

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£206.00	£79.24	£88.54	£373.78	105
All Saints	£421.00	£123.60	£125.82	£670.42	125
St. John's	£104.00	£19.07	£22.68	£145.75	33
			Total	£1189.95	263

Station Mass Lenten Alms: £457.74

Grateful thanks to all for your generous offerings

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays	7:30pm	Immaculate Conception Church
Wednesdays	9:30am	All Saints Church
Fridays	10:00am	St. John Church

24HOUR ADORATION

Due to the works in Immaculate Conception Church, the 24-hour Adoration from Friday 31st March – Saturday 1st April will be held at All Saints Church. It will begin with Holy Mass at 10am on Friday and conclude with Holy Mass at 10am on Saturday. There will be Stations of the Cross at 6pm, Devotion/Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 6.30pm, confessions from 7pm -8pm with visiting Priests from the Deanery to hear confessions, and many more. Please sign in and make some time for the Lord in this period of grace.

PARISH NOTICES

DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE: Works for maintenance and redecoration of Immaculate Conception Church will begin on Monday 27th March 2017. In this regard there will be no weekday activity in the Church.

ST JOHN NEXT COFFEE EVENING on Friday 7th April at 6:30pm in Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome

WALSINGHAM WAY Vacation Pilgrimage – a weekend retreat for those considering their vocation. Young Catholics aged 18-30 are invited to come to the ancient pilgrim site at Walsingham in Norfolk to pray and to discern God's calling in their life. The event is on 30th June - 2nd July. Further details on the website www.ukvocations.org

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: We wish all Mothers a Happy Mother's Day. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, continue to intercede for all mothers in a special way.



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

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26th March 2017

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Betty Reeves B'day Mary Thomas RIP, Darren Thomas RIP B'day; Margaret McMiles
4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Peggy Richardson B'day RIP; Elsie Aherne RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Deceased members of Carew Family Edward, Agnes & Peter Owen RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Maria Luisa Roffi & Dina Fantini RIP: Ronald Burton RIP
Monday 27th	10:00am	St. John's	Hughes Family Sp. Int
Tuesday 28th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Andrea O'Leary RIP
Wednesday 29th	10:00am	All Saints	Margaret Paul RIP
Friday 31st	7:00am	Immaculate Conception	Parish Family Intentions
	10:00AM	All Saints	24HOUR ADORATION
Saturday 1st April	10:00am	All Saints	Nell & Tom Hopkins RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Mary Thomas RIP Kathleen & Mary McMiles RIP
5th Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Sheila Bennett
	10:30am	All Saints	Eddie Scrivens RIP Tony & Marlene Dallanegra RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Hughes & Adams Family Sp. Int.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Mass on Tuesday 7pm and Friday 7am will be at the Conservatory

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

VIGIL LAMPS

Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Michelle Penny's wellbeing
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart Sheila Bennett's wellbeing
All Saints: Our Lady Mavis Chandler
All Saints: Sacred Heart Private Intentions (ML)

From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

"When St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus declared to him that this revelation did not come "from flesh and blood", but from "my Father who is in heaven". Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him. "Before this faith can be exercised, man must have the grace of God to move and assist him; he must have the interior helps of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and converts it to God, who opens the eyes of the mind and 'makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth.'" (CCC, 153)

GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOHN 9: 1-41)

As we journey through this life, we are often assailed with fears, doubts and dilemmas. Jesus Christ, our Shepherd-King cures our blindness and lights up the way for us.

The cure of the blind man offers us insights into the need for us to be cured of our blindness in order to make fresh commitments to Jesus Christ. Jesus did not agree with his disciples that it was somebody's sin which caused the man's blindness. His answer was: "he was blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him". God permitted the man to be born blind.

The Pharisees were upset that Jesus had cured on the Sabbath. For them, Jesus was a sinner. Others did not agree: "how could a sinner produce signs like this?" While the Pharisees were hard at it to discredit Jesus as the Messiah, the man born blind saw him as a prophet, a man of God or someone from God: "if this man were not from God, he could not do a thing". At the end of the story we realize that it was the Pharisees who were blind for their refusal to believe in Jesus Christ. They still remained in darkness.

Let us come to Jesus Christ to heal us of all forms of blindness.

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 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, Maureen Morgan, 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, 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, Doris Morris, Sheila Bennett.

✠ *those whose anniversary occurs at this time:*

Margaret White, Annie Davies, Joseph Harper, Bernadette Morris, Nancy Clancy, Sydney Butler, John Sugrue, Sid Withey, Kathleen Edwards, Tony Dallanegra, Thomas Hopkins, Frank Desmond Snr., Mary Elizabeth Griffiths, James Hendry Lennon, Catherine Mary James, Mary Morgan, Elizabeth Austyn-Prys, Winifred Moore, Louisa Gina Illari, Royston Matthews.

SACRAMENTS

Please pray for **NORMAN JOSIAH BEECHEM** and **NIKI SHAW** who received the rites of election by the Archbishop in preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at Easter 2017

*Let us also pray for the Children who are preparing for their
First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Visiting Priests from the Deanery and others will be available on Friday 31st March from 7pm – 8pm at All Saints Church for confessions please take this opportunity to make your Easter Duty.