

Collections for last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	Attended	Cafod
Immaculate Conception	£208.40	£63.20	£82.93	£354.53	118	£231.43
All Saints	£226.00	£144.73	£137.67	£508.40	120	£325.10
St. John's	£137.00	£24.25	£35.15	<u>£196.40</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>£320.50</u>
				<u>£1059.33</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>£877.03</u>

Grateful Thanks to all for your generous contributions

PARISH NOTICES

* **KNOW AND SHARE FAITH FORMATION GROUP** will meet on Thursday at 6:30pm in *Immaculate Conception*. Please read CCC 781-786 & 787-795

* The next Rhymney *Coffee Evening* will be held on Friday 11th March at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

NOMINATION AND SUGGESTION FORMS

Have you put in your nominations and suggestions for the Growth and Development of the Parish? Today is the final day. Please do so for the Glory of God, and for our good and the good of the Parish, and you will be blessed. God Love you!

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD AND LENTEN RETREAT FRIDAY 4TH MARCH – SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 2016

Immaculate Conception: Friday 4th March - Adoration 12noon -3.00pm
All Saints: Friday 4th March - Holy Mass 10.00am Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Saturday 5th March 12noon. There is an opportunity for Private Adoration and individual Confessions during this period. Individuals, Societies and groups are encouraged to sign-up for at least 30minutes for the Lord in this Spiritual exercise of the Church.

COME TO THE LORD ALL YOU WHO THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

AND HE SHALL REFRESH AND RENEW YOUR STRENGTH.

NO ONE IS EXCLUDED FROM THE MERCY AND LOVE OF GOD

Details of the program can be found on the Notice Boards of the various

Parishes in the Pastoral Area.

Please **SIGN-UP** on sheets provided at the back of the Church.



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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Third Week of Lent Year C Mass book: page 160 28th February 2016

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Ray Morgan
Third Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Harry Richardson RIP Agnes Clark Anniv.
	10:30am	All Saints	Bill & Margaret O'Shea RIP Lee Davies, Bill Worthington RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Sandra Jones Birthday Annarita Cinotti Birthday
Monday 29th	10:00am	St John's	Rev. Pasquale Cinotti
Tuesday 1st Mar St David	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Maria Theresa - Birthday
Wednesday 2nd	10:00am	All Saints	Kate Hooper RIP
Thursday 3rd	10:00am	St Joseph's School	Special Intentions
Friday 4th	7:00am	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Hughes
	10:00am	All Saints	24HRS FOR THE LORD
Saturday 5th	10:00am	All Saints	In Thanksgiving (MM)
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Charles Sheehy RIP
Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Billy & Margaret Zeraschi RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Richard & Bridget Buckley RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Sergio Cinotti & Family

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

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Immaculate Conception: Tuesday after 7:30pm Mass
All Saints: Wednesdays before Mass at 9:30am
St John's: Fridays at 10:00am

Vigil Lamps

Immaculate Conception	Our Lady	Margaret Hughes
Immaculate Conception	Sacred Heart	John Armah Neizer
All Saints	Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
All Saints	Our Lady	Pauline Jones

From the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

As St. Paul affirms, "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." But to do its work grace must uncover sin so as to convert our hearts and bestow on us "righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Like a physician who probes the wound before treating it, God, by his Word and by his Spirit, casts a living light on sin:

Conversion *requires convincing of sin*; it includes the interior judgment of conscience, and this, being a proof of the action of the Spirit of truth in man's inmost being, becomes at the same time the start of a new grant of grace and love: "Receive the Holy Spirit." Thus in this "convincing concerning sin" we discover *a double gift*: the gift of the truth of conscience and the gift of the certainty of redemption. The Spirit of truth is the Consoler. (CCC, 1848)

Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner **Holy Gospel of Luke 13 : 1 - 9**

In this passage, Jesus says the following parable:

A man has a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none, and he said to the vinedresser, "Lo, these three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none, Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig about it and put on manure. And it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

As I see it, humanity is much like a fig tree. Just as the fig tree was given water and good soil to grow and flourish, so too has modern humanity been blessed with abundant resources with which humanity may thrive. Just as the fig tree was expected to bear fruit, so too should God expect humanity to live respectfully and peacefully with the rest of Creation.

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, 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, 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, Bob Roberts.

✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Anne O' Sullivan, Angiolina Sidoli, Margaret Watkins, Ethan Edwards, Ivor Lewis.. Sharon Rosemary Browning, Kevin Charles Lewis, Sylvia Vbranch. Patricia Davies, Doreen Lee. Susan Parker, Melvin John Davies. James O'Brien, Maureen Thomas. Christine Weldon, Anthony Richard Walters



The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

- + Feed the hungry
- + Give drink to the thirsty
- + Clothe the naked
- + Welcome the stranger
- + Heal the sick
- + Visit the prisoner
- + Honour the dead