

Parish	Gift Aid	Collections for last Sunday			The White Fathers
		Loose	Total	Attendance	
Immaculate Conception	£176.00	£58.85	£234.85	115	£313.68
All Saints	£232.70	£136.67	£369.37	92	£312.49
St. John's	£175.00	£27.07	<u>£202.07</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>£180.70</u>
			<u>£806.29</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>£806.87</u>

Mission Appeal: A Big Thank You to all for your generosity. God richly bless you.
Thank you for all your contributions and generosity.

Parish Notices

* Adults seeking Baptism and Reception of the Sacraments in the Church (**Catechumen and Candidates**) are reminded of the Meeting after Evening Mass this Sunday at Immaculate Conception. Please treat this with Urgency for we shall discuss the Rites of Election at the Cathedral on 9th March.

* Wednesday March 5th is **Ash Wednesday**. We begin the Season of Lent, a season for spiritual purification, with prayer, fasting and alms-giving. There will be Holy Mass in all the Parishes with the distribution/signing of Ashes to remind us that 'we are dust and unto dust we shall return' and to 'turn away from sin and believe the Good News'. In this sign we outwardly profess our guilt before God and thereby prompted by the hope that the Lord is kind and compassion, slow to anger and abounding in mercy, express our desire for inward conversion. It further leads us on to the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) that cleanses and heals us for the glorious celebration of Easter.

* **Stations of the Cross** will be in all our Parishes during the season of Lent.

* **"The Light is On"**: Each Wednesday of Lent, starting on 12th March until 16th April, many parish churches in the Diocese of Cardiff will be open from 7pm to 8pm for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For our Pastoral Area, this will take place at Immaculate Conception Church, Tredegar, with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

* St. David's Day **Coffee Evening** will take place at 6:30pm on Friday, 7th March in Rhymney Day Centre Tre York. Admission £2. Everyone welcome.

* **"Walk With Me"** - A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2014 - booklets are on sale today at £1.00 each.

Our Pastoral area website: www.trevcatholics.co.uk has all the latest newsletters.



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St John's, Rhymney

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The Presbytery, Scwrfa Road, Dukestown, Tredegar NP22 4AT

8th Sunday of Ordinary time Year A

(Mass Book p.142) 2nd March 2014

8th Sunday of Ordinary time (vigil)	5:30pm	St John's	Maria Theresa Cinuti B'day
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Agnes Clark RIP The Sullivan Family RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	John Cliggett's Wellbeing. Margaret, Irene & Sandra Bengers.RIP
	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Hughes B'day
Monday 3rd March	10:00am	St John's	John Neizer B'day
Tuesday 4th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Kathleen Durham & Lewis family
Wednesday 5th Ash Wednesday	9:45am	Immaculate Conception	<i>With St Joseph pupils</i>
	11:00am	All Saints	Gina Basini RIP <i>With All Saints pupils</i>
	6:00pm	St John's	
Thursday 6th	10:00 am	St Josephs school	
Friday 7th	6:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Veronica Pike RIP
Saturday 8th	10:00am	All Saints	Nellie Spellman RIP. In Thanksgiving (AE)
1st Sunday of Lent (vigil)	5:30pm	St John's	
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Driscoll RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Cliggett Family Intentions. Sr. Christopher RIP
	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Mandy Jones (very ill)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St John's: Following Monday 10:00am Mass

All Saints: Following Wednesday 10:00am Mass

Immaculate Conception: Friday from 12 noon to 6:00pm with Mass following

Confessions will be at our usual times.

Vigil Lamps

All Saints:	Our Lady	Ellen & Patrick Murphy RIP
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Sr. Mary (Murphy) RIP
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Maureen Baker
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Jeanette Badham

Sacraments

✠ The Rite of Election for Catechumen and candidates will takes place today at St. David's Cathedral. Please pray for:
 CATECHUMEN: Ronald Paul, Robert Phillip Ingles, Patricia Mary Stead.
 CANDIDATES: Ruth Hilary Rayner, Andrew Phillip Rayner, Peter James Clegg.

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From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May our souls rest in God who is the joy of our salvation.
 The God who created us without our asking to participate in His Glorious Life; He who saved us through the sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ and sanctifies us by the gift of the Holy Spirit; assures us that He will never forget us.

“All Christ’s faithful are to ‘direct their affections rightly, lest they be hindered in their pursuit of perfect charity by the use of worldly things and by adherence to riches which is contrary to the spirit of evangelical poverty.” (CCC, 2545)

Beloved, Let us turn away from seeking security in the things and ways of the ‘world’, and Let our desires and motivations be directed toward a trusting and enduring relationship with the ever faithful and Loving God. For in Him is our safety and glory.

As we enter into the season of Lent, may we resolve to seek a trusting and loving relationship in oneness of heart with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Remain in God’s love and care!

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Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

The Holy Gospel of Matthew 6: 24 - 34
 We need to make a choice in life, loyalty to God or to money, (which the Bible tells us is the source of all evil in the world.) With God we will be free, He will look after us.

"Jesus we thank You for what you have done for us, and thank You that tomorrow will take care of itself " .

Genuine Christian living is placing ourselves in God's hands.
 Material things, which rot and die can be replaced.
 We can't take them with us when we leave this world.
 Reality checks are never easy.

"Lord, help us to remember that if you feed the birds and cover the fields with beautiful flowers, You are always going to take care of me".

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

✠ **those whose anniversary occurs at this time:** Theresa Pullen, Eugene Sullivan, John Murphy, Ellen Coffee, Catherine Murphy, William Foley, Cyril Williams.

✠ **the sick:** 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, Ken Holmes, Kate Hooper, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie 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, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, Cathy O’Leary, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Dennis 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. Julie Thomas.

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