

**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>Crib offerings</i>
Immaculate Conception	£178.00	£96.95	£95.95	£370.90	105	£73
All Saints	£220.00	£118.96	£126.76	£465.72	100	£200
St. John's	£136.00	£10.24	£18.01	£164.25	30	£52
			Total	<u>£1000.87</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>£325</u>

*Grateful thanks to all for your offerings.*

Sunday Tea/Coffee in St John's raised £100 for parish funds. Thank you for your support.

**PARISH NOTICES**

✠ **Please pray for the Happy Repose of the soul of Julian Brooks.**  
His Requiem will take place at All Saints on Wednesday 24th January at 10.30am. Please keep Julian and the family in your prayers.

✠ It is Father Joseph's wish that we pray The Anima Christi at Mass. The Anima Christi is our Catholic prayer to Jesus; it is of medieval origin. The sequence of sentences in the Anima Christi have rich associations with Catholic concepts that relate to the Eucharist (Body and Blood of Christ), Baptism (water) and the Passion of Jesus (Holy Wounds).  
The words of the prayer are inside this newsletter.

**Last chance to register for CCRS Course:** Want to learn more about the Catholic faith? This course is especially useful for teachers in Catholic schools, Catechists and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. All registration forms must be received by **January 15th**. The course will commence on January 22nd. For more information and for a registration form please visit <http://www.rcadc.org/CCRS> or contact [ccrs@rcadc.org](mailto:ccrs@rcadc.org) / 029 2036 5965 for more information.

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**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**      *Mass Book P118 14th Jan 2018*

<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Frank Desmond Anniversary David O'Connor RIP Richard King RIP Kafui's birthday
<b>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Lilly Margaret & Peter Withanage
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Deceased Family & friends of the Roffi Family. Derek Skovronek RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Thomas John & Hannah Collins RIP Maria Luisa Roffi RIP Dina Fantini RIP
<b>Monday 15th</b>	10:00am	<b>St. John's</b>	Fr. Joseph's intention
<b>Tuesday 16th</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Thanking God for Fr Del's safe arrival Withanage family Thanksgiving
<b>Wed 17th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Deceased members of the O'Leary family Derek's Wellbeing.
<b>Thursday 18th</b>			
<b>Friday 19th</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	
<b>Saturday 20th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Karl O'Leary RIP
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Rosamond Jean Davies RIP Monica O'Leary RIP
<b>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Sick of the Parish. Tony & Kian Murphy RIP. Neil Edwards RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Aldo Roffi RIP Loredana James RIP Peter George Radford RIP

	<b><u>VIGIL LAMPS</u></b>	
<b>All Saints:</b>	St. Anne	Esme & Bill Worthington
<b>All Saints:</b>	Sacred Heart	Worthington Family
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	Our Lady	Archbishop Stack
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	Sacred Heart	For the Pastoral area

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

<b>All Saints:</b>	Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm
<b>St. John:</b>	Monday after 10:00am Mass
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

<b>All Saints:</b>	After Mass on Wednesday / Saturday
<b>St. John's:</b>	Before Mass on Sunday
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	Before Mass on Saturday and Sunday

**GOSPEL REFLECTION** (John 1:35-42)

We hear John the Baptist proclaim "Behold the Lamb of God." We see in our mind's eye, Andrew and another disciple, probably St. John, listening to the Baptist say those words.

After Jesus walks by they look at one another and begin to follow Jesus. Jesus, sensing their presence, turns and seeing them says, "What are you looking for?" They say: "Rabbi where do you live?"

In what must have been an astonishing moment for them, Jesus in turn says, "Come, and you will see."

But in this 21st century many of us do not hear the call of God to "Come and see." Maybe Jesus is calling to us and we are too distracted, or hurt, or swallowed up by life's events; or maybe we don't know how to see or listen to His message, or are just not listening at all.

The message of this Gospel is that Jesus' call – His invitation – is always open. He invites us, like Andrew and John, to join Him for the afternoon and share a simple meal of bread and wine. He invites us to be baptised into His family so we can receive the many gifts He desires to give us.

Imagine where Jesus lived: in a small house on a simple street. Jesus, and any visitors, would have to bend down to get through the door.

We are asked to bend down, too. To lower ourselves in humility, patience, reconciliation, and love. For how are we to live with the Creator of the Universe if we are unwilling to honestly look at our own souls in the light of the One who loves us?

Ultimately, we respond to Jesus' call by inviting Him into our heart. For that is where He truly wants to live, and rest, and share a simple meal of bread and wine.

✠ **Please pray for the Parishioners of our Pastoral Area whose anniversary occurs at this time:**

Gavin Burge, Anne Marie Impey, Patrick McCarthy, Katherine Hooper, Elsie McCarthy, Francis Desmond, Ruby Michell, Danny Desmond, Margaret Paul, Beryl Jones, Edwin Brindley, Angeolina Dean, James O'Donovan, Margaret Crosby.. Thomas Hannigan, Joseph Thomas Kiraly, James John O'Leary, Johnny (John) Lee

✠ **Prayers for the sick and housebound**

**Many of the names on the sick list have been there for some years. As some of these names are not known to Father, would you please let him know if the person you are aware of is still in need of our prayers. Please pass a note with the name of your sick family member, relative or friend to: Robin in Immaculate Conception, Vincent in All Saints, and Sandra in St John's.**

**Thank you for your understanding.**

**Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me  
 Body of Christ, save me  
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me  
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me  
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me  
 O good Jesus, hear me  
 Within Thy wounds hide me  
 Separated from Thee let me never be  
 From the malicious enemy defend me  
 In the hour of my death call me  
 And bid me come unto Thee  
 That I may praise Thee with Thy saints  
 Forever and ever  
 Amen