

**Collections for last Sunday**

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>At Mass</i>	<i>Priests Training</i>
Immaculate Conception	£230.00	£74.90	£98.98	£403.88	111	£164.60
All Saints	£213.00	£128.47	£103.55	£445.02	96	£388.47
St. John's	£141.00	£38.00	£29.50	£208.50	46	£157.00
			Total	£1057.40	253	£710.07

*Thanks for your generous contribution towards the Priests Training Fund.*

**Today** there will be a Special Collection for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine as requested by the Holy Father.

**100 Club Winners:**

1st Prize No. 39 - Joe Tomlinson £50.00; 2nd Prize No. 189 - Tania William £25; 3rd Prize No.80 – Maria Owens

**Parish Notices**

- \* **Monday lunch** in the conservatory at Immaculate Conception on 9th May.
- \* **Coffee Evening** in St John's Hall will be on Friday 13th May at 6:30pm.
- \* **Sunday Lunch** at Moose on 5th June at 1pm. Please see Yvonne Davies for your tickets Adults £8 and Children £4
- \* There will be **Know and Share (Faith Formation)** after 6:30pm Mass on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at Immaculate Conception - all are welcome.

**FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Devotion to The Sacred Heart of Jesus and confessions at Immaculate Conception on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 6pm to 7pm**  
**On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May Holy Rosary and confessions at All Saints from 9:30am.**

**DAY OF MERCY**

On Pentecost Day 15th May 2016 from 2:30pm – 5:00pm  
 at St. John's Church, Rhymney.

Come and have an Encounter with Jesus Christ the Risen Lord in Prayer,  
 Repentance, Forgiveness and Healing.

**Torchlight Procession at Belmont Abbey**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May the parish is organising a mini-bus which will leave at 7:00pm from Immaculate Conception. Seats are on a first come-first served basis. Interested parishioners should contact Robin Davies on 07943 397511. At All Saints please add your name to a list at back of the church



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**Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C (Mass Book p271) 1st May 2016**

<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Daniel Scannell RIP Michael Cliggett RIP Mary & Morgan Williams RIP
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	For The Pope; Maria Kerwin RIP Robert & Rosemary Baldrige & The Howells Family
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Pat Markey RIP Bridie Roberts RIP Fenton Family RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	Mairade Doolan RIP
<b>Monday 2nd</b>	10:00am	<b>St John's</b>	Mrs. Jean Thompson RIP
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Private Intention
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Conway Caswell RIP
<b>Thursday 5th</b>	6:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Praying for the gift of The Holy Spirit
<b>Friday 6th</b>	10:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Requiem of Gerard O'Connell
<b>Saturday 7th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Tony & Marlene Dallanegra RIP
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Charles & Patrica Sheehy RIP Bill & Nellie Lamb RIP Kathleen Grace & Brian McCarthy
<b>Ascension of The Lord</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	For SVP Society; Bert Carroll, Lily Margaret, Peter & Crispin
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Margaret Williams RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	Robert Roberts RIP

**Vigil Lamps**

**All Saints:** Our Lady Eucharistic Ministers  
**All Saints:** Sacred Heart Augustine McCarthy  
**Immaculate Conception:** Our Lady Yvonne Brown  
**Immaculate Conception:** Sacred Heart Jeanette Badham

**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 12 noon until 3:00pm

## From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

“The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church. She is the sacrament of the Holy Trinity's communion with men.” (CCC,747)

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### **Gospel Reflection**

Holy Gospel of John 14: 23 – 29

What makes us both human and like God? Love for certain. It is love that unites us in a bond of fellowship with others, We were created in love for love -- to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are united in love. John Henry Newman said: We love because it is our nature to love, and it is our nature because God the Holy Spirit has made it our nature. Jesus speaks to his disciples of the inseparable love between himself and the Father, and of their love for mankind. In Jesus we see the fullness of God's love and how God's love is directed to our well-being.

Jesus gave up his life that we may have life - a life of love and unity with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit forever. Through the cross Jesus opened a new way of relationship for us as adopted sons and daughters of God - his beloved children. Jesus calls his disciples to walk in his way of love through obedience to the will of the Father.

Jesus promised to give his followers the best of gifts, the Holy Spirit as their Counsellor and Helper. Counsellor is a legal term for one who defends someone against adversary and who guides that person during the ordeal of trial. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Helper who brings us safely through the challenges and adversities we must face in this life. The Holy Spirit is also the Giver of Life - the life of God - and the One who guides us in the way of truth. We can never stop learning because the Spirit leads us more and more into the knowledge of God's love and truth. Jesus also promised his followers the gift of peace. Peace is more than the absence of conflict or trouble. Peace includes everything which makes for our highest good. Trust in God, faith in his promises, and obedience to his word lead us to peace and safety in God's presence. That is why a Christian need not fear or be troubled by anything.

What can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus? We continue to read the words of Jesus to the disciples at the last supper and these are appropriate now as we draw near to the Feast of Pentecost and the giving of the Holy Spirit.

## Please pray for 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 Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, 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, Audrey Norris, 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, Millie Sullivan, Mary Thomas, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Daniel Morgan Bennett, Raymond Titley, Kitty Surtees. Mary James, Jeanette Prothero, Pauline Thomas.

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

Richard Bevan, Agnus Moran, Margaret Williams, John Fenton, Augustine McCarthy, Guiseppe Sidoli, Barbara Blackmore.. Marie Davies, Eileen Lee, Terrence John Jones, Patricia Stephens.

### **† Eternal Rest**

Let us pray for the repose of the Soul of **Gerard O'Connell** whose requiem will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 10am in Immaculate Conception.

**May he Rest in Peace and Rise with Christ in Glory.  
Our prayers and sincere sympathies go to his family.**

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

***From May, Confirmation preparations will be every Friday from 5:00pm - 6:00pm followed by Adoration and Holy Mass at Immaculate Conception.***

***The first meeting will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016.***

***Let our prayers accompany the candidates and their families.***

### **CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER**

In our prayer pilgrimage around the Diocese for the Centenary Year, we remember today the Parish and People of St Illtyd Dowlais with their Priest Rev. Barry English and Deacon Garth Tasker