

Collections for last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass	Sp Coll
Immaculate Conception	£200.00	£61.00	£70.06	£331.06	107	£117.84
All Saints	£210.00	£133.07	£113.13	£456.20	98	£64.11
St. John's	£169.00	£24.00	£26.20	£219.20	37	£65.00
			Total	£1006.46	242	£246.95

Parish Development Fund Donations for September:

All Saints £1,697.00 **Immaculate Conception** £140.65

Congratulations to the children & young people of All Saints who raised £740 from their sponsored walk for the Parish Development Fund.

Grateful thanks to the family of the Late Nora Worthington, for their generous donation in lieu of flowers of £800 for All Saints Parish Development Fund.

Grateful thanks to everyone for your generous contributions. God Love you.

CAFOD: Next week we celebrate Cafod Harvest Fast Day. Please take an envelope for Harvest Fast donation. There will be a retiring collection.

Parish Notices

KNOW & SHARE: There will be faith formation on Thursday 6th October at 6.30pm at Immaculate Conception Conservatory. **Topic: Understanding and Living the Holy Mass.** All are invited.

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINT will meet on Monday 3rd October 2016 at 6:30pm at All Saints Parish Hall.

DEFIBRILLATOR: Mr. Mike Morgan will give a brief talk on the need for Defibrillators in the Pastoral Area on the weekend of 8th/9th October 2016 at all the Masses.

RHYMNEY COFFEE EVENING will be held on Friday 14th October, at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

TABLE TOP SALE: Fundraising for the Alzheimer's Society, All Saints Hall, October 25th, from 2pm till 4pm. Tables £5, Entry £1. Come and Get Your Christmas Gifts.

The Month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We will dedicate the month to Prayer for Peace and for the Family. There will be the blessing of the New Statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace on Friday 7th October at 6:30pm followed by Rosary & Holy Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. All are encouraged to be present.



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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27th Week of Ordinary Time

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Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Sr. Margaret Fitzgerald Private Intentions Veronica Yandle
27th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Albert Richardson RIP Anniv. Mary Nyinaku's Wellbeing
	10:30am	All Saints	Allan Jones RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Joseph Brady RIP Anniv.
Monday 3rd	10:00am	St John's	Mary James RIP
Tuesday 4th St. Francis of Assisi	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Eileen Benkins Anniv
Wednesday 5th	10:00am	All Saints	Nora Worthington RIP
Thursday 6th	9:30am	All Saints School	HARVEST FESTIVAL/ASSEMBLY
Friday 7th Our Lady of the Holy Rosary	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Maria Kerwin RIP
Saturday 8th Oct	9:30am	All Saints	Peg Scrivens RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Wellbeing of Cecilia Diaba
28th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Annie Reardon RIP Anniv Harry Pritchard RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Deceased members of the Lynch & McCarthy Families
	5:30pm	St John's	Mary James RIP

Vigil Lamps

Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Sarah & Susan Davies
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart Harry Pritchard RIP
All Saints: Our Lady Dennis Bevan (sick)
All Saints: Sacred Heart Paul Crawley RIP

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: Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm

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

“Since the initiative belongs to God in the order of grace, *no one can merit the initial grace* of forgiveness and justification, at the beginning of conversion. Moved by the Holy Spirit and by charity, *we can then merit* for ourselves and for others the graces needed for our sanctification, for the increase of grace and charity, and for the attainment of eternal life. Even temporal goods like health and friendship can be merited in accordance with God's wisdom. These graces and goods are the object of Christian prayer. Prayer attends to the grace we need for meritorious actions. (CCC, 2010)

GOSPEL REFLECTION (Luke 17: 5-10)

It is heartening to hear the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. In response to their request, Jesus gives an example of what they would be capable of if they had even the smallest amount of faith. Occasionally we may experience a lack of faith, or just assume that everyone else has more faith than we do. Let us take comfort that the apostles knew this experience, as did the early Christians.

At the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the fear that some people have at the thought of giving themselves to Christ. The fear is that by letting Christ into our lives, we might end up diminished or deprived of so many things. However, the Pope spoke of his conviction that the opposite is true: “If we let Christ into our lives we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great”.

Holy Scriptures remind us that faith is a free gift, which is entrusted to anyone ready to receive it. We are asked to turn to the Holy Spirit to help us grow in faith. When was the last time we prayed for an increase in faith? The apostles were not afraid to ask, so we too can take the courage to do so.

Please pray for parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

✠ the sick and housebound:

Jeanette Badham, Dennis Bevan, 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, Donna Marie, Keyon Hughes

✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Louis Antoniazzi, Martin Davies, Glyn Oliver, Angeli Carini, Frances Tunley, John-Joe Sullivan, Betty Evans, Annie Reardon, John Edward Woods, Allen Joseph Hopkins, Sarah Ann Bear, Kenneth Patrick Vaughan, Wladyslaw (Robert) Podalak.

✠ SACRAMENTS

We Congratulate POLA POLECHAJLO for her baptism on 1st October 2016 at Immaculate Conception at the 5.30pm Mass. May our prayers accompany her and her Parents who will be her first teachers of the faith, that they may bring her up to grow in the knowledge and love of God and neighbour.

YEAR OF MERCY

DEANERY DAY AT BELMONT ABBEY FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY: Saturday 8th October 2016 from 10:30am – 2:00pm. All are invited (*Young and Old, Children and Adults, and all people of Goodwill*) to this very important celebration. *Please put your name down on the sheet provided at the back of the church if you will need transport.*

DAY OF MERCY

Today Sunday 2nd October **Day of Mercy** will be from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at St. John's, Rhymney. There will be Devotion to the Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, Healing through the Proclamation of the Word & Anointing of the sick by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Come and have an encounter with Our Lord Jesus Christ, through Prayer, Repentance, Forgiveness and Healing.