

### COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£218.00	£71.57	£96.14	£385.71	119
All Saints	£224.00	£107.03	£129.05	£460.08	99
St. John's	£129.00	£11.45	£23.80	£164.25	36
			Total	£1010.04	254

*Grateful thanks to all for your generous offering especially towards the Syrian Refugee Fund which totalled £854. God bless you.*

### PARISH NOTICES

There will be a **CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION** to begin the Mass of the **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception.

The next **RHYMNEY COFFEE EVENING** will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, 10th February, at 6:30pm.

**PARISH WELFARE:** We are looking for Parishioners to sign up for the formation of a Welfare Ministry in the Pastoral Area to take care of the welfare needs of all our brothers and sisters, especially the sick, the housebound, and the lonely. Please give your name to Fr. Edmund

**SACRAMENT PREPARATIONS:** We are looking for Parishioners for the Teaching Ministry to help with the preparation of candidates for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation/ RCIA. Your services will be very much appreciated. Please see Fr. Edmund if you can help in any way.

**DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING.** At the request of those who were unable to attend the first training session, it is proposed that a second one is held. Please contact Mike: mike.morgan0@gmail.com or 01495 711658, 07407 474723 so that a date can be arranged.

**KNOW AND SHARE** will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6:30pm in Immaculate Conception. All are welcome

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Theresa Herbert as she celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We wish her good health in mind, body and soul and many more fruitful years. Happy Birthday & Many Happy Returns. God Love You!



### Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St John's, Rhymney

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### 4th Week in Ordinary Time, Year A Mass Book p130 29th January 2017

Vigil	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Glenys Simmons RIP Margaret Driscoll RIP Private Intention
4th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Theresa Herbert – Thanksgiving for 90th birthday
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	John O'Sullivan RIP Kathleen & Alf McCarthy RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Maria Louisa Jenkins
Monday 30th	10:00am	<b>St. John's</b>	Members of Prayer Group
Tuesday 31st	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Lily Margaret, Peter Withanage, Chrispin Joseph & Bert Carroll RIP
Wed 1st Feb	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	John Gibson RIP
Thursday 2nd	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION)</b>
Friday 3rd St. Blaise Blessing of Throats	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>All Saints</b>	<b>Requiem Margaret Paul RIP</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Margaret Driscoll RIP
Saturday 4th	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Joyce McLaughlin Wellbeing. Margaret Paul RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Glenys Simmons RIP Paul, Marie, Jeff & Davies family John Yandle
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Margaret Driscoll RIP Veronica Yandle RIP
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Luigi Dallanegra RIP Dennis Bevan RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Margaret Paul RIP

### 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 from 12noon until 3:00pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

**St John's:** After Mass on Monday and Sunday at 5pm  
**All Saints:** After Mass on Wednesday and Saturday  
**Immaculate Conception:** Before Mass on Tuesday, and Saturday at 5pm

	<b><u>VIGIL LAMPS</u></b>	
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	Our Lady	Ben & Marlene Thomas
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	Sacred Heart	Bernard & Sheila Bennett
<b>All Saints:</b>	Our Lady	Fr. Edmunds Intentions
<b>All Saints:</b>	Sacred Heart	Sick of the Parish

**From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH**

“The Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portray his charity. They express the vocation of the faithful associated with the glory of his Passion and Resurrection; they shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life; they are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations; they proclaim the blessings and rewards already secured, however dimly, for Christ's disciples; they have begun in the lives of the Virgin Mary and all the saints”. (CCC, 1717)

**GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 5: 1-12)**

Humanity always stands in need of God. Our relationship with the Lord must always be characterized by total dependence, trust and reliance on God.

Jesus, the New Moses, addresses the crowds on a mountain about a new moral code. Jesus opens the Beatitudes with blessedness for those who are poor in spirit. The addition of the phrase “in the spirit” changes the emphasis from socio-economic to personal moral humility, detachment from wealth and voluntary poverty. The New English Bible renders this verse as: “How blessed are those who know their need of God”, meaning, those who depend, trust and rely on God.

The meek are those who are slow to anger and gentle with others. Meekness, therefore, connotes a form of charity towards others. Mourners, as used by Matthew, are similar to those who hunger for justice. They mourn because evil reigns on earth. They hunger and thirst rather for justice to reign. The merciful are those who pardon the sins of others. Surely, those who show mercy will have mercy shown them. Only the pure in heart will see God, since He is all Holy. Peacemakers are those who seek the total well-being of humanity and the universe as a whole. Those persecuted for righteousness sake and on account of Jesus will surely receive their reward in heaven.

Let us not fill our hearts and lives with pride by relegating God to the background, for our lives are meaningless without any reliance or dependence on God.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS OF OUR PASTORAL AREA, ESPECIALLY:**

**† the sick and housebound:**

Jeanette Badham, Dennis Bevan, 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, 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, Mary Morris, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, 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, 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, Norma Beecher, Maria James, Maureen Hague

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

Dr. Jim McCarthy, Eileen Butcher, Ellen Kelly, Mary Anne Lynch, Hayden Michael, Selina Hussey, John Young, Michael Murphy, Gina Basini, Richard Buckley, Jane George.. Alan Patrick Lee, Lesley Williams, Rhys David Price, Kian Lee Price, Paul Anthony Davies, Patricia Owen, Winifred Murray, Mary Barbara Fitzgerald.

**† ETERNAL REST**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our sister **MARGARET PAUL** whose Requiem will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 12:30pm in All Saints. Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to the bereaved family.

**VISIT TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Are there any sick or housebound in the Parish? Please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Edmund as soon as possible to arrange for a visit and prayer for the sick person, be they at Home, Residential/ Nursing/Care Home or in a Hospital. Let the word of God through the Apostle James 5: 14-16 guide you in this regard. Thanks