

### Collections for last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	Attended
Immaculate Conception	153.50	129.90	69.89	353.29	101
All Saints	291.00	134.50	158.20	583.70	92
St. John's	146.00	15.45	22.70	<u>184.15</u>	<u>37</u>
				<u>1121.14</u>	<u>230</u>

Our sincere thanks go to Pat Smith and all who supported to make this year's Christmas Raffle Draw at Immaculate Conception a successful one. May God abundantly bless you all for your generous contributions.

**"Count your many blessings name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done". Give thanks to the Lord for His great love is without end. Christmas Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.**

**Please take one and give your offering to Fr. Edmund.**

### 2015 CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERING WILL BE DONATED TO "SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN"

At the recent Council of Priests, the suggestion was accepted that 'Safe Families for Children' would be a worthy charity to support with our Christmas crib offerings. Now with a base in Cardiff, it offers respite care for vulnerable children and families not least in recruiting volunteer host families to offer temporary shelter to children of families in crisis. As well as needing finance, 'Safe Families for Children' would also welcome volunteers for this crucial and important work. For more details please see notice board.

### PARISH NOTICES

\* **Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Night** at St John's Parish Hall on **Sunday 20th** December after Mass at 6:30pm. Tickets £5. All are welcome.

\* **Family Fun Event:** Join us for our first New Year's Eve Family event of the Pastoral Area on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 from 7.30pm until Midnight at All Saints Parish Hall. **There will be buffet refreshment and an open Bar.**

\* **All Saints:** Church cleaning will take place on Tuesday from 10am, if you could spare an hour to help clean your Church it would be very much appreciated.

\* **Catholic Province of Cardiff, Wales & Herefordshire Directory & Year Book 2016** is at the porch of the Church for £3.00 each. Please get a copy for your home.

**\* Our warm Congratulations to Dorothy Edwards who celebrates her 80th Birthday today. May God richly bless you with good health in mind and body. Well done Dorothy and enjoy your day. God love you!**



### Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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**4th Week of Advent** Year C *Mass book: page 90* 20th Dec. 2015

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Mary, Christopher, Terrance, John & Patrick Sheehy; Joan & John Yandle
<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Bill & Doris McCarthy James Praed Robson
	10:30am	All Saints	Barbara Hickey RIP; Graham Megraw RIP; Derek Skovronek RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Les & Barbara Cushen
<b>Monday 21st</b>	10:00am	St John's	Eileen Williams
<b>Tuesday 22nd</b>	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Bert Carroll RIP
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b>	10:00am	All Saints	Bart Hamilton/Eddie Bailey RIP
<b>Thurs 24th CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	6:00pm	All Saints	For all the Faithful of the Parish
	8:00pm	St John's	For all the Faithful of the Parish
	10:00pm	Immaculate Conception	For all the Faithful of the Parish
<b>Nativity of The Lord CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	9:30am	Immaculate Conception	Georget Johanna Richardson B'day Kate Marshall, Eileen Desmond Anniv
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> St Stephen</b>	10:00am	All Saints	George Jimmy & Bessie Gough RIP Thomas Smith RIP
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Rachel, Desmond & Collin Adams
<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Clark, Smith, Bennett & Jones Prys
	10:30am	All Saints	Nell Hopkins RIP Jim & Winnie O'Connor RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Anne & Terry Rooney- 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Dallanegra Family

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**St John's:** Monday 10:30am until 11:00am  
**Immaculate Conception:** Friday Christmas Day (No exposition)  
**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 Maden  
**Immaculate Conception** Sacred Heart Jeanette Badham

**Vigil Lamps**

<b>All Saints</b>	Sacred Heart	In Thanksgiving KC
<b>All Saints</b>	Our Lady	Nellie Spellman RIP
<b>All Saints</b>	St. Joseph	Jo Sidoli RIP
<b>All Saints</b>	St. Anne	Margaret Lawrence Wellbeing.

**From the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*“Holy Mary, Mother of God: With Elizabeth we marvel, "And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Because she gives us Jesus, her son, Mary is Mother of God and our mother; we can entrust all our cares and petitions to her: she prays for us as she prayed for herself: "Let it be to me according to your word." By entrusting ourselves to her prayer, we abandon ourselves to the will of God together with her: "Thy will be done." (CCC, 2677)*

**Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner**

**HOLY GOSPEL OF LUKE 1: 39 - 45**

The gospel for this Forth Sunday of Advent presents us with the meeting of two pregnant women, one older but no wiser about such things than the other quite young mother-to-be, for this was the first child for both. Such a meeting! The infant in Elizabeth's womb gave a mighty kick when Mary greeted her, and Elizabeth recognized the baby of Mary's womb as her Lord Jesus, the Son of God Most High, became incarnate - took on human flesh - as a necessary step to salvation. Jesus's body was "prepared" as the fruit of Mary's womb. He came to "do God's will." Mary believed and it was fulfilled. She didn't count the cost. Neither can we.

As we prepare for Christmas we pray for those who live in doubt,

- MAY OUR LIVES BE A SIGN OF FAITH.

We pray for those who live in fear and oppression,

- MAY OUR LIVES BE A SIGN OF HOPE

We pray for those who do not experience God's love,

- MAY OUR LIVES BE A SIGN OF CHARITY. AMEN.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE: All Saints – 6:00pm St. John – 8:00pm**

**Immaculate Conception – 10:00pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY: Immaculate Conception – 9:30am**

**COME LET US CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR**

**To our God, Most Loving, Most Holy and Most Merciful, be all Praise and Thanksgiving for His gift of salvation through the birth of His Only Begotten Son, JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD.**

**I WISH YOU AND ALL THE FAMILIES OF OUR PASTORAL AREA  
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS. GOD LOVE YOU ALL.**

**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, Nell Turner, 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. Jim Driscoll, Kitty Surtees.

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

Lawrence Pearce, Jimmy Murphy, Anne O'Dwyer, Canon John Magner, James Murphy, Molly O'Sullivan, Roy Amos, Michael Hand, Gordon Gould, Maureen Archer, Eileen Desmond, Eugene Sullivan, Lesley Moseley, John Roberts, Edward Joseph Zeraschi, George Arthur Rhodes, Margaret Morgan, Gladys Eunice Sullivan, Terence Callaghan, Christean Caniff, Joanna Jackson, Beynon Morgan, Sidney Herbert Gregory, Maria Roffi, Ellen Roberts, Vernon Allen Bennett, Margaret May McCarthy.

**† ETERNAL REST**

We pray for the repose of the Soul of **OLWEN MADEN** who passed on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at Ebbw Vale Hospital.

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Our prayers and Sympathies go to the bereaved family.

**THE CHAPTER OF THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF ST DAVID CARDIFF**

**Four Senior Priests: Fathers Barry English, Michael Evans, William Isaac and John Kelly, have been appointed by the Archbishop as members of the Chapter of Canons of St David's Cathedral. They will be installed as Canons at the midday Mass in the Cathedral on St. David's Day, 1st March 2016.**

**May our prayers and very best wishes remain with them.**