

Parish Notices

* **Easter Sunday** attendance: 395 [IC: 228 St J: 40 AS: 127]

* **Collection** taken on Good Friday for the Holy Places amounted to £245.12

100 Club winners

1st Prize	No.65	Jeanette Anquin	£50
2nd	No.203	Mary T.Thomas	£25
3rd	No. 215	Mike Cliggett	£10

Grateful Thanks from Fr. Edmund for your generous Easter Offerings. May the Lord bless you and replenish your finances a hundred fold, shaken together and overflowing to all your family and loved ones. God love you!

* Fr. Edmund will be away from 14th – 24th of April to have some rest and to reflect and seek the faith of the Lord for his plans and purposes for the near future of our Pastoral area.

* **APF – MILL HILL MISSION THANK YOU & APPEAL.** We will be blessed next weekend on the 18th & 19th April at all the Masses when we welcome Fr. Denis O'Connor MHM to our Pastoral Area, on behalf of APF - Mill Hill and their Missionary work. This thank you and appeal is not for money but for parishioners to become members and take the Red Mission Box.

* **Change a Life** – Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated life. 4th Sunday of Eastertide (Good Shepherd Sunday), 24th April, 2015 is The World day of Prayer for Vocations. Let us pray to the Lord to call many young people to the priesthood and consecrated life.

* **Friends of All Saints** meeting will take place on Monday at 6pm.

* **All Saints** needs volunteers to help clean the Church Hall on a rota, it will mean your team will clean once a month. One volunteer needed for a Tuesday evening and one for a Wednesday after Mass. Can you help?

* **State of the Churches** A Survey report commissioned for the condition of our Church buildings has been received. The report is available on the Pastoral website and a copy will be available in the church porches.



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Second week of Eastertide Year B (Mass Book p220) Missal: Year1

Divine Mercy Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Joan Yandle RIP Myra Anwar Robins RIP Kathleen & Brian McCarthy
Divine Mercy Sunday	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	John H Benkins Anniv. RIP Margaret Driscoll RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Alice & Patrick Murphy RIP Mary & John Harris RIP Rosemary Glasson's Wellbeing
	5:30pm	St John's	Eithne McArdle RIP
Monday 13th	-	St John's	No Masses in the week
Tuesday 14th	-	Immaculate Conception	
Wednesday 15th	-	All Saints	
Thursday 16th	-	St John's	
Friday 17th	-	Immaculate Conception	
Saturday 18th	-	All Saints	
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Charles Thomas & Carl Thomas
Third Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Kate Robins RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	George & Jimmy Gough RIP Kathleen & Alf McCarthy RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Jeremiah Buckley & Family RIP

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today there will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Confessions and Reflections from 2.30pm – 4.30pm at St. John's Church, Rhymney. We are all welcome to pray together for God's Mercy for ourselves and for the whole world. (A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation.)

Vigil Lamps

All Saints:	Our Lady	Fr. Edmunds Intentions
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Tracey West's Intentions
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Gwyneth Gunter
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Michael Cooney RIP

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From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Lord has truly risen, let us rejoice and be glad!

Our faith in the resurrection of Christ is the Victory that conquers the world. Therefore begotten by God, we are all called to be witnesses of the Mercy of God for ourselves and for the whole world.

“The transmission of the Christian faith consists primarily in proclaiming Jesus Christ in order to lead others to faith in him. From the beginning the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Christ: ‘We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard’. And they invited people of every era to enter into the joy of their communion with Christ: “That which from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us – that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.” (CCC, 425)

Dearly beloved, if you are still having doubts that you have been begotten by God (through the sorrowful passion, death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ) because of your sins and that of the whole world, you have the opportunity on this Divine Mercy Sunday to approach the Throne of God’s Mercy (The Sacrament of Reconciliation) and like Thomas declare Jesus to be your Lord and God. Saying repeatedly: “Jesus, I trust in You”, You are “my Lord and my God”.

Remain in God’s love and care.

Gospel Reflection *from a Parishioner*

Gospel of John 20; 19 – 31

In his brilliant exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis describes how important it is for all of us to have an encounter with Jesus. A personal encounter. There are a variety of ways we can do this. First, by receiving Christ in the Eucharist.

Second, by connecting with Jesus in other sacramental moments. Third, through personal prayer. And finally, by meeting Jesus through serving a person in need. St. Mother Teresa often reminded us of this way of meeting Jesus.

"DIVINE MERCY" is the feast instituted by SAINT JOHN PAUL II.

Jesus breathed on his disciples, gave them the HOLY SPIRIT plus also the power to forgive sin. He was commissioning the Church through his disciples. Jesus appeared one week later, also on a Sunday, and challenged Thomas who wasn't in the room the first time he appeared to put his fingers in his wounds, to which Thomas uttered the words " My Lord and my God!"

Please pray for parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Alice Murphy, Maria Carini, Elizabeth Heggarty, Charles Sullivan, Mary Harries, William Baxter, Bernard Hopkins, Jeremiah Sullivan, Michael Skelly, Luigi Carini, Michael Hopkins, Theresa O'Connor. Elsie Aherne, Terence Peter Price, Johanna Yandle

✠ the sick and housebound:

Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Molly Cini, Jim Clarke, James Cullen, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Michael Gough, Margaret Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Brenda Hayden, Mary Hillier, Kate Hooper, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Margaret Leesk, Doris Lloyd, Pat & 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, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Eileen Richards, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Maureen Roberts, Norman Roberts, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Millie Sullivan, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Josephine Vaughan, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Chelsea. Charles Sheehy, Rosemary Glasson.
