

Collections for last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	Attended
Immaculate Conception	£243.00	£92.82	£118.00	£453.82	135
All Saints	£195.00	£105.00	£142.63	£442.63	105
St. John's	£123.00	£34.85	£27.80	<u>£185.65</u>	<u>34</u>
				<u>£1031.30</u>	<u>245</u>

Thank you for your contributions and generosity.

PARISH NOTICES

Grateful thanks to all who contributed to make the Celebration of The Assumption of Our Lady a success. May God richly bless you all.

We **welcome** Fr. Joseph Maxwell to our Pastoral Area, who will be with us until September 13th.

The next **Rhymney Coffee Evening** will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday 4th September, at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome, please do support.

Tea and coffee will be served after Mass on Sunday in All Saints Church Hall and in Immaculate Conception in the conservatory.

All Saints "GRAND PRIZE DRAW". Have you had your raffle tickets yet? We can only achieve our goal with your continued help and support.

Immaculate Conception Charity shop will be in the old TravelWorld shop which will be open for 'goods in' on Thursday Sep 3rd and then open to the public on Friday 4th. All saleable donations will be gratefully received.

Dementia & Spirituality: Prayer Service with hymns and the Sacrament of the Sick for people with dementia and their carers on Thurs 27th August at 2:00 - 3:30pm in Llantarnam Abbey Cwmbran. Light refreshments provided.

Bishop Hedley Catholic High School Congratulations to all at the school, where the GCSE results were not only the highest ever achieved at Bishop Hedley but were also the highest ever achieved by any secondary school in the Local Authority of Merthyr Tydfil.

The Messenger Will those in Immaculate Conception who take The Messenger please speak to Sandra.



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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21st Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B (*Mass Book p123*) Missal Year1 23rd Aug 15

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Dennis Simmons RIP Agatha Ghansah RIP
21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Percy Neizer RIP Marie Therese Abban RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Rose & Sylvester Healey RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Havard Jones RIP
Monday 24th	10:00am	St John's	
	12:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Funeral Service Sandra Vera Foxhall
Tuesday 25th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Dennis Simmons RIP
Wednesday 26th	10:00am	All Saints	Ginny, Joe, Tony & Kian Murphy RIP Cliggett Family Intentions
Thurs 27th	-	-	No Mass
Friday 28th	10:00am	Immaculate Conception	Holy Souls
Saturday 29th	10:00am	All Saints	Lucia & Ian Wedding Blessings
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Marie, Jeff & Paul Davies & Family; Dennis Simmons RIP
22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Eileen Desmond B'day Anniv. Kate Robins Anniv.
	10:30am	All Saints	John Francis Buckley Rip Kate Jones RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St John's: Monday 10:30am until 11:00am
Immaculate Conception: No Adoration for the month of August
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

Vigil Lamps

All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Margaret Lawrence
All Saints	Our Lady	Rose & Sylvester Healey RIP
Immaculate Conception	Our Lady	Gwyneth Gunter
Immaculate Conception	Sacred Heart	Brian Garrett

From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

“The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery; it is so to speak the nuptial bath, which precedes the wedding feast, the Eucharist. Christian marriage in its turn becomes an efficacious sign, the sacrament of the covenant of Christ and the Church. Since it signifies and communicates grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true sacrament of the New Covenant” (CCC,1617)

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Gospel Reflection *from a Parishioner*

The Holy Gospel of John 6: 60 - 69

So challenging is HIS teaching that even many of Christ's disciples are bewildered, saying "This is a hard saying, who can listen to it?" Indeed, Christ's words on the Eucharist were too much for some of them to believe.

Many of his disciples rejected Jesus over this teaching and left him. And Jesus let them go. He didn't chase after them, saying "Wait! You misunderstood me" They understood quite well that Jesus was speaking about eating his flesh and blood, and they rejected this teaching. That's why Jesus let them go.

So it's clear that Jesus wants to give us his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. But we still must ask, why? In the Jewish, Biblical world view of Jesus' day, the body is an expression of the whole person and the life is in the blood. So by giving us his Body and Blood in the Eucharist, Jesus is giving his very life to us, and he wants to unite himself to us in the most intimate way possible. He wants to fill us with his life and heal us of our wounds, strengthen us in his love change us to become more and more like him. That's the life - transforming power of the Eucharist in our lives. In Holy Communion, we have the most profound union with Our Lord Jesus Christ that we can have here on earth

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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, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Michael Gough, Margaret Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Kate Hooper, 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, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Eileen Richards, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Maureen Roberts, Norman Roberts, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Charles Sheehy, Millie Sullivan, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Maxine, Chelsea, Daniel Morgan Bennett. Raymond Titley.

† those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Ivy Markey, Sylvester Healey, Mary Pearce, Tony Murphy, Zelda Fealey, Ginny Murphy, John O'Sullivan, John McElhoule, Pauline Burke, Margaret Hopkins, Jane Rowlands, John Buckley. Lina Giudice, Harriet Nellgwyn Thomas, Maureen May, Daniel Caniff, John James Kiley.

† Eternal Rest

Let us pray for the repose of the Soul of Sandra Vera Foxhall who passed away on 11th August 2015. Her funeral service will be held on Monday 24th August at 12:30pm in Immaculate Conception church.

Our prayers and sympathies go to the bereaved family.

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