

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£206.00	£42.25	£66.15	£314.40	85
All Saints	£210.00	£117.86	£140.23	£468.09	99
St. John's	£113.00	£12.00	£24.00	£149.00	31
			Total	£931.49	215

The recent Rhymney Coffee Evening raised £125 for parish funds.

Many thanks to those who supported.

Grateful thanks to all for your generous offerings.

PARISH NOTICES

FEAST OF ST DAVID

As Ash Wednesday falls on the 1st of March, the celebration of St. David's feast is anticipated on Tuesday 28th February. There will be Holy Mass at All Saints Church at 6:30pm and a Social Evening in All Saints Hall after Mass. St David's Day Celebration 28th February. Tickets now available contact Mary Jones 302741, Fr. Edmund, or Sandra Jones..

PARISH WELFARE: We are looking for Parishioners to sign up for the formation of a Welfare Ministry in the Pastoral Area to take care of the welfare needs of all our brothers and sisters, especially the sick, the housebound, and the lonely. Please give your name to Fr. Edmund

SACRAMENT PREPARATIONS: We are looking for Parishioners for the Teaching Ministry to help with the preparation of candidates for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation/ RCIA. Your services will be very much appreciated. Please see Fr. Edmund if you can help in any way.

NOTICE BOARD: On the Parish Notice Boards are:

- 1 - Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2017
- 2 - The Liturgical Programme from February – August 2017
- 3 - Approved Safeguarding lists of Parishioners.



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

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7th Week in Ordinary Time, Year A *Mass Book p139* 19th February 2017

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Glenys Simmons RIP Josephine John
7th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	George Richardson RIP Anniv. Mary & John Lloyd RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	All Saints	Bill Worthington RIP Cliggett Family Intentions
	5:30pm	St. John's	Laz Minoli RIP
Monday 20th	10:00am	St. John's	Marion & Ray Cullinane
Tuesday 21st	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Holy Souls
Wed 22nd	10:00am	All Saints	Romily Fenlon RIP
Thursday 23rd	-		No Mass
Friday 24th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Holy Souls
Saturday 25th	10:00am	All Saints	Margaret Paul RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Glenys Simmons RIP
8th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Harry Richardson RIP Anniv Des Jones' Birthday
	10:30am	All Saints	Richard & Bridget Buckley RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Mary James and Patricia Stephens 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	Mary Kathleen Williams
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Doris Morris
All Saints:	Our Lady	Margaret Paul RIP
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Esmie & Bill Worthington
All Saints:	St Anne	Worthington Family

From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

“The Law of the Gospel *fulfills the commandments* of the Law. The Lord's Sermon on the Mount, far from abolishing or devaluing the moral prescriptions of the Old Law, releases their hidden potential and has new demands arise from them: it reveals their entire divine and human truth. It does not add new external precepts, but proceeds to reform the heart, the root of human acts, where man chooses between the pure and the impure,²² where faith, hope, and charity are formed and with them the other virtues. The Gospel thus brings the Law to its fullness through imitation of the perfection of the heavenly Father, through forgiveness of enemies and prayer for persecutors, in emulation of the divine generosity.” (CCC, 1968)

GOSEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 5: 17-37)

Jesus Christ gives a new dimension to the law of loving one's neighbour by extending it to loving one's enemy. The Israelites were accustomed to loving one's neighbour; “You must love your neighbour as yourself” (c.f. Lev. 19:18). The novelty in Jesus' law is loving someone who hates or opposes you. It is only in loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us that we show that we are true sons and daughters of God. Even in his agony on the cross, Jesus gathers courage and strength to pray and ask for forgiveness for those killing him.

A civil rights leader who strove to follow this commandment of loving one's neighbour comments: “I am not speaking of love in a sentimental or affectionate sense. It would be nonsense to urge people to love their oppressors in an affectionate sense. When I refer to love in this context, I mean understanding goodwill (goodness) – we must in strength and humility meet hate with love”. Hate cannot conquer hate. Love, and only love triumphs over hate.

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, 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, 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, Mary Thomas, 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:

Bryn Davies, Terry Briggs, Veronica O'Donovan, Clifford White, Anne O'Sullivan, Angiolina Sidoli, Margaret Watkins, Ethan Edwards.. Robert Surtees, Charles Joseph Sheehy, Mary Veronica Lewis, Brian John Morris, William Price, Kevin Charles Lewis, Sharon Rosemary Browning.

VISIT TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Are there any sick or housebound in the Parish? Please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Edmund as soon as possible to arrange for a visit and prayer for the sick person, be they at Home, Residential/ Nursing/Care Home or in a Hospital. Let the word of God through the Apostle James 5: 14-16 guide you in this regard. Thanks

SPECIAL REQUEST:



Please pray for the intentions of Fr. Edmund your Parish Priest and shepherd, at least a decade of the Holy Rosary each day.

And pray also for all the priests and shepherds of the Church.