

Collections for last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£292.00	£95.18	£88.91	£407.72	138
All Saints	£189.05	£138.59	£152.14	£479.78	107
St. John's	£178.00	£17.20	£22.53	<u>£217.73</u>	<u>37</u>
			Total	<u>£1105.23</u>	<u>282</u>

Thank you for all your contributions and generosity.

Parish Notices

✠ **LENTEN RETREATS** Grateful thanks to God for Fr. Tim McGrath for preaching our Lenten Retreat, and a very Big thank you to all those who attended and supported to make our Lenten Retreats successful and fruitful. May the blessings and graces of the season remain with us all.

OUR NEXT RETREATS will be in:
All Saints School on Friday 27th March from 9:00am - 12noon for Teachers.
All Saints Church on Saturday 28th March, 2015 from 10:00am -2:00pm for All Children & Young People (**especially candidates for Confirmation and all Altar Servers**) - to be supported by the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity.

✠ **Stations of the Cross:** Immaculate Conception: Tuesday after Mass; All Saints: Wednesday 9:30am; Saint John: Friday 10 am

✠ **St Joseph's school** has a short Easter service consisting of the Easter story and some Hymns at 2pm next Friday.

* **All Saints Monthly Draw:** - Winner No. 60 Josh Lewis

* **Pontypool Convent Girls** are holding a reunion on Thurs 23rd April at The Parkway Hotel Cwmbbran. Details from Molly MacDonald on 01495 758284

* **St. Joseph's and All Saints Schools** Our primary schools have new websites with information about the schools and many interesting links, see www.allsaintsrcprimary.co.uk and www.stjosephs.cymru. Worth visiting!

Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to Bernard and Sheila Bennett on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. May the Lord continue to bless them in his love.



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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5th Week of Lent Year B (Mass Book p173) Weekday Missal: Year1

5th Sunday of Lent (Vigil)	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	The Sullivan Family RIP
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Bert Carroll Anniv. RIP Peggy Richardson RIP Betty Austin - Prys RIP Sheila & Bernard Bennett
	10:30am	All Saints	Lionel Lewis RIP Selina & William Hussey RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Mary & Gwyn Morgan RIP Maria Luisa Roffi RIP
Monday 23rd	10:00am	St John's	For the Parish
Tuesday 24th Annunciation (Vigil)	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Rosemary Glasson's Well-being
Wednesday 25th Annunciation of the Lord	10:00am	All Saints	Bridget Carew RIP In thanksgiving for 24 Hour Adoration
Thursday 26th	10:00am	All Saints school	Staff, Parent and pupils
	1:15pm	All Saints	Requiem Mass: Patricia Parfitt
Friday 27th	7:00am	Immaculate Conception	Darren Thomas B'Day (RIP)
Saturday 28th	10:00 am	All Saints	Bessie & Anita Gough RIP
Palm Sunday (Vigil)	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Canon Francis Mulvey RIP Betty Reeves RIP; Butler Family
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Robert & Rosemary Baldrige RIP Betty Austyn- Prys RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Eddie Scrivens RIP Sid Withey RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All Saints: Every day from 10:00am until 6:00pm

Immaculate Conception: Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm

St John's: Monday 10:30am until 11:00am

Confessions

St John's: Monday after Mass; Sunday 5:00pm
Immaculate Conception: Tuesday 6:30-7pm; Friday 5:30pm; Saturday 5:00pm
All Saints: Wednesday and Saturday after Mass

Vigil Lamps

Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Jeanette Badham
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart Dani Morgan Bennett
Immaculate Conception: St. Joseph Keyon Hughes

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From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
The whole life of Christ Jesus is an offering to the Father for our salvation. Christ came down from Heaven not to do his own will but the will of the Father who sent him. It is the will of the Father that we should be sanctified through the offering of the body of Christ once and for all, for our salvation. 'I will place my Law within them and write it on their hearts;' says the Lord, and 'I will be there God and they shall be my people'.

Beloved; from the very moment Christ became man to dwell among us, he embraced the Father's plan of divine salvation in his redemptive mission. In obedience to the Father's will Jesus sacrificed himself for the sins of the whole world, and 'when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him'.

"The desire to embrace his Father's plan of redeeming love inspired Jesus' whole life, for his redemptive passion was the very reason for his incarnation. And so he asked, 'And what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour.' And again, 'Shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?' From the cross, just before 'It is finished', he said, 'I thirst.'" (CCC, 607)

In obedience to Christ Jesus let us totally surrender ourselves to the will of the Father to create a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Then we may return to God with joy for a loving and eternal communion with the Blessed Trinity.

Return to the Lord and you shall be blessed. God Love you!

✠ Eternal Rest

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Patricia Parfitt *nee* Hamilton. Her Requiem will take place in All Saints Church on Thursday 26th March at 1:15pm. Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to the family.

Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JOHN 12VERSES 20 - 30

As we approach Holy Week and our celebration of Christ's mystery, his death and resurrection being our opening for the fullness of life, today we read in the gospel that anyone who loves his life, loses it, and anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. This challenges each of us to recognise just how different a vision of life we must have if we are to serve and follow Jesus Christ.

The gospel of John is divided into two parts and with this text we approach the end of part one, sometimes known as the Book of Signs, between the end of Jesus' public life and the beginning of his passion. The scene is Jerusalem which is full of pilgrims arriving from all around the Roman empire and their request to see Jesus is a reminder that "seeing" in the fourth gospel is another way of speaking of "believing in". On the cross Jesus is drawing all people to himself and inviting a faith response to the love of God that he has manifested.

His death is like a seed of grain falling into the ground where it perishes but out of it comes a rich harvest. This is the way of love and all who follow Jesus must walk this path. By so doing they participate in God's ultimate victory over evil.

Please pray for parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Eddie O'Brien, Mary Jones, Alice Norris, Margaret White, Anne Davies, Joseph Harper, Elizabeth Austyn-Prys, Albert John Carroll, Catherine Mary James, Mary Morgan, Mary Angela Boulton

✠ the sick and housebound:

Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Molly Cini, Jim Clarke, James Cullen, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Michael Gough, Margaret Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Brenda Hayden, Mary Hillier, 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, Margaret Leesk, Doris Lloyd, 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, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Eileen Richards, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Maureen Roberts, Norman Roberts, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Millie Sullivan, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Josephine Vaughan, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Chelsea. Charles Sheehy, Rosemary Glasson Edith Sweeney
