

Easter Weekend

Collections:

Maundy Thursday £90; Good Friday Holy Places £319.55

Lenten Alms: Immaculate Conception: £27.10 All Saints: £103.75

St John's £65

Attendance Easter Sunday: All Saints: 136 St John's: 28

Immaculate Conception: 161

Easter Cake Sales at Immaculate Conception raised £216.10.

Our sincere thanks go to the Withanage family and all who supported.

Appreciation

**Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ, your kind and generous Easter Offering is very much appreciated. May the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, abundantly reward you with His Endless Love, Care and Blessings.
God love you! Father Edmund.**

PARISH NOTICES

Our brother NORMAN JOSIAH BEECHEM who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion this Easter wishes to thank everyone for their support and prayers.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE. This will take place from Sept. 7th -14th 2017. Booking forms now available from Laurence O'Leary or Vincent McCarthy.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH CLEANING: Can you help? We will be happy to have many more helping hands on Friday 28th April at 5:30pm to help clean the Church for Masses at the weekend. Thank You

Today: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Devotion to Divine Mercy and Confessions at St. John's from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Please let us come together and pray for God's mercy for our sins and those of the whole world

Next weekend Fr. Edmund will be away in Ghana for a very short break.



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2nd Week of Easter, Year A *Mass Book p255* **23rd April 2017**

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Daniel, Theresa, Patrick & Carpenter Family; Mary Weech RIP; Gordon Wilcox RIP Bridie Davies 84 th Birthday
Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Samuel Clark; Mary & Christine Charles RIP; Danny Canniff & Family
	10:30am	All Saints	George Jimmy & Bessie Gough RIP. Cliggett Family. Kathleen & Alf McCarthy RIP.
	5:30pm	St. John's	Dina Fantini & Ronald Burton RIP
Monday 24th	10:00am	St. John's	Gordon Wilcox RIP
Tuesday 25th	7:00pm	All Saints	Derek Kerwick 90th Birthday Elsie Ahearne RIP Anniv.
Wednesday 26th	10:00am	All Saints	James, Winnie & Maureen O'Connor RIP Private Intention (MW)
Thursday 27th	9.30am	St. Joseph's School	Elsie Ahearne RIP
Friday 28th	-	-	NO MASS
Saturday 29th	10:00am	All Saints	Steve Joyce RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Private Intentions of Joan Carroll
3rd Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Michael Cliggett RIP Mary Williams Anniversary
	10:30am	All Saints	
	5:30pm	St. John's	Jeremiah & Credwen Buckley & Family

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All Saints:

Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm

St. John:

Monday after 10am Mass

VIGIL LAMPS

Immaculate Conception: Our Lady	Gordon Wilcox RIP
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart	Veronica Yandle RIP
All Saints: Our Lady	Fr Edmund's Intentions
All Saints: Sacred Heart	Private Intention (VM)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

“The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it: "All however must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks." Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation: "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven." (CCC, 1816)

GOSPEL REFLECTION (John 20: 19-31)

Jesus Christ repeatedly revealed himself to his disciples after his resurrection to drive home the fact that he was alive. Since he was no longer constrained by space and time, he was able to stand among his disciples although they had closed the doors of the house in which they stayed. He gave them the promised gift of peace, the kind of peace that the world cannot give. This peace simply means total well-being or wholeness. Surely, it is only Jesus Christ who gives total well-being.

He then commissioned his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit to forgive sins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation has its roots in this text as well as Christ's authority to Peter to bind and loose (c.f Matt. 16:19; 18:8). One potent way of experiencing the fountain of Christ's mercy is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through this sacrament, Christ restores us to his friendship and to the life of grace. We should not doubt the efficacy of this sacrament like Thomas wanting to put his finger into the holes of Christ's side. We should rather approach this sacrament with awe, humility and a contrite heart as Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" The gospel accounts have been recorded so that we may come to believe in Jesus Christ or continue to grow in faith. "Jesus, we trust in thee!"

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:*

David Long, Margaret Sugrue, John O'Grady, Ernest Worthington, Kevin Benger, Margaret Leask, Ellen Sharpe, James Twohig, Terry O'Donovan, George O'Leary.. Maria Kerwin, Gerard O'Connell, John Ernest Roach, Valerie Mary Ecclestone, Johanna Yandle, Brian George Howells, Terence Peter Patrick Price, Elsie Ahearne.

✠ *Let us also continue to pray for the Children who are preparing for their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion.*

Coming Soon! Parish Mission 3rd – 9th June 2017.

The St. Patrick Community of Ireland will be leading a Parish Mission in our Pastoral Area with the Guest Speaker John Pridmore. Please keep the days open for an amazing time to encounter the Risen Lord in a special way.

There will be a meeting for a committee to plan for the details of the Parish Mission on Wednesday 26th April at 6:00pm at All Saints Church. All are welcome.