selling tickets this year in aid of the Parish Development fund. Thank you.

On Saturday 3rd September, we will be holding an **Afternoon Cream Tea** in the Parish Hall at Rhymney at 2pm. Admission - Adults £5, children £2.50. Everyone is welcome, but for catering purposes and limited space if you would like to come please call Sandra Jones on 01685 840454.

There will be a **General Meeting of the Pastoral Area** on Wednesday 7th September at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception. The Agenda will be to plan for the rest of the year and to look at the way forward for future development and growth of the Parishes of the Pastoral Area. Any input and suggestions will be appreciated and you are welcome to attend.

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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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#### 20th Week of Ordinary Time

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| <b>Vigil</b>                                     | 5:30pm  | <b>Immaculate Conception</b> | Darren Thomas RIP; John Yandle<br>Dennis Simmons RIP Anniv                     |
| <b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> | 9:00am  | <b>Immaculate Conception</b> | Mary & John Lloyd RIP Anniv  |
|  | 10:30am | <b>All Saints</b>            | Tom Smith RIP<br>Special Intention Carew Family                                |
|  | 5:30pm  | <b>St John's</b>             | For the people of the Parish   |
| <b>Monday 15th</b>                               | 10:00am | <b>St John's</b>             | Martin B   |
| <b>Tuesday 16th</b>                              | -       | <b>Immaculate Conception</b> | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 17th</b>                            | 10:00am | <b>All Saints</b>            | Eucharistic Service  |
| <b>Thursday 18th</b>                             | 11:00am | <b>Immaculate Conception</b> | Requiem: Audrey Doreen Norris  |
| <b>Friday 19th</b>                               | -       | <b>Immaculate Conception</b> | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| <b>Saturday 20th</b>                             | -       | <b>All Saints</b>            | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| <b>Vigil</b>                                     | 5:30pm  | <b>Immaculate Conception</b> | Patrick Riley RIP<br>The Archangels & All Angels<br>Michael & John Roach B'day |
| <b>21st Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>              | 9:00am  | <b>Immaculate Conception</b> | Fr. Edmund's Intentions  |
|  | 10:30am | <b>All Saints</b>            | Sylvester & Rose Healey RIP  |
|  | 5:30pm  | <b>St John's</b>             | Sandra Jones's Intentions  |

#### Vigil Lamps

**Immaculate Conception:** Our Lady Yvonne Brown

**Immaculate Conception:** Sacred Heart Brian Garrett

**All Saints:** Our Lady Jones Family

**All Saints:** Sacred Heart Dennis Bevan

#### 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

"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death." (CCC, 966)

### REFLECTION

Today's celebration invites us to reflect on the different dimensions of Mary's life. At one and the same time, she is totally like us, she is as human as we are; and yet, unlike us, she followed Jesus perfectly and generously and now lives fully lives in his presence. Mary's earthly existence found its meaning and completion in her heavenly existence. And this transition is promised to every believer: we too, one day, will be present to Jesus, as Mary is present to Jesus. She is a sign of hope for us of the promise of our future glory.

This is what St. Paul was speaking about when he wrote to the Corinthians. The magnificent consequence of the resurrection is that all be brought back to life in Christ. Death has been destroyed, so that, in the fullness of time, all who have fallen asleep in Christ will be raised. When Mary proclaimed her song of thanksgiving in the Magnificat, she gave praise for the great things God has done for her.

Christians, over the centuries, see the imagery in the book of the Apocalypse a reflection of Mary, closely linked to the victory and power of God and the authority of Christ. This great victory of God in Christ is the risen life. Jesus' resurrection is therefore the key to understanding Mary's assumption. It is a celebration in the life of Mary what the resurrection ultimately means for us- fullness of life with Jesus in heaven.

### 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, Mary Morris, 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

### † those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Emilia Rowles, Jack Thomas, Rosina Beynham, Tom Smith, Edward Owens, Iris Hickey, Gerald Murphy, Jeremiah Sheenan, Charlie Worthington, Canon Murphy, Patrick Foley.. Sandra Vera Foxhall, Orsola Giudice, William Dennis Simmons, William Thomas Murray, Veronica Jones, Harriet NellGwyn Thomas

### Eternal Rest

We pray for the repose of the Soul of **Audrey Doreen Norris** whose Requiem will be on Thursday 18th August at 11:00am in Immaculate Conception.

Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to the bereaved family.

May she rest in Peace and rise in Glory.

