

**Collections for Last Sunday**

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>At Mass</i>
Immaculate Conception	£181.50	£101.69	£86.80	£369.99	103
All Saints	£224.00	£90.97	£120.07	£435.04	110
St. John's	£97.20	£33.30	£28.20	£158.70	<u>36</u>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£963.73</b>	<b><u>249</u></b>

The recent Sunday lunch in Immaculate Conception raised £360.

*Thank you to all for your offerings!*

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Today is **Home Mission Sunday**. There is a second collection to fund the work of Home Mission Office, Catholic Faith Centre and the work of Evangelisation in England and Wales.

**PARISH NOTICES**

\* **St John's:** Cleaning of the Church will take place on Friday after 5pm. Please come and let us help prepare the Church for Mass on Sunday. Thanks

\* **Fr. Edmund's Presentation** will take place on Thursday 21st September at All Saints Church. Mass will commence at 7pm, followed by a Social Evening / Buffet.. Also, it would be appreciated **if all donations towards Father's Presentation could be received by Sunday 17th September**. Thank you for your cooperation.

\* **All Saints Evening of Musical Entertainment** with Josh Lewis, next Saturday 23rd September at 7:30pm. All proceeds to new disabled access to the church. Admission £5 by ticket only. A few left - please see Mary Jones.

\* **All Saints "Grand Prize Draw":** There are still tickets available, see Joy after Mass.

\* **Welsh Mass** Holy Mass will be celebrated in Welsh on September 24th at 4:30pm in St Teilo's Church, Old Church Road, Whitchurch, followed by refreshments. Contact Carys Whelan on 01446 772888.

\* **Macmillan Coffee morning** on Friday 29th September at 11am in All Saints Hall.



**Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar**

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

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time** *Mass Book P128* **17th Sep 2017**

<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Private Intention (Mrs. P. RIP) Brian Holland & Family
<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Albert Richardson Anniv. RIP
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Patrick Murphy RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Vincent Roffi RIP Falda Jones RIP Johanna Richardson(Anniv) Albert Richardson (B'day)
<b>Monday 18th</b>	10:00am	<b>St. John's</b>	The Pope's Intention
<b>Tuesday 19th</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Pari & Bertie Paiva Falda Jones RIP David O'Connor RIP
<b>Wednesday 20th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Requiem Kathleen Megraw
<b>Thursday 21st</b>	9:30am	<b>A.S. School</b>	For Staff and pupils
	7:00pm	<b>All Saints</b>	Fr Edmunds Intentions
<b>Friday 22nd</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	David O'Connor RIP
<b>Saturday 23rd</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Cliggett family intention
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Brian Holland & Family David O'Connor RIP John Sweeney RIP
<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Marjorie N (Sp Int)
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Esme Worthington RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	The Sick and Aged

**VIGIL LAMPS**

**All Saints:** Our Lady Thanksgiving Fruitful Pilgrimage  
**All Saints:** Sacred Heart Fr. Joseph's intentions  
**Immaculate Conception:** Our Lady Archbishop Stack  
**Immaculate Conception:** Sacred Heart For the Pastoral area

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**All Saints:** Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm  
**St. John:** Monday after 10:00am Mass  
**Immaculate Conception:** Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

**All Saints:** After Mass on Wednesday and Saturday  
**St. John's:** After Mass on Monday and Sunday at 5pm  
**Immaculate Conception:** Before Mass on Tuesday, & Saturday at 5pm

### FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The practice of all the virtues is animated and inspired by charity, which “binds everything together in perfect harmony”;<sup>1</sup> it is the *form of the virtues*; it articulates and orders them among themselves; it is the source and the goal of their Christian practice. Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love, and raises it to the supernatural perfection of divine love. CCC 1827

### GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 18: 21-22)

Can we forgive the one who causes us so much pain? Can we forgive the one who is bent on destroying our life? “Not seven times, I tell you, but seventy-seven times”. Jesus invites us to forgive those who sin against us unlimitedly just as our heavenly Father forgives us our many sins. There is no denying the fact that forgiveness is one of the most difficult and painful virtues in Christianity.

The basis of forgiveness is the appreciation of what God has done for humanity in his Son who died on the cross for our sins. In the story of the unforgiving servant, he failed to appreciate how much he had been forgiven by his master, about one million pound sterling. He was rather bent on getting back the one pound sterling his fellow servant owed him. While his attention should have been on the priceless forgiveness he had received from his master, he was absorbed and obsessed with the paltry sum of money his fellow servant owed him. “He seized him by the throat and began to throttle him..., he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt”. May the passion of our saviour gradually melt away all the pain, hurt, resentment, revenge and the anger we bear against those who sin against us.

May the crucified Lord grant us the courage to dare to forgive those who sin against us so that we may also receive the Lord's forgiveness. “And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother or sister from your heart.....

**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, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Keyon Hughes, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Maureen Morgan, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des 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, Joan Spencer, Mary (Benjamin) Thomas, Margaret Jones. Kathleen Woolley, Derek Kerwick, Donald & Kathleen Bennett, Damian Thomas, Brian Holland.

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

Gwendoline Williams, Canon Barrett Davies, Tom Riley, Margaret Worthington, Mary O'Leary, Laura Morgan, Eileen O'Leary, Anna Powell.. Maureen Baker, Raymond Glyn Morgan, Wendy Eileen Morgan, Joyce Mary Marion Harris, Patrick Anthony Worthington, Eileen Veronica Walters.

### † **ETERNAL REST**

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Megraw.  
Her Funeral Mass will be in All Saints at 10am on Wednesday 20th  
September. Our sincere sympathies go to the bereaved family.  
May she rest in peace and rise in Eternal Glory.