

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	£170.50	£77.47	£97.49	£345.46	98
All Saints	£193.60	£122.52	£163.62	£479.74	115
St. John's	£114.00	£20.00	£22.70	£156.70	30
			Total	£981.90	243

Grateful thanks to you all for your offerings!

Development Fund for November

St John: - £100 Immaculate Conception:- £57.36

Funeral Donations: Many thanks to the families and mourners of the late Jim Driscoll who donated £125 and the late Gerald Joshua Williams for £115.

PARISH NOTICES

**Today there is a retiring collection for the
'Sick and Retired Clergy Welfare Fund'**

Altar Flowers for Christmas Donations will be greatly appreciated, please hand them into the Sacristy or use the box provided at the back of the church.

The **Walk With Me** Advent 2017 booklet of prayers and reflections is available in the church porch for £1 each.

Immaculate Conception - Christmas Raffle Draw will take place after Mass this coming Tuesday, 12th December in the Conservatory. Please join us for the Draw. Minced pies will be provided.

All Saints Grand Prize Draw raised a Total of £1080.00 was for Parish Funds *Many thanks to those who donated prizes & sold tickets for both these fund-raisers.*

Bishop Hedley Community Lunch on 13th December 1pm - 5pm. Please note that we are currently celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Bishop Hedley. Our annual Community lunch plays an important part of these celebrations. If you wish to attend, please contact Robin in Church - or on the school mobile 07943397511 or 01685 351860. We can arrange transport if needed.

St John's Christmas Coffee Evening will be on Friday 15th December, at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall in Rhymney. Everyone is welcome

***Did you pick up your Advent time table?
All the Mass times for Advent and Christmas are there for you.***



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Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Book P85

10th Dec 2017

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Veronica Yandle RIP Monica O'Leary RIP
Second Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Guy & Melvin Davies Hannah Austyn Prys RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Bill Worthington RIP Lionel Lewis RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Holy Souls
Monday 11th	10:00am	St. John's	
Tuesday 12th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	
Wed 13th	10:00am	All Saints	Ernie & Nora Worthington RIP
Thursday 14th	9:30am		
Friday 15th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	
Saturday 16th	10:00am	All Saints	Peg Scrivens RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Richard King RIP James & Margaret Driscoll RIP
Third Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Eileen John Benkins RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Barbara Hickey RIP Glyndwr Harper RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	For a Sick Friend May McCarthy RIP

VIGIL LAMPS

All Saints: Our Lady Emily Burke RIP
All Saints: Sacred Heart In Thanksgiving
Immaculate Conception: Our Lady
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION (MARK 1: 1-8)

Advent is a time of joy –The messenger in the first reading (Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11) is the ‘joyful messenger’, and his joy is that God is near and God is coming. This would be the message of Jesus – Jesus’ big conviction that he was the joyful messenger of his Father’s love. He would be the shepherd – the one who cares, knows and actively looks after the sheep. John the Baptist is the voice of joy preaching the new message. Not to get out of the way (like an adult dismissing children) – but get into the Way – walk the way with Jesus.

Bringing God Near Voices of Christmas to bring God near – The central message within all the voices of Christmas is that Go to the love of God which is active among us. God’s Christmas voice is I love you, you are all brothers and sisters, and nothing except love is final. Not just a voice...but actively loving in word and deed. One way of touching that love is the Mass. Jesus is not just love, but food that nourishes and makes a difference. we bring our ordinary concerns to Mass and let God lighten them and transform them, and enlighten us with his word. The voice of God making sense and bringing light into the ordinariness of life.

God is present in his word, and in his body – we wait in joy for the Word to be made flesh.

Lord I believe your word was made flesh and appeared among us.

Please pray for the Parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

† **the sick and housebound:**

If you wish to add (or remove) a name on this list please pass a note to Father.

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, 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, Baby Isla, Karl O’Leary

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

Patrick Murphy, Emily Burke, Bill Worthington, Margaret Hockney, Mary Slater, Graham Megraw.. Veronica Yandle, Glenys Simmons, Patricia Baines, Dennis Steven Burke, Philip Austin, Eileen Mary Desmond.

