<u>Collections</u> for last Sunday						
Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass	
Immaculate						
Conception	£244.90	£71.69	£76.82	£393.41	134	
All Saints	£210.00	£122.83	£138.64	£471.47	115	
St. John's	£152.00	£19.45	£13.80	£185.25	<u>52</u>	
			Total	£1050.13	<u>301</u>	

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

#### Parish Notices

- ⊕ "The Light Is On": Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession Wednesdays 6pm to 7pm in All Saints, and Fridays 6pm to 7pm in Immaculate Conception.
- **♣ Friday Lenten Mass is 7:00am at Immaculate Conception**

- \* All Saints SVP conference will take place after 10.30 am Mass this morning.
- \* Cafod Lenten Fast Day is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Lenten Fast envelopes are available at the back of the church.
- \* **Sunday Lunch** is on 1st March 2015 at 1.00pm in Moose Hall. Please see Yvonne Davies for your tickets.
- \* St Joseph's school: Monday is a training day for teachers and Wednesday is parents evening.
- \* All Saints School would like to welcome parishioners to a coffee morning on 3rd March at the school to share with us 'A Taste For Wales' and raise funds for Macmillan Cancer charity.
- \* Mass in Welsh for St David's Day will be celebrated in Nazareth House, Cardiff on March 2nd at 7pm. Celebrant is Bishop Emeritus Edwin Regan. Parking is available, bilingual booklets will be provided and refreshments will be served afterwards.
- \* The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 26-31 July 2015 with return flights from Cardiff airport. The cost will be £689. Pilgrims are invited to join in parish groups or individually. Further details may be obtained from Fr. Kevin Paine at Newbridge (01495 243304).



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

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1st Sunday of Lent Year B (Mass Book p152) Weekday Missal: Year1

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1st Sunday of Lent	5:30pm	Immaculate	Howell Adams RIP;
(Vigil)		Conception	Michael & Catherine Cliggett
	9:00am	Immaculate	Harry Richardson Anniv.
		Conception	Mel Hillman
	10:30am	All Saints	Bill Worthington RIP
	10.50aiii	All Sallits	Mary Smith RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Lazzaro Minoli RIP
Monday 23rd Feb	10:00am	St John's	
Tuesday 24th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Driscoll RIP
Wednesday 25th	10:00am	All Saints	Vincent & Terry Murphy RIP
		All Sallits	Gareth Jones Wellbeing
Thursday 26th	10:00am	St Joseph's school	
Friday 27th	7:00am	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Driscoll RIP
Caturday 20th	10:00am	All Saints	David & Veronica Smith RIP
Saturday 28th		All Sallits	SVP Intention
2nd Sunday of Lent	5:30pm	Immaculate	Bridget O'Connell
(Vigil)		Conception	Patrick & Teresa Carpenter
	9:00am	Immaculate	Agnes Clark Anniv.
		Conception	Fr. Leo Wolf RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	James John O'Leary RIP
		All Sallits	Lionel Lewis 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**

All Saints: Our Lady David & Veronica Smith RIP All Saints: St Joseph Ted & Bernadette Cronin RIP

Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Veronica Yandle Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart Mary Pace RIP

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### From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God is the same- Yesterday, Today and Forever. He does not change; He is the Alpha and Omega; and ever faithful to His Covenant to men. There is no one Like HIM!

He who made a Covenant with Noah that He will never again destroy the earth and all her inhabitants with water, through the waters of the Red sea redeemed the people of Israel from slavery; and now through the waters of Baptism washes away our sins, redeems us by the Paschal mystery of Christ from the bondage of sin and evil; and sanctifies us with the gift of the Holy Spirit; thus making us His children and sharers of eternal life. To Him be glory forever!

"The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to Temptation. Jesus fulfils Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who have once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: he 'binds the strong man' to take back the plunder. Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father." (CCC, 539)

Dearly beloved, by the Passion, death and resurrection of Christ, God has made a new Covenant with His Blood for our salvation. By our Lenten observance may we seek to remain faithful to the Lord through conversion of hearts, intensive and attentive prayer, and charity of Life, so that united with Christ in his passion for salvation of souls, we may participate fruitfully in the Paschal Mystery and come to share in His Eternal Glory.

Have a fruitful Lenten Season!

### **Gospel Reflection** from a Parishioner

### Gospel of Mark 1; 12 - 15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Jesus went out into the desert to be alone. He is on the brink of inaugurating his public ministry. Something new and important is about to happen. He does the natural thing: he goes off alone to think things through and confront the demons that would dissuade him from his mission. Then he goes to Galilee to proclaim the gospel of God. This defines in a nutshell what Lent is all about: we, too, spend extra time by ourselves during Lent so that we can come to the Easter celebration better able to proclaim the gospel.

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

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

Angelina Sidoli, Margaret Watkins, Ethan Edwards, Ivor Lewis. Robert Surtees, William Price, Kevin Charles Lewis, Sharon Rosemary Browning, Anthony Richard Walters.

### **†** 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, Theresa Gough, 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, Patricia Parfitt, 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.

### **Eternal Rest**

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Theresa French (nee Gough) who died during the week. Her funeral will take place in All Saints on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 11:15am. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. RIP