

Parish	Gift Aid	Collections for last Sunday			Attendance
		Loose	Levy	Total	
Immaculate Conception	£268.00	£59.51	£67.63	£395.14	130
All Saints	£235.10	£136.48	£101.74	£473.32	105
St. John's	£168.00	£22.20	£27.00	<u>£217.20</u>	<u>42</u>
				<u>£1085.66</u>	<u>277</u>

The recent Coffee Evening held in Rhymney raised £125 for parish funds. Many thanks to those who continue to support.

Thank you for all your contributions and generosity.

Parish Notices

* **Congratulations** to the Catechumen and Candidates for the Rite of Election. There will be a meeting after the evening Mass at Immaculate Conception on Sunday 16th March. Let us continue to support them with our prayers.

* There will be a **retiring collection** for Cafod today.

* As part of our **Lenten exercises**, there will be Holy Mass on Fridays at **7:00am** at Immaculate Conception, Tredegar followed immediately by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 6pm. This we hope will enable workers to spend some quality time with the Lord to begin the day.

* **"The Light is On"**: Each Wednesday of Lent until 16th April, many parish churches in the Diocese of Cardiff will be open from 7pm to 8pm for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For our Pastoral Area, this will take place at Immaculate Conception Church, Tredegar, with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

* The third **Celebrate Wales** Catholic Charismatic Conference is on the weekend 3rd 4th May 2014 at Corpus Christi High School, Cardiff CF23 6KL. People of all ages have found that they inspire, uplift and fill them with joy in their Catholic Faith. For a taste of what is on offer and to see the joyful reaction of participants, see a 3 minute video on:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=siLV1DoyvNM. To know more, ring: 01531 890471 or email wales@celebrateconference.org

All the newsletters and the Lent Programme can be viewed on our Pastoral area website: www.trevcatholics.co.uk



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St John's, Rhymney

Parish Priest: **Fr. Edmund Neizer** Tel: **01495 717162**

The Presbytery, Scwrfa Road, Dukestown, Tredegar NP22 4AT

2nd Sunday of Lent Year A (Mass Book p. 155) 16th March 2014

2 nd Sunday of Lent (vigil)	5:30pm	St John's	Mary & Gwyn Morgan RIP; Barbara & Les Cushen RIP
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Daniel Scannell Giudice Family
	10:30am	All Saints	Derek Skovronek RIP Andrea & Giuseppina Roffi
	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Mary & Fred Simmons RIP
Monday 17 th March St Patrick	10:00am	St John's	For the good of the Church
Tuesday 18 th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Harry Richardson RIP
Wednesday 19 th St Joseph	10:00am	All Saints	Theresa & Horace McCarthy RIP
	2:00pm	St Joseph's school	Pupils and Staff
Thursday 20 th	10:00am	Immaculate Conception	Holy Souls
Friday 21 st	7:00am	Immaculate Conception	Bert Carrol RIP
Saturday 22 nd	10:00am	All Saints	Sr. Bernadette RIP
2 nd Sunday of Lent (vigil)	5:30pm	St John's	Maria Louisa Roffi RIP
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Golden Wedding Thanksgiving (PI); Betty Reeves
	10:30am	All Saints	Idris Jones RIP
	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Bert Carrol RIP Betty Austin- Prys RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St John's: Following Monday 10:00am Mass
All Saints: Following Wednesday 10:00am Mass
Immaculate Conception: Friday from **7:00am to 6:00pm**

Stations of the Cross

All Saints: Wednesday at 9:30am
St John's: Friday at 10am.
Immaculate Conception: Friday at 6pm

Confessions

Usual times, plus each Wednesday from 7-8pm in Immaculate Conception.

Vigil Lamps

All Saints:	Our Lady	Bernadette & Ted Cronin RIP
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Ellen & Patrick Murphy RIP
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Elizabeth Hughes
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Elsie Burrows

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From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the Grace and blessings of the Season of Lent be with you!

“On the threshold of 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.’” (CCC, cf. 556)

Beloved, by the Transfiguration, Christ Jesus manifests His glory, showing through the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah) that, His passion will lead to the glory of the resurrection. Let us therefore, turn to the Lord who graciously calls us and enlightens us through His Beloved Son, Christ Jesus, who comes to us, in the Word and in the Sacrament, to save us and call us to be Holy.

May God’s love remain with us as we place our hope and trust in Him.

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Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

The Holy Gospel of Matthew 17: 1 - 9

Jesus took His favourite Apostles; Peter, James and John, up a high mountain to pray and be alone.

Jesus wanted them to see HIS DIVINITY by His Transfiguration, and with His Spiritual Connection with Moses and Elijah; His great forerunners, who were hero's to the Apostles. The Father said "This is My Beloved Son, listen to HIM". Peter wanted to remain there forever.

Jesus gently helped them to make the transition back to seeing HIM in ordinary living, but with a memory so deep, they knew they couldn't share their experience with anyone for the indefinite future.

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

✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Kate Buccambuso, Patrick Glasson, Charlie O'Connor, Richard Davies, Elizabeth O'Connor, Mary Real, Florance McCarthy Snr.

✠ the sick:

Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Jim Clarke, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Margaret Griffiths, Lina Guidice, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Brenda Hayden, Mary Hillier, Ken Holmes, Kate Hooper, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Nigel Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Colin Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Margaret Leesk, Doris Lloyd, Eithnes McCardle, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Mary Moseley, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, Cathy O'Leary, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Dennis Sullivan, Julie Thomas, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Tony Zeraschi.

Betty Smith Maureen Roberts Millie Sullivan

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