



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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Parish	Collections for last Sunday				At Mass
	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	
Immaculate Conception	£200.00	£107.00	£80.53	£387.53	114
All Saints	£224.20	£122.95	£136.59	£483.74	105
St. John's	£176.00	£20.00	£28.58	<u>£224.58</u>	<u>46</u>
			Total	<u>£1095.85</u>	<u>265</u>

Parish Notices

* Today is **World day of Prayer for Vocations**. Let us pray to the Lord to call many young people to the priesthood and consecrated life, for the harvest is plenty but the labourers are few. May we also pray for All Priests and Religious that they may be strengthened to serve the Lord in his Church on earth with Courage and Joy. A leaflet with Gift Aid form is available and can be downloaded from the diocesan website (<http://www.rcadc.org>)

* **Fr. Denis O'Connor MHM** wishes to thank you for your welcome. For more information you can contact Mrs Yvonne Davies at Immaculate Conception, Mrs. Bernadette Cooper at St. John and Mrs. Mary Taylor at All Saints.

* **Know & Share**: Our faith development and sharing meeting will take place every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month at All Saints Parish Hall at 6:30pm. A hearty welcome awaits anyone who desires to grow their faith and relationship in Christ Jesus

* The **Annual Torchlight Procession** in honour of Our Lady will take place at Belmont Abbey on Wednesday, 13th May 2016, beginning at 9pm. Vespers celebrated at 6pm. Food and drink available from 6.30pm

* **Safeguarding in Immaculate Conception**: Please see the notice board in the church porch for details. For any queries please contact Mr Brian Holland, the Parish Safeguarding representative.

*The next **Coffee Evening** will take place in the Parish Hall at Rhymney, on Friday, 1st May, at 6:30p.m. All are welcome.

* May is the **Month of Our Lady** when we pray the Holy Rosary together as a Parish Family 20minutes before every Mass. Let us also endeavour to prayer the Rosary in groups, in our homes and as individuals.

Immaculate Conception Church: There will be a General Meeting after the evening Mass on Tuesday 28th April to discuss the way forward for the Development of the Parish. All are cordially invited.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B (Mass Book p265) Missal: Year1

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Driscoll RIP Butler Family
Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Sam Clark Anniv. Robert & Rosemary Baldrige RIP Mary Williams RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	All Saints	Terry McCarthy RIP Cliggett Family Intention In Thanksgiving (NJ)
	5:30pm	St John's	Brenda Darcy
Monday 27th	10:00am	St John's	Alan Brown
	1:30 pm	Immaculate Conception	Funeral Mass John Roach
Tuesday 28th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Joan Carroll's Sp. Int. Elsie, Stephen & Kenneth Aherne
Wednesday 29 th	10:00am	All Saints	Ted & Bernadette Cronin RIP
Thursday 30 th	10:00am	All Saints School	For Staff and Pupils
Friday 1st May (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker)	11:00am	Immaculate Conception	For Parish Developments
Saturday 2nd	10:00am	All Saints	Neil Edwards RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	For the Parish
Fifth Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Paul John Davies; Kenneth Holmes
	10:30am	All Saints	Rosemary Glasson RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Maria Luisa Jenkins RIP

The Holy Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before every Mass in May.

Vigil Lamps

All Saints:	St Joseph	Private Intentions (KC)
All Saints:	St Anne	In Thanksgiving (KC)
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	For deeper Faith in Christ
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	For the progress of the Parish

From the Parish Priest

Dear brothers and sisters,

See what Love the Father has bestowed upon us, that through the great sacrifice of His only Begotten Son, our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, He has made us His Children and indeed that is what we are.

Jesus Christ lays down his life for us as a Good Shepherd, so that through him we can once again be united with the Father and with one another as the “body of Christ” – the Church- born of the Spirit, and of the blood and water that flowed from His side on the Cross. After the resurrection, in order that the forgiveness of sins may be proclaimed throughout the world He reaffirmed St. Peter, whom he gave the keys of the Kingdom, to be the unifying factor or head of the Universal Church to Shepherd His flock redeemed by His precious blood.

“Jesus entrusted a specific authority to Peter: ‘I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’ The ‘power of the keys’ designates authority to govern the house of God, which is the Church. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, confirmed this mandate after the Resurrection: ‘Feed my sheep.’ The power to ‘bind and loose’ connotes the authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgements, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church. Jesus entrusted this authority to the Church through the ministry of the apostles and in particular through the ministry of Peter, the only one to whom he specifically entrusted the keys to the kingdom.” (CCC, 553)

Dearly beloved, Let us pray to the Lord on this Vocations Sunday to call many people to embrace the Sacred Ministry of bringing God’s Love and forgiveness to the world through the priestly and consecrated life, and also empower all the faithful of Christ with the Holy Spirit to support the Sacred Ministry with the various gifts and talents He has given us to build His Kingdom (The Holy Church) here on earth to the glory of His Holy Name and salvation of all humankind.

Remain in God’s Love and care

Eternal Rest

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the late John Roach of Glyn Terrace, Tredegar. John’s funeral Mass will take place on Monday April 27th at 1:30pm in Immaculate Conception. Please remember Marilyn and the family in your prayers.

Gospel Reflection *from a Parishioner*

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocation Sunday and the word of God presents us with two images, the Children of God and the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd is concerned about, cares for, and protects the sheep even to the point of laying down his life for the sheep. The good shepherd fulfils the obligation of relationship. The relationship between shepherd and sheep (“I know mine and mine know me”) is likened to the relationship between the Father and the Son. This relationship requires of us disciples the same mission - to lay down our lives, too.

It calls us to commit ourselves to good deeds, such as caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, forgiving those who wrong us, loving others as God loves us. These good deeds are the very "stuff" of our everyday living and loving, in our families and in our service to the poor.

Lord Jesus, give us the grace to be "Good Shepherds" - strengthen us to be hope for others. For those who live in loneliness - may they know the healing bond of friendship. For those whose labour is burdensome and whose wages are inadequate - may they receive employment worthy of their dignity. For the sick and the dying - may they know Christ's healing. Amen

Please pray for parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Ellen Sharpe, James Twohig, Terry O'Donovan, George O'Leary, Richard Bevan, Agnes Moran, Margaret Williams, Rosemary Baldrige, Brian George Howells, Beryl Riley, Ronald Glyndwr Evans

✠ 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, Charles Sheehy.
