

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£192.00	£115.66	£105.40	£413.06	119
All Saints	£203.00	£116.07	£122.60	£441.67	107
St. John's	£96.50	£13.57	£20.10	£130.17	27
			Total	£984.90	253

Development Fund: All Saints £568.00 Immaculate Conception £179.87

Grateful thanks to all for your generous offerings

100 CLUB

1 st Prize	No. 82	Julia O'Leary	£50.00
2 nd Prize	No. 70	Thelma Evans	£25.00
3 rd Prize	No. 51	Linda Packer	£10.00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

PARISH NOTICES

DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE: Works for maintenance and redecoration of Immaculate Conception Church are ongoing. In this regard there will be no weekday activity in the Church. **Holy Mass on Tuesday 7pm and Friday 7am will be at All Saints Church.**

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

KNOW & SHARE will be held on Thursday 6th April at 6:30pm in Immaculate Conception Conservatory. All are welcome

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: This will take place from Sept. 7th -14th, 2017. Booking forms now available from Laurence O'Leary or Vincent McCarthy.

DAY OF MERCY

Today Sunday 2nd April, 2017 there will be *Day of Mercy* from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at St. John's, Rhymney.

There is Devotion to the Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, Healing through the Proclamation of the Word of God & Anointing of the Sick. *Come and have an encounter with Our Lord Jesus Christ, through Prayer, Repentance, Forgiveness and Healing.*



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

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5th Week of Lent, Year A *Mass Book p170* **2nd April 2017**

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Mary Thomas RIP Kathleen & Mary McMiles RIP Rita Michell
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.
Monday 3rd	10:00am	St. John's	Bob Roberts RIP
Tuesday 4th	7:00pm	All Saints	John Dennis Moore Sp. Int.
Wednesday 5th	10:00am	All Saints	Nora & Ernie Worthington/ Kathleen & John Evans RIP
Thursday 6th	9:30am	All Saints School	Staff, Governors and Parents
Friday 7th	7:00am	All Saints	Biddy Reardon Sp. Int.
Saturday 8th	10:00am	All Saints	Deceased members of the Rowlands Family
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Kathleen Grace McCarthy & Brian McCarthy Joan Yandle RIP
Palm Sunday	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Kate Robins B'day, RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Dennis Bevan RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Bob Roberts 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

	<u>VIGIL LAMPS</u>	
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Michelle Penny's wellbeing
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Sheila Bennett's wellbeing
All Saints:	Our Lady	Margaret Griffiths RIP
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Catherine McCarthy RIP

From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christ will raise us up "on the last day"; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. For, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already now on earth a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ:

And you were buried with him in Baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead . . . If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (CCC, 1002)

GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOHN 11:1-45)

As creatures of God and Christians, we owe our existence from Him. Without God, we are dead and with no real life. Although Christ loves Lazarus and his sisters and receives the message of his sickness, he stays on for two more days. The purpose is clear. Jesus has authority over life and death and the raising of Lazarus will point to Jesus as the giver of life to all those who believe in him.

When Martha meets Jesus, she voices the common expectation. The one who loves Lazarus and is well known for his miracles should have been able to heal him: "he opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?" Martha then expresses her belief in the future resurrection of the dead. Jesus promises her the realized resurrection which begins here and now for those who believe in him. Jesus' show of distress is a reaction to the mourners who probably fail to understand the import of the whole event. He further rebukes Martha for her unbelief. The prayer Jesus offers underscores his relationship with the Father. Jesus then finally calls Lazarus to life. The drama of Jesus raising Lazarus to life is a fulfillment of his earlier words. He is the giver of life and for those who believe in him, eternal life begins here on this earth.

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:

Kathleen Brake RIP, Honora Jones, William Williams, Teresa Jones, Marlene Dallanegra, Canon John O'Donovan, Maria Kerwin, Gerard O'Connell, John Ernest Roach, Valerie Mary Ecclestone

ETERNAL REST

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **KEVIN WILLIAM WALTERS** who passed on the 28th March, 2017. His Funeral service will be at **All Saints Church**, on Wednesday 5th April at 11.30am.

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GORDON HAWARD WILCOX, the Husband of Sandra, who passed on 29th March, 2017. His Funeral Service will be at **Llwydcoed Crematorium** on Friday 7th April at 10.30am

May our prayers and sincere sympathies go to the bereaved families.

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 Holy Communion.