

Collections for last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£177.00	£87.85	£80.81	£345.66	109
All Saints	£184.00	£91.10	£96.82	£371.92	94
St. John's	£125.00	£17.50	£21.10	£163.60	33
			Total	£881.18	236

Grateful thanks to everyone for your generous contributions. God Love you.

Your generous contribution toward the **welfare of the Sick & Retired Clergy** is very much appreciated. May God richly bless you for your continual support of the Clergy.

The recent Coffee Evening held in Rhymney raised £150 for parish funds. Many thanks to those who supported.

PARISH NOTICES

***All Saints Grand Prize Draw** will take place on Friday 25th November at 7:00pm, with a Fish & Chip Supper at £5 per person. Please add names to list in porch.

***Christmas Shopping Trip** to Cheltenham on Monday 28th November. Please contact Vince on 01495 304022 by 20th November. "First come ,First Served"

*** Christmas Lunch at Moose Hall** will take place on Sunday 4th December 2016 at 1pm. Adults £8 and Children £4. Please see Yvonne Davies for your tickets.

***All Saints Luncheon Club** Christmas Dinner will take place on Monday 5th December at 5pm. Please give names by next weekend for catering purposes.

* The **Annual Community Meal** at Bishop Hedley High school is on Thursday 15th December. **All Parishioners are welcome.** The afternoon will start at 1 pm and finish at 5pm. Free food and drink will be provided by the learners, also an afternoon of Christmas themed music, acts, Gym and Dance and other items from the learners of Bishop Hedley. To secure a place, please contact Robin Davies on 07943397511 or contact the school. We can also prearrange transport if required.

*** Our Lady Queen of Peace: PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** from 7th to 14th September 2017. Please see notice board for details

* The acclaimed Welsh artist, **Kevin Sinnott** has generously agreed to give a talk about his religious art at 12noon on 27th November & 3rd December in St David's Cathedral, Cardiff.

There will be no Mass from Monday 21st - Friday 25th November, as Fr. Edmund will be away for a short break.



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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34th Week of Ordinary Time Year C *Mass Book p167* **20th November 2016**

Vigil	Time	Parish	Notes
	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Joan Yandle RIP; Francis Ofori RIP, Margaret Driscoll RIP
Solemnity of Christ the King of The Universe	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Eileen & John Benkins B'day Anniv Roy & Stella True, Mary Nyinaku RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Peg Scrivens RIP Jimmy Murphy RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Mary & Gwynn Morgan
Monday 21st	7:00pm	St John's	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 22nd	-	Immaculate Conception	NO MASS
Wednesday 23rd	10:00am	All Saints	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 24th	-	-	NO MASS
Friday 25th	-	-	NO MASS
Saturday 26th	10:00am	All Saints	Deceased members of Joe Sidoli's Family. Jeff Challice RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Mary Nyinaku RIP Nell Turner RIP Anniv.
First Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Mary Molly Lewis; Mel Hillman; Margaret Driscoll RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	John & Mary Harris RIP Theresa McCarthy RIP Kath James & Pauline Jones RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Francis Ofori RIP

Vigil Lamps

Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Mary Thomas
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart Veronica Yandle
All Saints: Our Lady Holy Souls
All Saints: Sacred Heart Holy Souls

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 12 noon until 3:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

St John's: Monday after 10:30am Mass and Sunday at 5pm
All Saints: After Mass on Wednesday and Saturday
Immaculate Conception: Before Mass on Tuesday, and Saturday at 5pm

From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth. This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover. Until everything is subject to him, "until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God." That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him: Marana tha! "Our Lord, come!" (CCC, 671)

GOSPEL REFLECTION (LUKE 23: 35-43)

Today's feast celebrates the two sides of Jesus' kingship which must always be kept together. Paul in the second reading shows us the first side in a beautiful hymn from the early Church which describes the divine nature and authority of Christ. In the Gospel, we see how Jesus exercises the other side to his kingship through his sacrificial death on the cross. By allowing himself to be mocked and tortured to death, Jesus overturns all notions of earthly power. His kingly robe is the blood pouring down his body, his crown is a crown of thorns, and his throne is the cross. In Matthew's account of his passion, Jesus asks, "Do you not think that I can appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence?" But Jesus chooses not to show his power in this way. No, his kingdom is not of this world.

As he is dying on the cross, Jesus forgives the good thief, who acknowledges the divinity and innocence of Jesus Christ. He turns to Jesus, not to escape his mortal death, but to be healed of his sins. Jesus graciously grants his request: "Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise".

We are privileged to share in the kingship of Jesus Christ as his fellow workers on earth. We are called to help build up the kingdom of God in this world, while not forgetting that the kingdom of God has still to come in its fullness at the end of time.

Please pray for parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

✠ *the sick and housebound:*

Jeanette Badham, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Molly Cini, Jim Clarke, James Cullen, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Michael Gough, Margaret Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, 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 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, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Daniel Morgan Bennett, Raymond Titley, Jeanette Prothero, Pauline Thomas. Barbara McCarthy, Gavin Hughes, Donna Marie, Keyon Hughes, John O'Leary

✠ *those whose anniversary occurs at this time:*

Gladys Cahill, Roger Eveleigh, Peg Scrivens, Maureen Markey, Trevor Hague, Lynne Evans, John Tunley, Margaret Benger, Harold Harris.. Catherine Wakeford, Kelly Anne Marie Presley, Eleanor (Nell) Turner, Hilda Dolling. Sylvia Doreen Bennett, Julie Mary Mantle.

THE ART OF DYING WELL

"The Art of Dying Well" is a new website that the Bishops of England and Wales have opened to everyone to offer a helping hand to those grappling with the issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic Tradition, it features real-life stories about dealing with the Journey through death to eternal life. Please visit www.artofdyingwell.org for more details.

There are prayer cards for The Art Of Dying Well at the back of the church. Please take one with you.

Quote of the Day

"Tough times never last, but tough people do"
(Robert H. Schuler)