

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£226.00	£55.56	£135.64	£417.20	120
All Saints	£230.00	£111.57	£122.99	£464.56	99
St. John's	£220.00	£19.68	£22.15	£261.83	38
			Total	£1143.59	257

Grateful thanks to all for your generous offerings. God bless you.

PARISH NOTICES

A **SOUVENIR BROCHURE** to celebrate the Centenary Year of the Archdiocese of Cardiff, founded in 1916 is at the back of the Church for £5.00 each.

FAITH FORMATION: Know and Share will meet on Thursday at 6.30pm, at Immaculate Conception, Tredegar. All are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS to Christina Jones who has a Special Birthday on Wednesday. Happy Birthday Christina, well done.

PARISH WELFARE: We are looking for Parishioners to sign up for the formation of a Welfare Ministry in the Pastoral Area to take care of the welfare needs of all our brothers and sisters, especially the sick, the housebound, and the lonely. Please give your name to Fr. Edmund

SACRAMENT PREPARATIONS: Parishioners are needed to help with the preparation of candidates for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation/ RCIA. Your services will be very much appreciated. Please see Fr. Edmund if you can help in any way.

SCHOOLS

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL: The report of RE School Inspection at All Saints which took place in November 2016 was published in December 2016. The findings of the RE team were that the school provides a Good RE education and has Good prospects for the future. The report can be found at www.rcadcschools.org/ for further reading.

Congratulations and many thanks to the Governors, Staff, Parents and all who have supported the school on its improvement journey over the past three years. God bless you all.



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2nd Week in Ordinary Time, Year A Mass Book pg125 **15th January 2017**

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Etta McKenna, Canon Frank Mulvey & John Murnane RIP Veronica Yandle RIP
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Frank Desmond Anniv; Withanage Family Thanksgiving
	10:30am	All Saints	Kate Hooper RIP; Michael Conlon RIP Kieran Moseley's Wellbeing.
	5:30pm	St. John's	Peter George Radford RIP Thomas John & Hannah Collins
Monday 16th	10:00am	St. John's	Anne-Marie Withanage
Tuesday 17th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Holy Souls
Wednesday 18th	10:00am	All Saints	Cliggett Family.& Christina Jones' Sp. Intentions..
Thursday 19th	9:30am	All Saints School	For Staff and Pupils
Friday 20th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Driscoll RIP
Saturday 21st	10:00am	All Saints	Sandra Adams Wellbeing
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Sandra Adams Thanksgiving, Glenys Simmons RIP
Sunday 22nd 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Fr. Leo Wolfe RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Keith Davies RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	-

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	Veronica Yandle RIP
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	John O'Leary RIP
All Saints:	Our Lady	Jones Family RIP
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Dennis Bevan RIP

From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

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)

GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOHN 1: 29-34)

John the Baptist, in the Gospel points out Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. This designation of Jesus by the Baptist underscores the mission of Christ. This mission is akin to the mission of the Suffering Servant in the book of Isaiah (Is. 52:13-53:12), who is led to the slaughter like a lamb bearing the sins of his people.

The Spirit of God coming down and resting on Jesus describes the permanent relationship between the Father and the Son and between the Son and believers. The Spirit will remain with Jesus who will then be its dispenser and will also strengthen him to fulfil his mission. Just as the Spirit was given to Jesus, the Servant of God to undertake his mission, so should we see ourselves as empowered by the Spirit to undertake our missions on earth as Christians.

Basically, our mission on earth is the performance of our various duties as Christians, sons, daughters, parents, teachers and others. May the Holy Spirit which descended on Jesus Christ strengthen us to dedicate ourselves to our various duties. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS OF OUR PASTORAL AREA, ESPECIALLY:

† the sick and housebound:

Jeanette Badham, Dennis Bevan, 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, 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, Mary Morris, 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, Mary Thomas, 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

† those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Patrick McCarthy, Kate Hooper, Elsie McCarthy, Francis Desmond, Maud Edwards, Edwin Brindley, Angiolina Dean, James O'Donovan, Margaret Crosby, Donald Peachey, Alan Patrick Lee, Lesley Williams, Rhys David Price, Kian Lee Price, Paul Anthony Davies, Patricia Owen, Winifred Murray, Mary Barbara Fitzgerald.

ETERNAL REST

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **DENIS BUCKLEY** who died on the 6th January 2017. His Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday 18th January at 12noon at St John's Church, Rhymney. Our Prayers and sympathies go to the bereaved family. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

VISIT TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Are there any sick or housebound in the Parish? Please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Edmund as soon as possible to arrange for a visit and prayer for the sick person, be they at Home, Residential/ Nursing/Care Home or in a Hospital. Let the word of God through the Apostle James 5: 14-16 guide you in this regard. Thanks