

**Collections for Last Sunday**

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass	Home Mission
Immaculate Conception	£189.00	£50.39	£82.10	£321.49	97	£71
All Saints	£202.00	£101.63	£97.36	£400.99	97	£78
St. John's	£167.00	£24.30	£20.50	£211.80	<u>32</u>	<u>£68</u>
			Total	<u>£934.28</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>£217</u>

Sunday evening tea in St John's raised £100 for parish funds.

*Thank you to all for your offerings!*

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**PARISH NOTICES**

\* **Fr. Edmund's Farewell** took place last Thursday at All Saints Church with a Buffet and Presentation. Thanks to all who prepared and participated.

Father Edmund sends the following message: *"I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to you all for the honour done me and the great presentations. May the Lord bless you all and unite you in his love and give you peace, joy and happiness. God love you all. I am very grateful for all your good wishes and kind gesture."*

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

\* **Macmillan Coffee Morning** - This will take place on Wednesday 27th September at 11am in All Saints Church Hall, not Friday as stated in last week's newsletter. We are in need of home-made cakes and savouries for the day. Please help us to help this worthy cause. Thank you.

\* **Sponsored Walk** - This is in Aid of much needed funds for the Children's Contact Centre, A sponsor form is available in the church porch at All Saints. Your support would be much appreciated.

\* **Grateful thanks** to Tredegar Town Council for the grant of £300 towards the upkeep of Immaculate Conception Church.



**Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar**

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**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time** *Mass Book P131* **24th Sep 2017**

<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 Kathleen Megraw RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	The Sick and Aged
<b>Monday 25th</b>	10:00am	<b>St. John's</b>	
<b>Tuesday 26th</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Falda Jones RIP
<b>Wednesday 27th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	In Thanksgiving to Parishioners of A.S. for Masses, prayers and Good Wishes. DK.
<b>Thursday 28th</b>	-	-	<i>No mass</i>
<b>Friday 29th</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Raphael Sweeney Merrill Withanage (B'day) Special Thanks to St Michael the Archangel John Sweeney RIP
<b>Saturday 30th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Private Intention VM
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Dennis Simmons (B'day)
<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Harry Pritchard RIP (Anniv) Albert Richardson RIP (Anniv)
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Esme Worthington RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Dina Fantini

**VIGIL LAMPS**

<b>All Saints:</b>	Our Lady	Inge's Intentions
<b>All Saints:</b>	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	Our Lady	Archbishop Stack
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	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 economy of law and grace turns men's hearts away from avarice and envy. It initiates them into desire for the Sovereign Good; it instructs them in the desires of the Holy Spirit who satisfies man's heart.

The God of the promises always warned man against seduction by what from the beginning has seemed "good for food . . . a delight to the eyes . . . to be desired to make one wise." 2541

### GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 20: 1-16)

The generous love of God cannot be measured by any human standard. It is incalculable and beyond human reckoning. An attitude which was rife during the time of Jesus and still prevalent is the opinion that God owes us salvation after we have done our 'good works'; like a child who thinks his father 'owes' her money for every job done.

God does not owe salvation to anyone. None of us deserves anything from God; God is not indebted to anyone for any good thing done. Everything we have and receive from God – life and salvation – is a free gift graciously bestowed on us. In the parable of the labourers in the vineyard, the master was not wicked to those who were hired first but was generous to those who were hired last.

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, Jim Driscoll.

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

Antonio Carini, John Foley, Bernard O'Leary, John O'Dwyer, Harry Worthington, Charlie Rossie, Peter Burke, Mary Jones, Clifford McDermot, Dennis O'Dwyer, Esme Worthington.. Maureen Baker, Raymond Glyn Morgan, Wendy Eileen Morgan, Joyce Mary Marion Harris, Patrick Anthony Worthington, Eileen Veronica Walters.