

Collections for Last Sunday

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>At Mass</i>	<i>Cafod</i>
Immaculate Conception	£205.50	£95.82	£88.57	£389.89	114	£280
All Saints	£267.00	£98.62	£125.50	£491.12	106	£280
St. John's	£136.00	£15.00	£21.00	£172.00	34	£112
			Total	<u>£1053.01</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>£672</u>

Many thanks to the families of the late Falda Jones and David O'Connor have donated £367.50 in lieu of flowers for the church.

Thank you to all for your offerings!

World Mission Sunday There will be a retiring collection next Sunday for MISSIO. A collection is to be made in all Dioceses. Thank you.

PARISH NOTICES

As Father Joseph is away there will be masses said by visiting priests on weekends. If you have any Mass Intentions in that time, please pass them to Vincent; Sandra; Yvonne or Sandra Wilcox - or leave them in Immaculate Conception Sacristy.

* **St John's** As the work in the church nears completion, your help in cleaning the church would be appreciated. Please help on Friday at 5pm.

* **All Saints** Grand Prize Draw Please could you start to return your counterfoils ASAP. Thank you.

* **Newspapers** (Immaculate Conception) If you have ordered Catholic papers/Magazines will you see Robin to confirm your orders to avoid cancellation on 1st November.

* **Immaculate Conception** Christmas Raffle Tickets available this weekend.

* **Bereavement** On Wednesdays 1st, 15th & 29th November, there will be sessions in the Mostyn Room [formerly CTS shop to the left of the Cathedral] open to the public from 11am to 2pm as a place of reflection for anyone who feels conscious of bereavement.

Drop in at any time during these hours to find a warm welcome. Trained bereavement support volunteers will be available to listen and to talk with anyone who wishes to do so. There will also be reflective stations set up for people who just want to sit, reflect and pray. Refreshments will be available.



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Mass Book P140* **15th Oct 2017**

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	David O'Connor RIP McCarthy family Harry Richardson RIP
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Annie Reardon Agnes Clark Agnes & Stephen Thanksgiving
	10:30am	All Saints	Deceased members of the McCarthy & Lynch Families.
	5:30pm	St. John's	Aldo Roffi RIP
Monday 16th	-	-	No Mass
Tuesday 17th	-	-	No Mass
Wednesday 18th	9:30am	All Saints	Rosary & Eucharistic Service
Thursday 19th	10:30am	Immaculate Conception	Funeral Jeannette Prothero
Friday 20th	1:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Funeral Gerald Williams
Saturday 21st	9:30am	All Saints	Rosary & Eucharistic Service
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Falda Jones RIP Jim Driscoll RIP
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Stephen Aherne & Andrea O'Leary
	10:30am	All Saints	Marjorie Lynch RIP Neil Edwards RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	

VIGIL LAMPS

All Saints:	Our Lady	Private Intention
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	John's Wellbeing
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Parish family
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Jim Driscoll RIP

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 Sunday
St. John's: After Mass on Sunday
Immaculate Conception: After Mass on Saturday and Sunday

FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

At the end of time, the Kingdom of God will come in its fullness. After the universal judgment, the righteous will reign for ever with Christ, glorified in body and soul. The universe itself will be renewed:

The Church . . . will receive her perfection only in the glory of heaven, when will come the time of the renewal of all things. At that time, together with the human race, the universe itself, which is so closely related to man and which attains its destiny through him, will be perfectly re-established in Christ.⁶³¹

GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 21: 33-43)

The invitation to a wedding banquet is one of the favourite images used to describe the joy of God's Kingdom established by Jesus Christ. The marital relationship of human beings and God has a transcendent dimension, since its full realization is in the life of the world to come. It is puzzling to note that king in the gospel, cast out a guest for not being properly dressed for the occasion when the guests are "anyone you come upon" on the byroads. May be the poor fellow came from the field where he had been working all the day. The answer is that the passage consists of two parables that have fused together by Matthew.

The message of the parable is our preparedness to accept God's invitation to the wedding banquet. The wedding garments represent our good deeds that will permit us to participate worthily in the Messianic Banquet. If we are not well prepared through our good deeds we will not be accepted into the Wedding Banquet – we will be thrown out.

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, 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, 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, Baby Isla

† *those whose anniversary occurs at this time:*

Hilda Harper, William Hussey, Christine King, Shirley Joyce, Neil Edwards, Michael Flaherty, James O'Leary. Mary Morris, Gwyneth Mary Gunter, Margaret Monica Evans, John Harris

† **ETERNAL REST**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Jeannette Prothero and Gerald Williams whose funerals take place this week.
Also Mabel Kelly whose funeral details will follow.
Our sincere sympathies go to the bereaved families
May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Eternal Glory.

† **SACRAMENTS**

Please remember in your prayers the children who are making their
First Holy Communion.