



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

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**Collections for last Sunday**

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£172.00	£89.64	£41.23	£302.87	111
All Saints	£212.00	£98.79	£110.18	£420.97	75
St. John's	£143.00	£13.00	£13.50	£169.50	22
			Total	£893.34	208

In the Year 2016, **Rhymney 49 Club** raised a total of £1,508 and **Immaculate Conception 100 Club** raised a total of £910 for Parish Funds  
**Immaculate Conception raffle** raised £847 and **St John's Raffle and Mince Pie Night** raised £230 for Parish funds.  
**Parish Development Fund** December 2016: **All Saints** raised £220.50 and **Immaculate Conception** raised £49.17  
*Grateful thanks to all who supported these fund raising activities. God bless you.*

**PARISH NOTICES**

There will be a General Meeting of the Pastoral Area on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 6.30pm at Immaculate Conception to evaluate the Past Year and Plan for the future of the Pastoral Area. All are cordially invited.

**SCHOOLS**

All Saints Catholic School: The report of RE School Inspection at All Saints took place in November 2016 was published in December. The findings of the RE team were that the school provides a Good RE education and has Good prospects for the future. "The report can be found at <http://www.rcadcschools.org/> for further reading.

Many thanks go to the Governors, Staff, Parents and all who have supported the school on its improvement journey over the past three years.

**Celebrating the Centenary:** A souvenir brochure, to celebrate the Centenary Year of the Archdiocese of Cardiff, founded in 1916 is at the back of the Church for £5.00 each.

**DAY OF MERCY**

Today Sunday 8th January 2017 there will be **Day of Mercy** from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at St. John's, Rhymney.

There is Devotion to the Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, Healing through the Proclamation of the Word of God & Anointing of the Sick.

**Come and have an encounter with Our Lord Jesus Christ, through Prayer, Repentance, Forgiveness and Healing.**

**Epiphany of the Lord** *Mass Book p114* **8th January 2017**

<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Maureen Baker RIP; Helen & Edward Fitz; Betty Reeves RIP Anniv.
<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Mark & Daniel Canniff & Family
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Benjamin Clegg 2nd Birthday, Christopher Clegg 3rd Anniversary Joe Sidoli RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	Les & Barbara Cushen RIP
<b>Monday 9th Baptism of the Lord</b>	10:00am	<b>St John's</b>	For the Spiritual Growth of all the faithful
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Glenys Simmons RIP
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Deceased members of the Adams Family; Eddie Scrivens RIP
<b>Thursday 12th</b>	9.30am	<b>St. Joseph's School</b>	For Staff and Pupils
	11:30am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Funeral Service Glenys Simmons RIP
<b>Friday 13th</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Veronica Yandle RIP
<b>Saturday 14th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	In Thanksgiving (Barbara M.)
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Etta McKenna, Veronica Yandle RIP Canon Frank Mulvey & John Murnan RIP
<b>Sunday 15th 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Frank Desmond Anniv; Withanage Family Thanksgiving
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Kate Hooper RIP; Michael Conlon RIP Kieran Moseley's Wellbeing.
	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	

**Vigil Lamps**

**Immaculate Conception:** Our Lady Mary Thomas  
**Immaculate Conception:** Sacred Heart Tony Zeraschi  
**All Saints:** Our Lady Margaret Lawrence Wellbeing.  
**All Saints:** Sacred Heart Nellie Spellman RIP

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**St John's:** Monday 10:30am until 11:00am  
**All Saints:** Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm  
**Immaculate Conception:** Friday from 12noon until 3.00pm

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

**St John's:** Monday after 10:30am Mass and Sunday at 5pm  
**All Saints:** After Mass on Wednesday and Saturday  
**Immaculate Conception:** Before Mass on Tuesday, and Saturday at 5pm

### **From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel"). (CCC, 528)

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION (Matthew 2: 1-12)**

People travel and pay a handsome amount of money to attend a pop show where a famous artist makes an appearance. For the Greeks the word "Epiphany" was used to describe the appearance or manifestation of a god among human beings. Today, we celebrate the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ to the whole world. The celebration of Epiphany brings out a prominent aspect of Christmas; the manifestation of the Universal new born King.

A very superstitious Herod is upset by the enquiry made by the three Wise men. He realizes that his position and authority are under siege and about to be usurped. His quest is not to worship the new born King of the Jews but to eliminate him before he takes his position away from him. The gifts of the three Wise men have symbolic meanings: gold signifies the kingship of Christ, incense his divinity and myrrh his redemptive suffering.

May Jesus Christ, the Light of the world light up our journey of faith so that we may see clearly and make the right choices in life that we will one day see him face to face.

### **Please pray for parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:**

✠ **the sick and housebound:**

Jeanette Badham, Dennis Bevan, 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 Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Keyon Hughes, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, 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, Mary Thomas, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Daniel Morgan Bennett, Raymond Titley, Jeanette Prothero, Pauline Thomas. Barbara McCarthy, Gavin Hughes

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

Johanna Lewis, George Hopkins, Jane Preece, Eddie Scrivens, Ted Williams, George Buckley, Jackie Cahill, Eileen Davies, William McCarthy, Thomas Lynch, Philomena Hopkins, Eliabeth Delaney, Gavin Burge, Anne Marie Impey.. Joseph Thomas Kiraly, Thomas Hannigan.

### **Eternal Rest**

Please pray for the Happy Repose of the soul of **GLENYS SIMMONS**, whose Funeral Service will be on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 11.30am at Immaculate Conception Church. May our sympathies and prayers go to the bereaved family.

Also, pray for the repose of the soul of **CANON JOHN O'REGAN** whose body will be received into St. Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. followed by Mass. And the funeral Mass will take place in Nazareth House on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 1.15pm and then at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Rd. East, Barry, at 3pm.

***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.***