

Parish	Collections for last Sunday					At Mass	Cafod
	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total			
Immaculate Conception	£269.00	£53.95	£84.77	£407.72		119	£294
All Saints	£200.50	£113.61	£137.46	£451.57		108	£135
St. John's	£142.00	£30.80	£27.00	<u>£199.80</u>		<u>50</u>	<u>£134</u>
			Total	<u>£1059.09</u>		<u>277</u>	<u>£563</u>

The recent Rhymney Coffee Evening raised £122 for parish funds. Many thanks to those who support.

Thank you for all your contributions and generosity.

Parish Notices

- ✠ **All Saints SVP** conference meeting will take place after 10.30 am Mass today
- ✠ **LENLEN STATION MASS:** The Deanery Lenten Station Mass with the Archbishop will be on Monday 16th March at Our Lady & St. Michael, Abergavenny at 7:00pm. For those who have put names down for transport, the times are St John's 5.30pm - Immaculate Conception 5.45pm - All Saints 6pm.
- ✠ **KNOW & SHARE MEETING** will take place on Thursday 6pm at All Saints.
- ✠ The **LENLEN RETREAT** will be led by Rev. Fr. Tim McGrath at St. John's Church on Saturday 21st March from 10:00am to 2:00pm. A buffet will be provided.
- ✠ **"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.
- ✠ **Stations of the Cross:** Immaculate Conception: Tuesday after Mass; All Saints: Wednesday 9:30am; Saint John: Friday 10 am
- ✠ **Stations of the Cross** in Cardiff City Centre on Saturday 21st March 10:45am start. Meet at the front steps of the Cornerstone.
- ✠ **Week of Prayer & Awareness for Dementia:** 12th to 19th March 2015
The Annual **Archdiocesan Mass** and Sacrament of the Sick for Dementia Suffers and their Carers, will be celebrated on Thursday 19th March at 12:00 Noon in All Hallows Church, Misken, CF72 8PG. Please come and pray for all who experience the effects of Dementia.

*Our prayers and very best wishes go to all Mothers. God Love You!
Happy Mother's Day.*



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4th Week of Lent Year B		<i>(Mass Book p166)</i> Weekday Missal: Year1	
4th Sunday of Lent (Vigil)	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Robert Madden Margaret Riley & Family
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Elsie Aherne RIP Christopher Vincent Yandle RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Derek Skovronek RIP Mary Smith RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Barbara & Les Cushen RIP
Monday 16th	7:00pm	Abergavenny	Lenten Station Mass
Tuesday 17th (St Patrick)	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Christopher Vincent Yandle RIP
Wednesday 18th	10:00am	All Saints	Cliggett Family Intentions
Thursday 19th (St Joseph)	10:00am	St Joseph's school	Feast of St. Joseph
	1:15pm	All Saints	Requiem: Patricia Parfitt
Friday 20th	7:00am	Immaculate Conception	Sheila & Bernard Bennett - Golden Wedding
Saturday 21st	10:00 am	St John's	For God's Love and Mercy
5th Sunday of Lent (Vigil)	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Betty Austin - Prys RIP The Sullivan Family RIP
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Bert Carroll Anniv. RIP; Peggy Richardson RIP Sheila & Bernard Bennett - Golden Wedding
	10:30am	All Saints	Lionel Lewis RIP Selina & William Hussey RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Mary & Gwyn Morgan RIP; Maria Luisa Roffi RIP

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	Fr. Edmund's Intentions
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	The sick of the Parish
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Private Intention of Veronica Yandle
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Michael Cooney RIP

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From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believe in him ... may have eternal life.”

Christ Jesus says ‘Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you’. Again he says, ‘The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.’ ‘Take and eat; this is my body which will be given up for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ ‘He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, abides in me, and I in him.’ ‘The words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.’ Do you believe this? God gives us the best gift.

Dearly beloved: “Believing is possible only by grace and the interior helps of the Holy Spirit. But it is no less true that believing is an authentically human act. Trusting in God and cleaving to the truths he has revealed is contrary neither to human freedom nor to human reason. Even in human relations it is not contrary to our dignity to believe what other persons tell us about themselves and their intentions, or to trust their promises (for example, when a man and a woman marry) to share a communion of life with one another. If it is so, still less is it contrary to our dignity to ‘yield by faith the full submission of... intellect and will to God who reveals,’ and to share in an interior communion with him.” (CCC, 154)

The Lord is so generous with His mercy and infinitely rich in grace that, He sent His Son (the best gift for you and me) so that through him we can be saved and be brought to share eternal life with Him. Therefore, Let us in faith turn our eyes upon Jesus and follow His wonderful ways, so that we may benefit from the free gift of God that brings us to participate in the communion of life with Christ Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit for our salvation.

May the grace of God remain with us now and for ever, Amen!

Eternal Rest

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Patricia Parfitt nee Hamilton. Pat's Requiem will take place in All Saints Church on Thursday 26th March at 1:15pm. Please keep Pat and all the family in your prayers.

Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

GOSPEL OF JOHN 3: 14 - 21

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice". On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah. Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

We have gathered here as God's holy people, and we are God's work of art, created in Jesus Christ to live the good life as from the beginning he intended us to live it. So we have to be thankful for his mercy, and sorry for our failures to live life in that way. Since this is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, today is Mothers' Day - the day when we thank our mothers for all they have done for us, and also express our sorrow for any way we have hurt them.

Please pray for parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

✚ **those whose anniversary occurs at this time:** Anne Kelly, Maureen O'Connor, Katie Buccambuso, Patrick Glasson, Charlie O'Connor, Richard Davies, Elizabeth O'Connor, Mary Real, Florence McCarthy, Con Kelly, Winifred Moore, Elizabeth Austyn-Prys, Albert John Carroll, Catherine Mary James, Mary Morgan

✚ **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