

## Collections for last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	Attended
Immaculate Conception	£256.00	£87.74	£67.48	£411.22	136
All Saints	£168.60	£116.87	£108.11	£393.58	110
St. John's	£140.00	£14.20	£23.12	<u>£177.32</u>	<u>41</u>
				<u>£982.12</u>	<u>287</u>

*Grateful Thanks to all for your generous contributions*

### PARISH NOTICES

***Grateful thanks to Fr. Liam Hennessey for accepting to Celebrate the Evening Mass at St. John in the absence of Fr. Edmund.***

\* The next Rhymney Coffee Evening will be held on Friday 12th February at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

\* St. Joseph's school is looking for a midday supervisor. If interested please contact the school directly.

### COMMUNION MINISTERS:

A day of Recollection for Ministers of Communion, Communion Catechists, and all involved in Celebrating, Sharing, Receiving, and Building up the Body of Christ in the Parish. With Tom O'Loughlin (Professor of Historical Theology, Nottingham University), and Workshops on Home Ministry, Hospital Ministry, Catechesis, and Prayer. At Saint Illtyd's School, Rumney, CF3 1XQ, on Sat 27th Feb from 10:30 – 3:30.

### PREPARATION FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS:

***Confirmation preparation*** continues on Saturday 30th January 2016 at 11.30am not 6th February 2016, as appeared in the last newsletter. Preparation for ***First Reconciliation and Holy Communion*** will be every Saturday at 4:00pm at Immaculate Conception.

At the Pastoral Area General Meeting last Wednesday 20th January it was agreed that each parish should nominate four persons to form a committee for the development of each parish.

Please give your names to Father Edmund by end of February.



## Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Sandra Adams thanksgiving Margaret Harris RIP
<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Eveline Fernando RIP Thanksgiving by Withanage Family
	10:30am	All Saints	Roffi Family Intentions Tony & Kian Murphy RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Pasqualle Cinotti
<b>Monday 25th</b> The conversion of St Paul The Apostle	10:00am	St John's	Kerry & Joyce McCarthy Intentions
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b> Sts Timothy & Titus	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Driscoll RIP
<b>Wednesday 27th</b>	10:00am	All Saints	Carol Cross Wellbeing
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b> St Thomas Aquinas	10:00am	All Saints School	For All Catholic Schools
<b>Friday 29th</b>	10:00am	Immaculate Conception	Sandra Wilcox's Intentions
<b>Saturday 30th</b>	10:00am	All Saints	Fr. Gerald Cullen RIP
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Harris RIP Fred & Mary Gerrish RIP
<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Driscoll RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Kathleen & Alf McCarthy RIP Allan Jones RIP.
	5:30pm	St John's	Josephine John RIP

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St John's: Monday 10:30am until 11:00am  
 Immaculate Conception: Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm  
 All Saints: Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

St John's: Monday after Mass; Sunday 5:00pm  
 Immaculate Conception: Tuesday 6:30pm; Saturday 5:00pm  
 All Saints: Wednesday & Saturday after Mass

### Vigil Lamps

Immaculate Conception	Our Lady	Olwen Madden RIP
Immaculate Conception	Sacred Heart	Maureen Baker RIP
All Saints	Sacred Heart	In Thanksgiving
All Saints	Our Lady	Neil Edwards RIP

## From the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God," "sanctified . . . [and] called to be saints," Christians have become the temple of the Holy Spirit. This "Spirit of the Son" teaches them to pray to the Father and, having become their life, prompts them to act so as to bear "the fruit of the Spirit" by charity in action. Healing the wounds of sin, the Holy Spirit renews us interiorly through a spiritual transformation. He enlightens and strengthens us to live as "children of light" through "all that is good and right and true." (CCC, 1695)

### Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

#### **Holy Gospel of Luke 1; 1 - 4 and Luke 4 : 14 - 21**

Jesus's religious beliefs grew on the word of God. Through boyhood and family life, visits to the synagogue and prayer, he heard the word of God. Gradually he knew what it meant. Now was his time to speak that word, and begin his ministry.

For Mary and Joseph this was a proud moment. They had given their time and love to Jesus' upbringing and now it would bear fruit. Today parents worry about the faith of their children. They see a different attitude to religion, prayer, morality and many other aspects of life. They wonder did they do their job well.

Much of the culture of today goes against God and religion. Parents cannot fight the culture. But they can hand on the best of the gospel by their own faith and by the way they live their lives, by their love and speaking the truth as they see it. What is handed on in faith is beyond words.

Lord may my own faith grow deeper in my relationship with you. Help those who search for you, especially the young.

Help us all to find your love in our lives. Amen.

### **THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015 – 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

Have **you** already experienced the Door of Mercy?

#### **There are Seven Corporal Works of Mercy**

- 1 To feed the hungry
- 2 To give drink to the thirsty
- 3 To clothe the naked
- 4 To harbour the harbourless
- 5 To visit the sick
- 6 To ransom the captive
- 7 To bury the dead

***Be encouraged to make YOUR PILGRIMAGE to any of the five Doors of Mercy to celebrate the mercy of God.***

## **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 Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Kate Hooper, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, 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, Charles Sheehy, Millie Sullivan, 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, Chelsea, Daniel Morgan Bennett. Raymond Titley. Kitty Surtees. Tony Dallenegra.

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

Anne Hillman, Jim McCarthy, Kathleen McCarthy, Irene Bengier, Paul Edwards, John Caswell, Dr. James McCarthy, Eileen Butcher, Mary Ann Lynch, Eileen Kelly, Hayden Michael. Raymond Arthur Boulton Margaret Ellen Scott-Whyte James Morgan

### **✠ Eternal Rest**

Please pray for the happy Repose of the soul of Catherine Hooper (Kate) whose Requiem Mass took place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Please remember her and the family in your prayers. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

### **MARIAN PILGRIMAGE**

There are a few places left for the Pilgrimage to Medjugorji on Thursday 8th September to Thursday 15th September 2016. Cost £569, departing from Bristol. Book before February 15th and get £30 discount. For further details please see the notice board or Contact Laurence O'Leary on 01495 315460 or 07890640386.