

### Collections for last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	Attended
Immaculate Conception	£167.50	£86.57	£90.97	£345.04	100
All Saints	£186.00	£103.25	£114.47	£403.72	96
St. John's	£159.00	£20.50	£20.10	<u>£199.60</u>	<u>32</u>
				<u>£948.36</u>	<u>228</u>

Grateful Thanks to all for your generous contributions.

**Parish Development Fund** box for November collected a total of £200.27.

**All Saints** APF Red Boxes for the past six months collected a total of £410.00.

Grateful thanks to the Family of the Late Michael O'Sullivan who have donated £200 to the Parish in gratitude for the celebration of the life of their beloved husband and father on Friday 19th November 2015. May our prayers remain with the Family.

The SVP would like to thank everyone who donated to their recent appeal. We are overwhelmed by the response, which enabled us to give all that the family needed. Many thanks and may God bless you for your kindness

#### 100 Club Draw

1st Prize: Christine Miles £50      2nd Prize: Sandra Wilcox £25  
3rd Prize: Tania Williams £10

#### PARISH NOTICES

- \* **Luncheon club** Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday 8th at 1pm at All Saints.
- \* **Monthly Quiz** on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> at All Saints at 7/7.30pm. All are welcome.
- \* **Christmas Raffle** Draw will take place in Immaculate Conception Conservatory on Tuesday 15th December after Mass. Minced Pies, teas, etc. will be provided. **Please return all counterfoils as soon as possible.**
- \* **Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Night** at St John's Parish Hall on **Sunday 20th** December after Mass at 6:30pm. Tickets £5. All are welcome.

#### SCHOOLS

- \* Bishop Hedley School **Senior Citizen Christmas Party** is on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1pm. Please contact Robin Davies on 01685 351860 by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. to book a place.
- \* **All Saints School** has two dinnertime supervisor vacancies. Application pack is to be collected from the school and returned by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Tea and coffee is available in all our churches after weekend Masses**



### Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

#### All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St John's, Rhydney

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<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Ivy & Melvin Davies; Charles Ypres, Marion Butler & Anthony Walters The Webber Family
<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Vivien Snow RIP The McCarthy Family
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Bill & Margaret O'Shea RIP Lionel Lewis RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	L & JJ Horgan Anniv.
<b>Monday 7th</b>	10:00am	<b>St John's</b>	Enid Hiscox & Stephen Challenor
<b>Tuesday 8th</b> Feast of Immaculate Conception	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Jubilee of Mercy
<b>Wednesday 9th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Kathleen & John McKiernan RIP
<b>Thurs 10th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	School Mass / Carol Concert
	1:45pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Requiem Kelly Anna Marie Priestley
<b>Friday 11th</b>	10:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Requiem Eleanor (Nell) Turner
<b>Saturday 12th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Florence Twohig RIP
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Mary, Christopher, Terrence, John & Patrick Sheehy; Kathleen Durham & The Lewis Family
<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Patricia Baines RIP Peggy Richardson RIP
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Bill Worthington RIP Patrick & Alice Murphy RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	Bridie, John & Gary Roberts

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**St John's:** Monday 10:30am until 11:00am  
**Immaculate Conception:** Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm  
**All Saints:** Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

**St John's:** Monday after Mass; Sunday 5:00pm  
**Immaculate Conception:** Tuesday 6:30pm; Saturday 5:00pm  
**All Saints:** Wednesday & Saturday after Mass

#### Vigil Lamps

**Immaculate Conception** Our Lady Veronica Yandle  
**Immaculate Conception** Sacred Heart Michael O'Sullivan RIP  
**All Saints** Sacred Heart O'Connor Family RIP  
**All Saints** Our Lady Andrea & Giuseppina Roffi RIP

### From the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Finally, with John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to man of ‘the divine likeness,’ prefiguring what he would achieve with and in Christ. John’s baptism was for repentance; baptism in water and the Spirit will be a new birth”. (CCC, 720)

#### Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

##### **Holy Gospel of Luke 3: 1 - 6**

John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." Our culture tells us to prepare for the birth of a Baby, an event that evokes wonderful feelings of warmth and happiness. But John's message of "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" suggests that we must examine our lives in light of the salvation we seek. It is difficult to orient our lives' anticipation and preparation with balance and vision toward a glorious Christ who is yet to come. It is far easier to prepare for a Jesus who is a sweet, innocent Baby. The gospel challenges us to take the real events of our everyday lives -- all the suffering and pain, all the anxiety and hopelessness, all the joy and peace -- and see them as means to recognize the presence of Christ to us. This is what Advent is all about -- recognising the presence of Christ in our lives as salvation that has already come.

Come Lord Jesus, and give us the grace to "MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD."

#### **ADVENT RETREATS 2015**

***“Prepare the Way of the Lord make His path straight” Isaiah 40:3***

There will be an **Advent Retreat** for the Pastoral Area at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday 12th December 2015, beginning with Holy Mass at 10am till 2pm. There will be refreshment and lunch. Please keep the day open for a fruitful preparation for the coming of the Lord.

**Your generous contribution and support towards the retreat will be very much appreciated.**

#### **THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015 – 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the feast of Immaculate Conception, marks the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Moreover it is also the Feast of our own Parish. Let us all come together and begin the journey to respond fully to God’s goodness and mercy which He freely bestows on us, for the total conversion of our interior life so that we will also become His human agents of Mercy in the communities of our Pastoral Area.

***Come let us celebrate the mercy of God!***

**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, Michael Gough, Margaret Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Kate Hooper, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, 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, Charles Sheehy, Millie Sullivan, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Chelsea, Daniel Morgan Bennett. Raymond Titley. Jim Driscoll, Kitty Surtees.

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

Alice Markey, Lionel Lewis, Veronica Crawley, Thomas Clarke, Bessie Gough. Patricia Baines, Christopher Vincent Yandle, Philip Austin, Dennis Steven Burke, Terence Joseph Collins, June Allen Heath, Rachel Williams, Norah Keneally, Pat Roper, Aldo Roffi.

#### **† ETERNAL REST**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **KELLY ANNA MARIE PRIESTLY** who passed on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Her Requiem will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 1.45pm at Immaculate Conception Church.

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**ELEANOR (Nell) TURNER** who passed on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Her Requiem will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 10.00am at Immaculate Conception Church.

**May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.**

**Our sincere sympathies and Prayers go to the Family.**

**Let us be encouraged to come and join the bereaved families to celebrate the lives of our departed sisters.**