<u>Collections</u> for last Sunday							
Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass		
Immaculate							
Conception	£171.50	£124.93	£100.59	£397.02	124		
All Saints	£232.80	£150.75	£147.83	£531.38	120		
St. John's	£151.00	£19.74	£29.79	£200.53	<u>49</u>		
				£1128.93	293		

Thank you for **all** your contributions and generosity.

### **ADVENT 2014**

We welcome visiting Priests from the Archdiocese for:

"The Light is On" (Confessions) on Wednesday 10th at All Saints and Friday 12th December at Immaculate Conception from 6pm -7pm and for our Advent Retreat on Saturday 13th Dec at St John's 10am – 2pm. Please take note and make time for these graceful moments to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**; The Adoration Chapel in All Saints Church, Ebbw vale, will be opened from **10am** - **6pm** daily for Adoration. Please spend regular time before the Blessed Sacrament and you shall be blessed.

"Walk with Me" is available at the back of the Church. Please buy one to help with your preparation for the coming of Christ.

## **Parish Notices**

- \* **Welcome!** We welcome the pupils of Bishop Hedley school and St Joseph's primary who will participate in our liturgy at Vigil Mass today.
- \* Friends of All Saints will meet on Monday at 6pm in the altar servers room.
- \* All are welcome to *All Saints Christmas Luncheon Club* which will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 1pm. List for names in the Church Porch. Thank you.
- \* *All Saints School Concerts*: AFTERNOON at 1:45: Infants: Tuesday & Wednesday; Juniors Thursday and Nursery: Friday 10am.

Church Carol Concert (All Saints) Thursday 11th Dec, 6pm.

- \* **Monthly Quiz** (and Bingo) will take place on Thursday 11th Dec at 7 for 7:30. This will be the last Quiz for 2014, please come and join us and bring a friend.
- \* **Annual OAP Christmas Party** at Bishop Hedley School on Thursday 18th December at 1pm. Parishioners are invited. If you wish to attend please contact the school on 01685 351860 by Monday15th December for catering purposes.
- \* *Mulled Wine and Mince Pies* on Saturday 20th December at 6:30pm in Rhymney Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.
- \* Thanks to all who supported the trip to Cheltenham, which was enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Ron Paul for organising this event. We look forward to the next one.



# Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St John's, Rhymney

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Second Sunday of	Vigil	Immaculate	Patricia & John Sheehy		
Advent	5:30pm	Conception	Sp. Int. Sandra Adams		
		Immaculate	Mr. Eddie Jones		
	9:00am	Conception	Travelling mercies for the		
		Conception	Withanage Family		
	10:30am	All Callata	Deceased of the Roffi Family		
		All Saints	Ellen O'Sullivan RIP		
	5:30pm	St John's	L & JJ Horgan Anniv.		
	3.30pm	St John S	Phyllis Hughes RIP		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>		Immaculate			
Solemnity of	10:00am	Conception	Pro Populo		
Immaculate Conception		Conception			
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Catherine James RIP		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	All Saints	Jim & Winnie O'Connor RIP		
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	All Saints School	Holy Souls		
-	11:00am	All Saints	Requiem: Kathleen Rabaiotti		
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Immaculate Conception	Sick & Housebound		
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	All Saints	Cliggett Family Intentions		
Third Sunday of	Vigil	Immaculate	Anthony Walters, Marion & Ypres		
Advent	5:30pm	Conception	Butler; St. Jude-Sandra Adams		
	9:00am	Immaculate	Ednyfed Austin-Prys		
		Conception	Ray Davies RIP		
	10·20am	All Saints	Bill Worthington RIP		
	10:30am	All Saints	Patrick Murphy RIP		
	5:30pm	St John's	Maureen Morgan		
		3t JUIII 3	Josephine John RIP		

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All Saints: Every day from 10:00am -6pm

Immaculate Conception: Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm & 5:30-6pm

#### Confessions

**St John's:** Monday after Mass; Sunday 5:00pm

Immaculate Conception: Tuesday 6:30-7pm; Friday 5:30pm; Saturday 5:00pm

All Saints: Wednesday and Saturday after Mass

# **Vigil Lamps**

All Saints: Our Lady Sylvester & Rose Healey RIP
All Saints: Sacred Heart Tom & Margaret Williams RIP

Immaculate Conception:Our LadyJeanette BadhamImmaculate Conception:Sacred HeartYvonne Brown

# **From the Parish Priest**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the peace of the Lord be with us!

Today we light the candle of PEACE. For the Christian, peace is not the absence of war or strife, but rather the perfect happiness and deliverance that Christ brings to the human heart in the midst of all the challenges that surrounds us daily. Living in harmony with God is true happiness and of course, it is the ultimate and eternal goal of every Christian.

In this season we will hear more of John the Baptist who comes to prepare the way for the Lord. "John the Baptist is 'more than a prophet'. In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the 'voice' of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John 'came to bear witness to the light.' In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfils the longing of the angels. 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God . . . Behold, the Lamb of God.'" (CCC, 719)

Beloved, to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord, St. Peter tells us in today's readings that "you should be living Holy and Saintly lives while you wait". This is not simply being warned to 'be good' so as not to be caught out, but rather living in a way that Christ's coming will find us at peace. For, living according to God's Word does not limit us to a list of 'Dos and Don'ts', but rather brings that ultimate fulfilment through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, that make us one with God who is our Peace.

May the coming of Christ bring peace to our hearts, families and the world at last!

Come, Lord Jesus come!

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## **Eternal Rest**

We pray for the repose of the Souls of Mrs. Kathleen Mary Rabaiotti, whose Requiem will take place at All Saints Church on Thursday 11th December 2014 at 11am, also Kathleen James (Maria Bevan's niece) whose funeral takes place at St Mary's Stow Hill on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>; of Raymond Davies who was called to rest on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and of David Brown who slept in Christ on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

Our deepest sympathies go to their families.

Gospel of Mark 1: 1 - 8

On this Sunday and the next, the Church gives us John the Baptist, as the prophet calling us to move from the wilderness to a state of trusting expectation. He himself was someone who knew how to wait.

Today we move along our Advent journey towards our celebration of the Son of God entering our world. Advent concentrates on the figure of St. John the Baptist: he went before the Lord, prepared his way, and made his path straight.

The call to repentance lies at the heart of the Advent season. That is why Advent is an appropriate time to celebrate the Sacrament of reconciliation.

What better way could there be to prepare the way of the Lord in the wilderness of our hearts?

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# Please pray for the parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

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

Veronica Crawley, Thomas Clarke, Patrick Murphy, Emily Burke. RIP

# the sick and housebound:

Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Molly Cini, Jim Clarke, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Margaret Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Brenda Hayden, Mary Hillier, 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, Colin Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Margaret Leesk, Doris Lloyd, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, Cathy O'Leary, Ruth Phillips, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Eileen Richards, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Maureen Roberts, Norman Roberts, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, 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, Kieran Moseley, Theresa Gough, Michael Gough. John O'Leary. Chelsea. Josephine Vaughan