

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass	Cafod
Immaculate Conception	£230.00	£57.63	£78.81	£366.44	109	£203
All Saints	£243.00	£151.64	£143.60	£538.24	125	£301
St. John's	£117.00	£21.51	£30.54	£169.05	38	£252
			Total	£1073.73	272	£756

St John's Coffee Evening held last Friday, raised £125 for parish funds.

*Grateful thanks to all for your generous offerings*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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

**RETREAT**

There will be a retreat for children and all young people on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from 10am – 2pm at All Saints Church. All children who are seeking to receive first Holy Communion are expected to attend. Lunch will be served during the retreat.

**“THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU”**

There will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration and Confessions on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 from 7pm – 8pm at St. John's Church, Rhymney.

**24HOUR ADORATION**

There will be a 24hour Adoration on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, from 7am to 7am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Church. Please keep the day open to spend some time with the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament.

**PARISH NOTICES**

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

**SCHOOL**

St Joseph's pupils participated in the CAFOD 'Big Fish' Lenten campaign on Friday 10th March. This included an assembly and various classroom activities. Thank you to pupils and parents who raised a total of £135.92. Please take time to read the letter sent to the school on the school noticeboard at the back of the church.



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

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**3rd Week of Lent, Year A** *Mass Book p158* **19th March 2017**

<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Hughes Family Sp. Int. Daniel Scannell RIP Kenneth Holmes RIP
<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Betty Austyn-Pry's RIP
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Joe Dallavalle RIP Tom Coughlin RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Mary & Gwyn Morgan Barbara & Les Cushen RIP
<b>Monday 20th</b>	10:00am	<b>St. John's</b>	Jim O'Toole & Patrick Conneely
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Anne Evans RIP
<b>Wednesday 22nd</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	In Thanksgiving (SA) Baptiste Fourtenet 1st Anniv.
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>	9:30am	<b>All Saints School</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Friday 24th</b>	7:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Bert Carroll Anniv.; Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of The Lord</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Cliggett Family
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Betty Reeves B'day Mary Thomas RIP, Darren Thomas RIP
<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Peggy Richardson B'day RIP; Elsie Aherne RIP
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Deceased members of Carew Family Edward, Agnes & Peter Owen RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Maria Luisa Roffi & Dina Fantini RIP: Ronald Burton RIP

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

<b>St John's:</b>	Monday 10:30am until 11:00am
<b>All Saints:</b>	Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	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

**VIGIL LAMPS**

**Immaculate Conception:** Our Lady Sheila Bennett  
**Immaculate Conception:** Sacred Heart Mary Kathleen Williams  
**All Saints:** Our Lady McCarthy & Lynch Family  
**All Saints:** Sacred Heart Theresa McCarthy

**From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH**

"If you knew the gift of God!" The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him. (CCC, 2560)

**GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOHN 4: 5-42)**

Jesus Christ quenches our spiritual thirst with the living water: the love of God which is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Although Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for water, ultimately, it is the woman who requests for the life-giving water. Jesus' answer to the woman's question whether he is greater than Jacob clearly underscores that whatever he (Jesus) has to offer surpasses what the Old Testament could give. In John. 8:58, Jesus will repeat his pre-eminence in relation to Abraham: "Very truly I tell you, before Abraham was, I am".

As the encounter between the Samaritan woman and Jesus continues, the former gradually warms up to the true identity of Jesus Christ. She recognizes Jesus to be a prophet but not necessarily like the Old Testament prophets but someone more than a prophet. Jesus finally reveals himself to the woman as the Messiah. Leaving her water jar, the woman goes to tell her townsfolk to come and see the Messiah. The Samaritans come to faith, that is, they believe in Jesus Christ, not necessarily on the testimony of the woman but more importantly, on their own encounter with Jesus. May the Samaritan woman lead us to a deeper faith-encounter with Jesus, the Messiah and the one who quenches our thirst with living water.

**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, 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.

**✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:**

Elizabeth O'Connor, Mary Real, Florence McCarthy Snr. Eddie O' Brien, Mary Jones, Joseph Flaherty, Alice Norris.. Mary Elizabeth Griffiths, James Hendry Lennon, Catherine Mary James, Mary Morgan, Elizabeth Austyn-Prys, Winifred Moore, Louisa Gina Illari

**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.*