

## Collections for Last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£225.00	£78.90	£98.84	£402.74	128
All Saints	£221.00	£98.37	£121.68	£441.05	103
St. John's	£132.00	£19.40	£21.00	£172.40	39
			Total	<u>£1016.19</u>	<u>270</u>

St John's Coffee Friday Evening raised £130 and Sunday Teas raised £100. Immaculate Conception Sunday Lunch raised £380. Many thanks to all who supported.

### PARISH NOTICES

The next St John's Coffee Evening is on Friday 2nd June 2017.

### ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

This year's mission appeal will be preached by the Comboni Missionaries throughout Cardiff Archdiocese. Next weekend 27th & 28th May 2017 we will welcome **FR. MELAKU**, an Ethiopian Comboni Priest to our Pastoral Area. May we pray for the Comboni Missionaries especially those who are working in difficult and dangerous conditions. Our generous Spiritual and material support will be very much appreciated.

### First Communion and Reconciliation Retreat

There will be a retreat for all children preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on Saturday 3rd June 2017 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at All Saints Church. Lunch and refreshment will be provided. Parents and Guardians should please take note and keep the day open.

### Have you heard?

The St. Patrick Community of Ireland will be leading a Parish Mission in our Pastoral Area **on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. Details of the times and programmes will be at the back of church, on our website and on handouts you may have seen by now. John Pridmore will be speaking on Monday & Tuesday - he has a wonderful message and has spoken all over the world.



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**All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St John's, Rhymney**  
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### **6th Week of Easter, Year A** *Mass Book p268* **21st May 2017**

<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	For all who have no one to remember or pray for them
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Ann & Merrill's Wedding Anniversary
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Esme Worthington RIP. John Bell RIP Dec'd members of Twohig Family
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Fr. Edmund's Intentions Margaret Jones (80th Birthday).
<b>Monday 22nd</b>	10:00am	<b>St. John's</b>	Eucharistic Service
<b>Tuesday 23rd</b>	-	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	No Mass
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Eucharistic Service
<b>Thursday 25th</b>	-	<b>School</b>	No Mass
<b>Friday 26th</b>	-	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	No Mass
<b>Saturday 27th</b>	-	<b>All Saints</b>	No Mass
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	For all Missionaries Mary Gerrish RIP Anniv.
<b>Ascension of The Lord</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Gordon Wilcox RIP
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Vincent Roffi Jeremiah & Credwen Buckley RIP

### VIGIL LAMPS

**All Saints:** Our Lady Dennis Bevan RIP  
**All Saints:** Sacred Heart Maureen Baker RIP  
**Immaculate Conception:** Our Lady Tony & Charity's Intentions  
**Immaculate Conception:** Sacred Heart Cinotti Families' Intentions

### 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

## **From the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

“Because the Holy Spirit is the anointing of Christ, it is Christ who, as the head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among his members to nourish, heal, and organize them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness, and associate them to his self-offering to the Father and to his intercession for the whole world. Through the Church's sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his Body”. (CCC, 739)

### **GOSPEL REFLECTIONS** (John 14: 15-21)

Jesus promises to give another Advocate to his disciples who will be with them forever. This Advocate, sometimes called Paraclete, Intercessor, Counsellor or Protector, will be a replacement figure for Jesus. The various descriptions of this replacement figure bring out clearly his function among the disciples. He will take the place of the physical presence of Jesus among his disciples and like Moses, he will intercede for them, strengthening and supporting them. Thus, the Advocate may be seen as continuing the functions of Jesus earthly ministry.

Jesus describes the Advocate as the Spirit of Truth whom the world can never receive. Those who refuse to believe in Jesus cannot receive the Advocate but only those who believe in him. Hence, Jesus describes the Advocate as abiding with his disciples forever. He further promises his disciples that he will not leave them orphans but will come back to them. The disciples will see him in his risen life not merely with their physical eyes but with the inward eyes of faith. Jesus Christ describes the relationship between him and the disciples as similar to that between him and his Father. He bases this relationship on receiving his commandments, keeping them and loving him. The promised Advocate is also based on loving him and keeping his commandments. Nothing should shatter nor should we allow anything to destroy our firm faith in the presence of Jesus among us in the Advocate.

**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, 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, Joan Spencer.

#### **✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:**

Patrick McNulty, Tony Carini, Annie Lynch, Lana Lynch, Patrick Twohig, Ron Lewis, Patrick Lynch.. Marie Davies

#### **✠ Sacraments**

Please pray for **Sophie Elizabeth Williams & David Rhys Griffiths** who Celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday 20th May 2017 at All Saints Church.

**Sincere Gratitude:** The Parents of Mr & Mrs Matthew and Carly Cannings wrote to express their sincere gratitude to All Parishioners for the hard work involved in getting the Church ready for Carly and Matthew’s wedding. They have requested that Holy Mass be said for the intentions of those involved in the redecoration, cleaning and preparing of the Church on Friday 2nd May 2017 at 7:00pm.

*Please continue to pray for the Children who are preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion*