

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	£154.00	£60.48	£73.27	£287.75	94
All Saints	£201.00	£121.30	£151.57	£473.87	99
St. John's	£157.00	£15.00	£20.90	£192.90	32
			Total	<u>£954.52</u>	<u>225</u>

Grateful thanks to all for your offerings.

Coffee evening in St John's will be on Friday 9th Feb at 6:30pm in the Parish hall. Please come along – all are welcome.

PARISH NOTICES

✠ First **Holy Hour** from 6pm to 7pm is on Thursday 1st Feb at St John's then on 1st March in Immaculate Conception and on 5th April in All Saints.

✠ It is Father Joseph's wish that we pray The Anima Christi at Mass. The words of the prayer are inside this newsletter.

✠ First Holy Communion. Please give in the names of the candidates wishing to receive First Holy Communion. Names must be submitted by 11th Feb.

✠ The RCIA programme starts this Tuesday and will be every Tuesday and Sunday at 6pm in Immaculate Conception.

✠ **Mass Intentions** There are vacancies for Mass Intentions in all our Parishes. Intention envelopes are in the porch. Let us not forget our loved ones who have passed or any special personal intention you may have.

* 2018 Safeguarding - Immaculate Conception Parishioners who have been cleared by the Archdiocese of Cardiff to work with Children, Young People and/or Vulnerable Adults for 2018 are listed on the Church Notice Board.

* The next **Mass in Welsh** (Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg) is at St Teilo's on Sunday January 28th at 4 30pm; all welcome. Contact: carys@caerdelyn.com

* Wales and the Marches **Catholic History Society's** next talk will be at St. David's RC Sixth Form College, Tygwyn Rd., Cardiff on Sunday February 4th at 3pm.; where Dr. Robert Matthews presents: **Roman Catholicism in South Wales at a time of persecution 1559 – 1679**. Everyone is very welcome. Contact: Tricia Coulthard: 02920 595899

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Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar
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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time *Mass Book P132* **28th Jan 2018**

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Private Intention Jack RIP Kenneth Holmes RIP
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Fr. Leo Wolfe RIP Jeanette Badham (wellbeing) Maureen Baker & David O'Connor RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Kathleen & Alf McCarthy RIP Bill & Margaret O'Shea RIP Michael Gough RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Dallanegra Family
Monday 29th	10:00am	St. John's	Josephine John RIP Cynthia Ossom B'Day
Tuesday 30th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Maureen Baker & David O'Connor RIP
Wed 31st	10:00am	All Saints	Dennis Bevan RIP
Thursday 1st Feb	6:00pm	St John's	Holy Hour
Friday 2nd The Presentation of The Lord	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	
Saturday 3rd	10:00am	All Saints	John Patrick O'Leary RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	
	10:30am	All Saints	Kathleen Woolley RIP John O'Sullivan RIP Richard & Bridget Buckley RIP
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	5:30pm	St. John's	James and Mark Duggan (RIP) Harold and Iris Weeks (RIP)

VIGIL LAMPS

All Saints:	Our Lady	Private Intentions
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	In Thanksgiving
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Archbishop Stack
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	For the Pastoral area

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All Saints: Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm
St. John: Monday after 10:00am Mass
Immaculate Conception: Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

All Saints: After Mass on Wednesday / Saturday
St. John's: Before Mass on Sunday
Immaculate Conception: Before Mass on Saturday and Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION (Mark 1:21-28)

Synagogues were beginning to come into existence in the first century. They were local centres, used for civic gatherings as well as for study and worship. Many gospel scenes are located in them. Jesus could be sure to find an audience there. In today's gospel Mark's stress is on the authority of Jesus which he exercises in two ways.

Firstly, he teaches with authority – his own authority. This was different from the scribes whose teaching was dependent on what others had said or written.

Secondly, Jesus shows his authority over unclean spirits. He is able to confront, silence, and expel the spirit that has taken possession of the unfortunate man in the story. Such exorcisms point to the ultimate victory of the kingdom of God over evil and death.

In the ancient world many illnesses were attributed to possession by an evil spirit. But there is no need to get hung up on this issue while praying with today's Gospel!

In this age of computers and smartphones and instant access to information and entertainment, we probably appreciate more than ever the worth of a really good teacher.

It is an aspect of Jesus' ministry that can easily be lost sight of, and that is a pity because it is more important that we understand his message than that we believe he was a miracle worker.

As disciples we are challenged to continue to grow in understanding, to sit at the feet of Jesus the teacher and to take steps to make our own the wonderful good news of the kingdom.

By being properly informed, we are less likely to be led astray by the whole range of 'false prophets' who today compete for our allegiance.

✠ **Please pray for the Parishioners of our Pastoral Area whose anniversary occurs at this time:**

Kathleen McCarthy, Irene Benger, Paul Edwards, John Caswell, Dr Jim McCarthy, Eileen Butcher, Mary Anne Lynch, Hayden Michael, Selina Hussey, John Young, Michael Murphy, Richard Buckley, Gina Basini... Thomas Hannigan, Joseph Thomas Kiraly, James John O'Leary, Johnny (John) Lee, Denis Buckley

✠ **Prayers for the sick and housebound**

St John's: Mary Benjamin (Thomas), Margaret Jones, Maureen Morgan

All Saints: Derek Kerwick, Maria Bevan, John O'Leary, Maureen Matthews, Mary Moseley, John Godfrey, Norma Beecher, Kathleen Bennett.

Immaculate Conception: Kath Thomas, Pam Williams, Brian Garrett, Jeanette Badham, Yvonne Brown, Doris Norris, Kath Williams, Winnie Buckley, Tony Zeraschi, Baby Isla

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from the side of Christ, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within Thy wounds hide me
Separated from Thee let me never be
From the malicious enemy defend me
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come unto Thee
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
Forever and ever
Amen