

| Parish | Collections for last Sunday | | | | | |
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| | Gift Aid | Loose | Levy | Total | At Mass | Cafod |
| Immaculate Conception | £276.00 | £76.81 | £85.51 | £438.32 | 130 | £416.53 |
| All Saints | £237.00 | £121.05 | £88.90 | £446.95 | 106 | £310.49 |
| St. John's | £136.00 | £35.72 | £16.40 | <u>£188.12</u> | <u>46</u> | <u>£199.74</u> |
| | | | | <u>£1073.39</u> | <u>282</u> | <u>£926.76</u> |

The quotation for Immaculate Conception church roof repairs is £1200. Your contributions will be heartily appreciated to support this worthy cause

Thank you for all your contributions and generosity.

Parish Notices

* Let us continue to pray for the **Catechumen** (Ronald Paul, Robert Philip Ingles, Patricia Mary Stead) and the **Candidates** (Ruth Hilary Rayner, Andrew Philip Rayner, Peter James Clegg, Simon Meredith) as they prepare for the reception of the Sacraments and Full Communion in the Church at the Easter Vigil.

* As part of our **Lenten exercises**, there will be Holy Mass on Fridays at **7:00am** at Immaculate Conception, Tredegar followed immediately by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 6pm. This we hope will enable workers to spend some quality time with the Lord to begin the day.

* **"The Light is On"**: Each Wednesday of Lent until 16th April, many parish churches in the Diocese of Cardiff will be open from 7pm to 8pm for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For our Pastoral Area, this will take place at Immaculate Conception Church, Tredegar, with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

* Luncheon Club at All Saints Hall on Tuesday at 1pm.

* The Archbishop's **Lenten Station Mass** for our Deanery will be on the 1st of April 2014. Details for the celebrations will be communicated later.

* The **Chrism Mass** is on Wednesday 16th April at 11:30 am at St Davids Cathedral – all are welcome.

* The third **Celebrate Wales** Catholic Charismatic Conference is on the weekend 3rd 4th May 2014 at Corpus Christi High School, Cardiff CF23 6KL. To see what is on offer and the joyful reaction of participants, see a short video on: www.youtube.com/watch?v=siLV1DoyvNM. To know more, ring: 01531 890471 or email wales@celebrateconference.org



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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3rd Sunday of Lent Year A (Mass Book p.158) 23rd March 2014

| 3 rd Sunday of Lent (vigil) | 5:30pm | St John's | Maria Louisa Roffi RIP |
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| | 9:00am | Immaculate Conception | Golden Wedding Thanksgiving (PI); Betty Reeves |
| | 10:30am | All Saints | Idris Jones RIP |
| | 5:30pm | Immaculate Conception | Bert Carrol RIP Betty Austin- Prys RIP |
| Monday 24 th March | 10:00am | St John's | Michael Cooney RIP |
| Tuesday 25 th The Annunciation | 7:00pm | Immaculate Conception | Rosemary Baldrige RIP |
| Wednesday 26 th | 10:00am | All Saints | Terry & Vincent Murphy |
| Thursday 27 th | 1:30pm | Immaculate Conception | Requiem Mass: Kenneth George Holmes |
| Friday 28 th | 7:00am | Immaculate Conception | Elsie Burrows (recovery) |
| Saturday 29 th | 10:00am | All Saints | Veronica & Dave Smith RIP Kathleen McKiernan RIP |
| 4 th Sunday of Lent (vigil) | 5:30pm | St John's | Robert Surtees RIP |
| | 9:00am | Immaculate Conception | Jimmy Davies RIP |
| | 10:30am | All Saints | George & Jimmy Gough RIP Sid Withey RIP |
| | 5:30pm | Immaculate Conception | Darren Thomas RIP Katie Marshall RIP |

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St John's: Following Monday 10:00am Mass
All Saints: Following Wednesday 10:00am Mass
Immaculate Conception: Friday from **7:00am to 6:00pm**

Stations of the Cross

All Saints: Wednesday at 9:30am
St John's: Friday at 10am.
Immaculate Conception: Friday at 6pm

Confessions

Usual times, plus each Wednesday from 7-8pm in Immaculate Conception.

Eternal Rest

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kenneth George Holmes who died on 17th March. His funeral mass will be on Thursday 27th at Immaculate Conception.

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Vigil Lamps

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| All Saints: | Our Lady | Elizabeth Hughes |
| All Saints: | Sacred Heart | Paul Crawley RIP |
| Immaculate Conception: | Our Lady | Eileen Cooney |
| Immaculate Conception: | Sacred Heart | Lina Giudice and Family |

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From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the Blessings of the season of Lent remain with you!

“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)

Beloved, through prayer, penance and works of charity, may our souls thirst for the living God who is thirsting to fill us with the living water, through the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we can know Him, love Him and worship Him in Spirit and in truth, for the glory of His Name and for our salvation and the salvation of the world.

Remain blessed in God’s love and care!

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Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

The Holy Gospel of John 4: 5 - 42

Water is one of the greatest gifts of GOD to the World. Baptism is a time of preparation, today Jesus is offering us a new kind of water, LIVING - WATER.

He sat by Jacob's well thirsty after His trek from Judea to the Samaritan town of Sychar. Something is moving in the Heart of Jesus; a parching thirst for the human heart.

The woman is surprised to be addressed by Him when He asked her (a Samaritan) "Give me a drink". He wants to awaken a new thirst by this "whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; it will become in them a Spring, welling up to eternal life". She asked how she could get and drink this Living Water. Jesus told her to come to him with a thirst, trust and belief and HE would open up the well to her.

Lent means spring, habitual sins block the flow of water, Confession allows the Spirit of Grace to pour into hearts to wash away the muck. Jesus is the Spring, out of HIM pours streams of living water.

The Spirit is the shower and waves which fill the heart to open it again, springing it back into life.

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Please pray for the parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

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

Eddie O'Brien, Mary Jones, Alice Norris, Margaret White, Annie Davies, Joseph Harper, Bernadette Morris, Nancy Clancy, Sidney Butler.

✠ **the sick:** Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows,

Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Jim Clarke, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Margaret Griffiths, Lina Guidice, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Brenda Hayden, Mary Hillier, Kate Hooper, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Nigel Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Colin Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Margaret Leesk, Doris Lloyd, Eithnes McCardle, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Mary Moseley, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, Cathy O’Leary, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Maureen Roberts, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Betty Smith, Dennis Sullivan, Millie Sullivan, Julie Thomas, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Tony Zeraschi. Eileen Richards Mandy Jones.

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