

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£254.00	£68.53	£87.57	£410.10	123
All Saints	£219.00	£167.81	£163.32	£550.13	125
St. John's	£163.00	£25.50	£26.70	£215.20	31
			Total	£1175.43	278

The Coffee Evening held in Rhymney raised £130 for parish funds.
Many thanks to those who continue to support.

EASTER OFFERING: God loves a cheerful giver. Thank you most sincerely for your generous Easter Offering. May God richly bless you and multiply it a hundred fold for you and your families. God Love you.

PARISH NOTICES

Many thanks to all who helped clean our churches for Easter. May God's favour rest upon you and all your endeavours.

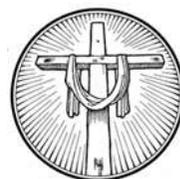
Immaculate Conception PORCH RAFFLE Prizes:

1st Sheila Vowles 2nd Claire Bell 3rd Ann Sheehy

CAKE SALES: There will be a sale of home-made Cakes on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday at Immaculate Conception in aid of Parish Development Fund. Thanks to the Withanage Family for organising this for the Parish.

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

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



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Vigil	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Pro Populo
Easter Sunday	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Kate Robins B'day & Pro Populo
	10:30am	All Saints	Bridie, Glyn & John Roberts John & Mary Harris RIP
	12 noon	St. John's	Ann Marie Terry & Pro Populo
Monday 17th	-	St. John's	No Mass
Tuesday 18th	-	Immaculate Conception	-
Wednesday 19th	-	All Saints	-
Thursday 20th	-	School	-
Friday 21st	-	Immaculate Conception	-
Saturday 22nd	10:00am	All Saints	Terry McCarthy RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Daniel, Theresa, Patrick & Carpenter Family; Mary Weech RIP; Gordon Wilcox RIP
Divine Mercy Sunday	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Samuel Clark; Mary & Christine Charles RIP; Danny Canniff & Family
	10:30am	All Saints	Cliggett Family & Steve Joyce
	5:30pm	St. John's	Dina Fantini & Ronald Burton RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All Saints: Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm

VIGIL LAMPS

Immaculate Conception: Our Lady	Gordon Wilcox RIP
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart	Veronica Yandle RIP
All Saints: Our Lady	Theresa McCarthy RIP
All Saints: Sacred Heart	Margaret Paul RIP

MAY THE PEACE, JOY AND BLESSINGS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
REMAIN WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.

HAVE A GLORIOUS EASTER

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

“The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God's grace, "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Justification consists in both victory over the death caused by sin and a new participation in grace. It brings about filial adoption so that men become Christ's brethren, as Jesus himself called his disciples after his Resurrection: "Go and tell my brethren." We are brethren not by nature, but by the gift of grace, because that adoptive filiation gains us a real share in the life of the only Son, which was fully revealed in his Resurrection". (CCC, 654)

REFLECTION

On this Easter Sunday, we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. We sing and even shout "Alleluia" to the one who suffered, died on the cross, was buried, rose triumphantly and brought new life to creation.

The empty tomb alone is not an enough proof for us Christians that the Lord is risen. It serves to gradually bring us to faith in the Lord's words, that he will suffer, die and rise again. Mary of Magdala is clearly baffled about the empty tomb and fails to believe in the resurrection like Peter. She obviously concludes that the body might have been taken away. Nevertheless, the positioning of the linen cloth and the head cloth cannot substantiate an action by grave looters.

It is important for us to note that in the midst of the confusion, it is the beloved disciple, the paradigm of faith for all believers, who "sees and believes". He sees the positioning of the linen cloth and the head cloth and concludes that the Lord is risen. Like the beloved disciple, Christians are to undertake the journey of coming to believe in the Lord who is risen.

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!
Let us rejoice and be glad for the work of our salvation has been accomplished by His Death and Resurrection.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.

✠ *those whose anniversary occurs at this time:*

Jeremiah Sullivan, Michael Skelly, Luigi Carini, Michael Hopkins, Theresa O'Connor, Joyce Moran, Horace McCarthy, Bridget Aplin, Bart Hammilton, John Sullivan, Alan Buechell, Mary Williams, Billy Murphy. David Rowlands.. Maria Kerwin, Gerard O'Connell, John Ernest Roach, Valerie Mary Ecclestone, Johanna Yandle, Brian George Howells, Terence Peter Patrick Price, Elsie Ahearne.

SACRAMENTS

Our Congratulations go to NORMAN JOSIAH BEECHEM for his reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion this Easter. May we continue to support him with our prayers and fraternal love in our Journey of Faith in the risen Lord.

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