

Collections for Palm Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	Attendance
Immaculate Conception	£251.00	£71.22	£92.62	£414.84	126
All Saints	£209.00	£160.92	£121.26	£491.18	130
St. John's	£213.00	£30.67	£36.34	<u>£280.01</u>	<u>53</u>
				<u>£1186.03</u>	<u>309</u>

Only one collection this weekend: 'Easter Offering' for Fr. Edmund.

Thank you for **all** your contributions and generosity.

Parish Notices

* **Father Edmund will be away at Lourdes from Easter Monday 21st to Friday 25th April.**

* **Sincerest thanks** to you all for your prayers, participation, support and contributions in making the celebrations of the paschal mystery a successful and memorable one. May the Blessings of the Resurrection remain with us and all our loved ones now and forever!

* **Congratulations** to Ronald Paul, Robert Philip Ingles, Patricia Mary Stead, Ruth Hilary Rayner, Andrew Philip Rayner, Peter James Clegg and Simon Meredith for their initiation into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. May we continue to support them with our prayers and Love of Christ.

* **St. Joseph's Primary School** Governors met on April 10th and are pleased to ratify the appointment of Mr John McMorrow to the position of Acting Head Teacher effective from April 4th 2014.

Mr McMorrow succeeds Mr Ian Forbes whose appointment was always intended to be on a short term temporary basis for which we were grateful. The Governors, Staff and pupils wish Mr. McMorrow every success in his new role.

* All Saints are missing two Photograph Albums, which were last seen in the Hall. If anyone knows of their whereabouts please see Joy ASAP, as they are needed to send copies to Australia.

* Many thanks to all who cleaned the Church for Easter.



Happy Easter



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

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Christ is Risen **Easter Week** **Year A** 20th April 2014

Easter Sunday (vigil)			
7:00pm	St John's	Pro Populo	
9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Trevor Gunter Glyn Davies	
10:30am	All Saints	George & Jimmy Gough RIP	
No evening Mass			
There will be no mass in Easter Week; however we are encouraged to continue the Divine Mercy novena as individuals or in groups.			
Wednesday 23rd	10:00am	All Saints	Eucharistic Service
Divine Mercy Sunday (vigil)	5:30pm	St John's	Susan, Edward & Doreen Collins RIP
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Samuel Clark RIP; Rosemary & Robert Baldrige RIP; Mary Williams
	10:30am	All Saints	Terry, Alf & Kathleen McCarthy RIP
	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Andre Davies (B'day); Paul John Davies RIP

Divine Mercy Sunday: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Divine Mercy, Confessions and Healing & Anointing Service from 2:30pm- 4:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church, Tredegar. All are Welcome!

Vigil Lamps

All Saints:	Our Lady	Private Intention
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Esme & Bill Worthington
All Saints:	St Anne	Worthington Family
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Bert Carroll RIP
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Catherine Adams RIP

From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters

May the joy and blessings of the resurrection remain with you all!

“O truly blessed Night, which alone deserved to know the time and the hour when Christ rose from the realm of the dead! says the Exsultet of the Easter Vigil. But no one was an eye witness to Christ’s resurrection and no one evangelist describes it. No one can say how it came about physically, still less was its innermost essence, his passing over to another life, perceptible to the senses. Although the resurrection was an historical event that could be verified by the sign of the empty tomb and by the reality of the apostles’ encounters with the risen Christ, still it remains at the very heart of the mystery of faith as something that transcends and surpasses history. This is why the risen Christ does not reveal himself to the world, but to his disciples, ‘to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people.’” (CCC, 647)

Beloved brethren: “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 the newness of life’. Justification consists in both victory over 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 calls the 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 fair share in the life of his only Son, which was fully revealed in his Resurrection.” (CCC, 654)

Brothers and sisters, let us rejoice and in thankful praise and gratitude celebrate the feast of Christ’s resurrection with the Joy of the new life won for us by the paschal mystery of Christ Jesus, our brother and Lord.

With my blessings and very best wishes for you, your families and friends, I say, Happy Easter!

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Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

The Holy Gospel of St. John 20: 1 - 9

The first Easter began with women - the two Mary's and others wanting to care for the Body of Jesus with the best spices.

They saw nobody but angels with strange messages. Their hearts believed quickly and they remember what he had said, he had often talked of death and the resurrection.

Caring for the Body of Christ now means caring for each other and being cared for. The Risen Christ in all of us, we are His body, God reaches us through each other.

"This is the love of the Risen Lord, which is the life blood of the Church. May the joy of the Risen Christ fill our hearts".

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Please pray for the parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

✠ ***those whose anniversary occurs at this time:***

Bridget Aplin, Bart Hamilton, John O'Sullivan, Alan Burchell, Mary Williams, David Rowlands, Billy Murphy, David Long, Margaret Sugrue, John O'Grady, Ernest Worthington, Kevin Benger.

✠ ***the sick:*** (if you know of any names that should be added to or removed from this list please let Father know)

Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Jim Clarke, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Margaret Griffiths, Lina Guidice, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Brenda Hayden, Mary Hillier, Kate Hooper, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Nigel Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Colin Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Margaret Leesk, Doris Lloyd, Eithnes McCardle, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, Cathy O'Leary, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Eileen Richards, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Maureen Roberts, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Betty Smith, Dennis Sullivan, Millie Sullivan, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Tony Zeraschi.

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