

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£224.00	£73.30	£89.71	£355.75	124
All Saints	£226.00	£128.28	£125.80	£480.08	113
St. John's	£140.00	£15.65	£21.00	£176.65	49
			Total	£1012.48	286

St. David's Day Tickets sold by St. John -£70 is donated to Parish Fund

Grateful thanks to all for your generous offerings

CAFOD Fast Day: there will be a retiring collection this weekend. Cafod Fast

Day envelopes are available in the porch if needed

LENTEN ALMS collection is for Syria Refugee Family Project of the Archdiocese of Cardiff

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays	7:30pm	Immaculate Conception Church
Wednesdays	9:30am	All Saints Church
Fridays	10:00am	St. John Church

PARISH NOTICES

All Saints Church cleaning on Wednesday after Stations of the Cross. Please help.

DEANERY STATION MASS with Archbishop George Stack and all the Priests and Deacons of the Deanery will take place on Wednesday 15th March 2017 at All Saints Church at 7pm. All the faithful are encouraged to attend.

LENTEN RETREAT of the Pastoral Area will take place on Saturday 18th March 2017 from 10am-2pm at St. John's Church. All are encouraged to attend. Please note; there will be no Mass at All Saints Church on this day.

YOUTH2000 RETREAT at St. David's Sixth form College from 17th - 19th March 2017. All young people are welcome. Booking form at youth2000.org.

KNOW AND SHARE will take place on Thursday at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception, All are welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE will take place from 7th to 14th September 2017. Booking forms now available from Laurence O'Leary or Vincent McCarthy

WEEK OF PRAYER & AWARENESS FOR DEMENTIA: 12TH MARCH TO 19TH MARCH

The **ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** will be celebrated on **Saturday 18th March at 2:30pm** in **Llantarnam Abbey, Cwmbran, Torfaen, NP44 3YJ** for people with dementia and their carers. Please consider bringing your loved one or come simply as a friend of people with dementia, to pray for them. We also remember those who have died as a result of dementia over the past year. Following Mass, refreshments will be served.



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

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2nd Week of Lent, Year A

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12th March 2017

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Glenys Simmons RIP Kenneth Holmes RIP
2nd Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Nora & Daniel Morgan Bennett & Family
	10:30am	All Saints	Derek Skovroneck RIP George, Jimmy & Bessie Gough RIP Margaret Wyburn RIP.
	5:30pm	St. John's	B'days- Mike Morgan & Jill Jones Dina Fantini RIP
Monday 13th	10:00am	St. John's	Holy Souls
Tuesday 14th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Mary Thomas RIP
Wednesday 15th	7:00pm	All Saints	DEANERY STATION MASS
Thursday 16th	9:30am	St Joseph's School	Holy Souls
	11:00am	All Saints	Requiem: Elizabeth Williams
Friday 17th	7:00am	Immaculate Conception	Holy Souls
Saturday 18th	10:00am	St. John	LENTEN RETREAT
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Hughes Family Sp. Int. Daniel Scannell RIP
3rd Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Betty Austyn-Prys RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Joe Dallavalle RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Mary & Gwyn Morgan Barbara & Les Cushen RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's: Monday 10:30am until 11:00am

All Saints: Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm

Immaculate Conception: Friday from 12noon until 3:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

St John's: After Mass on Monday and Sunday at 5pm

All Saints: After Mass on Wednesday and Saturday

Immaculate Conception: Before Mass on Tuesday, and Saturday at 5pm

	<u>VIGIL LAMPS</u>	
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Sheila Bennett
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Mary Kathleen Williams
All Saints:	Our Lady	Private Intentions (JJ)
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Private Intentions (SL)

From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

On the threshold of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed "the mystery of the first regeneration", namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body." But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God":

Peter did not yet understand this when he wanted to remain with Christ on the mountain. It has been reserved for you, Peter, but for after death. For now, Jesus says: "Go down to toil on earth, to serve on earth, to be scorned and crucified on earth. Life goes down to be killed; Bread goes down to suffer hunger; the Way goes down to be exhausted on his journey; the Spring goes down to suffer thirst; and you refuse to suffer?" (CCC, 556)

GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 17: 1-9)

We are usually satisfied and comfortable with our comfort zone and always find it difficult and sometimes painful to venture into the unknown. The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ invites us to move from our environment of comfort and security like Abraham to a territory which is unknown and may sometimes entail suffering.

As Jesus Christ revealed his glory to the inner circle of his disciples, Peter was so overjoyed and overwhelmed that he wanted to secure and savour his comfort zone and remain there forever; "Lord it is wonderful for us to be here". Jesus Christ reminded them of the mission ahead, a mission that entailed suffering and crucifixion.

Let us remember that Christ has not called us to a life of comfort or to secure our comfort zone. Before the glory of the resurrection, our lives as Christians will entail various degrees of discomfort, pain and suffering. Let us move away from our comfort zones and venture to the unknown; for such a movement will be filled with the blessing of the Lord.

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 Hancock, Sally Harris, Keyon Hughes, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley 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, Jeanette Prothero, Pauline Thomas. Barbara McCarthy, Gavin Hughes, Norma Beecher, Maria James, Maureen Hague, Doris Morris, Sheila Bennett, Elizabeth Williams.

✠ *those whose anniversary occurs at this time:*

Michael O'Leary, Helen McCarthy, Jean Jenkins, Harold Jones, Danny Beynan, Pat Markey, Derek Skovronek, Anne Kelly, Maureen Davies, Katie Buccambuso, Patrick Glasson, Charlie O'Connor, Richard Davies.. Mary Elizabeth Griffiths, James Hendry Lennon, Catherine Mary James, Mary Morgan, Elizabeth Austyn-Prys

✠ *ETERNAL REST*

We pray for the repose of the soul of **ELIZABETH (BETTY) WILLIAMS** who passed on Saturday 4th March. Her Requiem will be at All Saints Church on Thursday 16th March 2017 at 11.00am. Our prayers and sincere sympathies go to the bereaved family.

SACRAMENTS

Please pray for **NORMAN JOSIAH BEECHEM** and **NIKI SHAW** who received the rites of election by the Archbishop in preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at Easter 2017

Let us also pray for the Children who are preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion