

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>Levy*</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Attended</i>
Immaculate Conception	£183.00	£60.10	£ 72.73	£ 315.83	78
All Saints	£229.00	£161.35	£144.63	£ 532.98	110
St. John	£121.00	£17.50	£ 23.70	£ 162.20	31
				£1011.01	219

Parish Development Fund Box Collection for December 2015 is £36.11

Thank you very much for your support and contributions for the running and development of the church. May God abundantly bless you and reward you for your generosity. God love you!

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING GRATITUDE:

The Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Evening held at St. John on 20th December raised **£225** for parish funds. Jill, Wayne, Maralyn and Peter would like to thank everyone for their support.

Sincere thanks to all who supported and participated in the New Year's Eve "FAMILY FUN NIGHT". It was really great. God bless you all.

PARISH NOTICES

Catholic Province of Cardiff, Wales & Herefordshire Directory & Year Book 2016: £3.00 each. Please purchase a copy from the Church porch for use at home.

Christmas crib offering for "SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN"

Now with a base in Cardiff, it offers respite care for vulnerable children and families and recruits volunteer host families to offer temporary shelter for children of families in crisis. As well as needing finance, 'Safe Families for Children' would also welcome volunteers for this crucial and important work. For more details please see notice board.

PREPARATION FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS:

Confirmation preparation will resume on **Saturday 16th January** at 11.30am in Immaculate Conception Conservatory.

Parents for First Communion Children will meet Fr. Edmund on **Saturday 16th January** after 5:30pm Mass in Immaculate Conception Conservatory.

Faith Formation: Know and Share will meet on **Thursday 14th January** at 6:30pm in All Saint Hall



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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Saturday 2nd January <i>Vigil</i>	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Patricia Baines; Betty Reeves
Sunday 3rd January <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Gerald & Gaynor McCarthy; Eleanor Turner RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Glyn, Bridie & John Roberts RIP Andrea & Giuseppina Roffi RIP
	5:30pm	St John	Jeremiah & Crediwen Buckley; Aldo Roffi RIP
Monday 4th January	-	St John	NO MASS
Tuesday 5th January	-	Immaculate Conception	NO MASS
Wednesday 6th January	10:00am	All Saints	Eucharistic Service & Adoration
Thursday 7th January	-	-	NO MASS
Friday 8th January	-	Immaculate Conception	NO MASS
Saturday 10th January <i>Vigil</i>	-	All Saints	NO MASS
	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Nell Turner RIP; Margaret Harris RIP
Sunday 10th January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Mary Acquah's wellbeing
	10:30am	All Saints	John Sidoli RIP, Eddie Scrivens RIP
	5:30pm	St John	Cinotti Families Intentions

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Immaculate Conception: Friday 12noon to 3pm

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

St John's: Sunday 5:00pm

Immaculate Conception: Saturday 5:00pm

VIGIL LAMPS

All Saints: *St Anne* In Thanksgiving KC

St Joseph In Thanksgiving KC

Immaculate Conception: *Our Lady* For the Parish Family

Sacred Heart For the Cinotti Family

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 *from a Parishioner* **Holy Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12**

When Jesus was born in Judea in the days of King Herod, the Magi arrived *asking "where is the new born King of the Jews we have come to do him homage."* Herod was deeply troubled, but the Magi stopped over the place where the child was born, they prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

What happens if we lead our life as if the star stopped over us? The answer to this question is most startling when we consider the gospel as a whole: what it means and what happens is that the only light and life is to die to self so that darkness can be overcome.

Life has its sorrows and sufferings. It also has its joys and celebrations: the mystery of salvation has been revealed in Jesus and in us.

As the star guided the Magi, may we be guided by Your light and grace.

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 Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Kate Hooper, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, 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, Charles Sheehy, Millie Sullivan, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Chelsea, Daniel Morgan Bennett. Raymond Titley. Jim Driscoll, Kitty Surtees.

† THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Bridie Roberts, Vincent O'Shea, John McGuire, John O'Leary, David Jones, Betty Hand, John Hand, Allan Jones, Lucy Williams, Michael Lynch, Johanna Lewis, George Hopkins, Jane Preece, Edwin Scrivens, James John O'Leary, Ian Tudor Jones, Johnny Lee, Alan Patrick Lee, Lesley Williams, Thomas Rough, Winifred Murray, Josephine Winifred Brown, Mary Barbara Fitzgerald.

