

## COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£271.80	£80.00	£81.55	£433.35	131
All Saints	£231.00	£119.91	£113.28	£464.19	109
St. John's	£119.00	£9.95	£21.45	£150.40	32
			Total	£1047.94	272

*Grateful thanks to all for your generous offerings.*

### Parish Notices

✠ Preparation for **First Reconciliation & Holy Communion** begins on Saturday 4th March at 11:00am at All Saints Church. Parents and guardians please take note to bring the children for instructions in the faith.

✠ All Adults seeking **Baptism, Reception and Confirmation** in the Catholic Church should please contact Fr. Edmund ASAP to arrange for their instructions for the reception of the Sacraments at Easter.

### LENT

✠ Lent this year begins on **Ash Wednesday** 1st March. It is a journey of forty days full of meanings and graces with acts of fasting, prayer, almsgiving and most especially having the joy of the company of Jesus (The Word of God) through His passion, death and glorious resurrection; and leading us to the joy of Pentecost.

✠ On **Ash Wednesday** there will be three Masses in the Pastoral Area and a service of **Distribution of Ashes** at St. Joseph's School at 1:00pm.

✠ **The Archbishop's Lenten message** is at the back of the church – please take a copy to read.

✠ **"Walk with Me"** booklets for Lent are also available at £1 each.

✠ **Lenten Fasting Lunch** In St David's Cathedral each Friday of Lent at 1:30pm (following 12:45 mass) there will be lunch (bread and soup) at the Cornerstone in support of the Syrian Family Refugee Project. During lunch fifteen minutes Lenten meditation will be given by Archbishop George.

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**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** will take place from Sept 7th to 14th 2017. Booking forms now available from Laurence O'Leary or Vincent McCarthy.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** will take place in Libanus Church, Ebbw Vale on Friday 3rd March at 2:30pm. All are welcome.



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

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### 8th Week in Ordinary Time, Year A *Mass Book p142* **26th February 2017**

Vigil	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Glenys Simmons RIP Hughes Family Sp. Intentions
<b>8th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Harry Richardson RIP Anniv Des Jones' Birthday Clark, Smith, Bennett & Jones Families
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Richard & Bridget Buckley RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Mary James and Patricia Stephens RIP
<b>Monday 27th</b>	10:00am	<b>St. John's</b>	Sandra Jones Sp. Int
<b>Tuesday 28th St David</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>All Saints</b>	Private Intention ( MB)
<b>Wed 1st March ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	7:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	For the People of the Parish
	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Ernie & Nora Worthington Kathleen Evans
	6:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	For the people of the Parish
<b>Thursday 2nd</b>	9:30am	<b>St Joseph's school</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Friday 3rd</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	John Neizer, Fafa Awoonor & Darren Pomphery B'day
<b>Saturday 4th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Christian Knap Wellbeing
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Glenys Simmons RIP
<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Agnes Clark RIP; Wellbeing of Sheila Bennett & Jeanette Badham
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Margaret Paul RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Lynn & Mike Morgan Golden Wedding Anniversary

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

<b>St John's:</b>	Monday 10:30am until 11:00am
<b>All Saints:</b>	Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	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

### VIGIL LAMPS

**Immaculate Conception:** Our Lady Sheila Bennett - wellbeing  
**Immaculate Conception:** Sacred Heart David O'Connor - wellbeing  
**All Saints:** Our Lady Fr. Edmunds Intentions  
**All Saints:** Sacred Heart Jane George RIP

### From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Spiritual progress tends toward ever more intimate union with Christ. This union is called "mystical" because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments - "the holy mysteries" - and, in him, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity. God calls us all to this intimate union with him, even if the special graces or extraordinary signs of this mystical life are granted only to some for the sake of manifesting the gratuitous gift given to all.”(CCC, 2014)

### GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 14: 13-21)

We are sometimes consumed by anxiety, worry and fear because of our lack of trust in the tremendous love of God for us. Unfortunately, we gain nothing from our worry and fear. We do not eliminate all the sources of our fears; for they will always be with us and we do not increase our life-span for all our worrying. We even reduce our life-span. Christ reminds us that we cannot be the slave both of God and money. Divided allegiance or attention between God and money is impossible. However, slavery to God brings perfect freedom as he provides us with all that we need.

If God cares for flowers in the fields, how much more will He not care for us created in his own image? We usually lack faith in God. We doubt his power to accomplish what He has promised for us. We must busy ourselves with God's kingdom; on His righteousness and obedience to him, and whatever we need for our sustenance will be provided. Let us dare to trust in God's providence.

### 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 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:*

Ivor Lewis, Elena Antoniazzi, Theresa Pullen, Eugene Sullivan, Patricia Parfitt, John Murphy.. Robert Surtees, Charles Joseph Sheehy, Mary Veronica Lewis, Brian John Morris, William Price, Kevin Charles Lewis, Sharon Rosemary Browning.

### SACRAMENTS

We pray for **TALIYAH STEPIEN & JAKE STEPIEN** who will be baptized on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at All Saints Church at 10:30am. May we also pray for their Parents who will be the first teachers of the Faith to the children.

### 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.**