

**Collections for last Sunday**

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>At Mass</i>
Immaculate Conception	£183.00	£67.88	£55.02	£305.90	97
All Saints	£222.00	£109.47	£97.00	£428.47	100
St. John's	£123.10	£28.95	£19.47	£171.52	32
			Total	£905.89	229

*Grateful thanks for all your support. God love you.*

**All Saints:** APF Red Box collection amounted to £1011 for 2016. Well done!

**At the back of the Church are Christmas Offering Envelopes. Please take one and donate generously to your Parish Priest, Fr. Edmund.**

**Donation towards flowers for Christmas would be very much appreciated in all the Parishes. Thank you.**

**PARISH NOTICES**

\* The Year Book for 2017 is available at the back of the Church for £3.00 each. \*

\* **Immaculate Conception:** the Christmas Raffle Prizes are at the conservatory. Winners List is on the notice board and. Please check and go for your prize.

\* Rassau Community Centre **Christmas Day** Lunch and Party for everyone living alone. Transport will be available. Please contact Julie Thomas on 07749 803060 for more information.

\* **Family entertainment Party** on **New Year's Eve** from 7:30 to late at All Saints Hall. All from our Pastoral area are welcome.

**Christmas Crib Offerings** In the light of the suffering being endured not least by children in Aleppo and Mosul, and in support of our attempts to care for Syrian refugee families coming to the Diocese, The Archbishop has suggest that this year's crib offerings be designated for the 'Syrian Families Refugee Fund'. There will be an article on the Diocesan website shortly reflecting on this important work. Please donate generously.

**Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass**

Fr. Richard has been appointed the Director of Archbishop Andoh Catechetical Centre and Parish Priest of St. Andrew Catholic Church, Kordiabe, all in the Archdiocese of Accra Ghana. He will leave for Ghana on the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

In the light of this there will be a Special Mass with Fr. Richard on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in Immaculate Conception. To thank God for his services in our Pastoral Area and to wish him well for his new appointment.

There will be refreshment after the Mass at the Conservatory. All are invited.



**Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar**

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

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**4th Week of Advent Year A Mass Book p 18th December 2016**

<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	John & Patricia Sheehy & Family Olwen Madden RIP; Anthony Walters Maria, Jeff & Paul Davies & Family
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Michael Charles 70th B'day Ednyfed Austyn-Prys RIP Gerald & Gaynor McCarthy
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Barbara Hickey RIP, Graham Megraw RIP, Derek Skovronek RIP, James & Winnie O'Connor RIP.
	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	Deceased Members of Dallanegra Family; Maria Louisa Roffi
<b>Monday 19th</b>	10:00am	<b>St John's</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday 20th</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Trevor & Susan Lewis Fr. Richard Aziati
<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	10:00 am	<b>All Saints</b>	Dennis Bevan RIP, Jack & Rose Thomas RIP Bridie Glyn & John Roberts RIP.
<b>Thursday 22nd</b>	-	-	-
<b>Friday 23rd</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Bert Carroll Ednyfed Austyn Prys
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Joan & John Yandle; Mary Morris; Gary Webber; Marion & Charles Ypres Butler; Eileen Desmond
	7:30pm	<b>All Saints</b>	People of the Parish
	9:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	Jeremiah & Credwen Buckley & Family
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Nativity of The Lord</b>	9:30am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	George & Johanna Richardson B'day

**Vigil Lamps**

**Immaculate Conception:** Our Lady Veronica Yandle RIP  
**Immaculate Conception:** Sacred Heart Fr. Richard's Intentions  
**All Saints:** Our Lady John O'Sullivan RIP  
**All Saints:** Sacred Heart Private Intention JB

**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

"The Father's only Son, conceived as man in the womb of the Virgin Mary, is "Christ", that is to say, anointed by the Holy Spirit, from the beginning of his human existence, though the manifestation of this fact takes place only progressively: to the shepherds, to the magi, to John the Baptist, to the disciples. Thus the whole life of Jesus Christ will make manifest "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power." (CCC, 486)

### GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 1: 18-24)

As the period of Advent gradually draws to a close we are reminded today that Emmanuel, God is with us to share in our lives and save us and we need only to trust in him. Matthew relates the manner of Jesus' birth. He stresses the divine conception of Jesus through the agency of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, being a man of honour, decides to divorce Mary informally for he knows that he is not responsible for the pregnancy. The irony is that being a man of honour, Joseph had to insist on following the dictates of the Law, that is, Mary should be stoned for playing the adulteress (cf. Deut. 22:20-21).

Joseph, however, tempers justice with compassion. He decides to divorce her quietly. The angel of the Lord then explains to Joseph in a dream why Mary is not an adulteress. The name, 'Jesus' to be given to the child means "Saviour" or "God saves". He is the one to save his people from their sins. This is to fulfil the promise of the Lord through his prophet Isaiah: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, meaning, God is with us". The meaning of the name which will appear at the end of the book implies the ever presence of God with his people.

### 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, Helen Yabsley, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Daniel Morgan Bennett, Raymond Titley, Jeanette Prothero, Pauline Thomas. Barbara McCarthy, Gavin Hughes, Donna Marie, Keyon Hughes, John O'Leary, Raymond Thomas Jenkins

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

Urian Williams, Lawrence Pearce, Jimmy Murphy, Anne O'Dwyer, Canon Magner, Molly O'Sullivan, Roy Amos, Michael Hand, Gordon Gould, Maureen Burge, Eileen Desmond.. Patricia Baines, Christopher Vincent Yandle, June Arlene Heath, Eileen Mary Desmond, Rita Williams, Norah Kennedy.

### 2016 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE	5:30pm	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
	7:30pm	ALL SAINTS
	9:30pm	ST. JOHN
CHRISTMAS DAY	9:30am	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come To You, O Israel!

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December is the FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, the Patron Saint of St John Church, Rhymney. There will be Holy Mass at St. John at 6:30pm followed by a Special Refreshment at the Parish Hall to celebrate the Parish Feast. All are welcome.**