

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	Attended
Immaculate Conception	£223.00	£67.00	£84.07	£374.07	130
All Saints	£206.00	£150.78	£133.74	£490.52	120
St. John's	£157.00	£34.00	£29.02	£220.02	53
				£1084.61	303

THE PRIZE DRAW for Immaculate Conception raised to date: £950.00. Many thanks to all those who contributed in any way to make this another successful fundraiser.

100 CLUB DRAW

1st Prize	24	Sheila Scannell	£50.00
2nd	43	Sian Davies (Nell)	£25.00
3rd	66	Ann McCarthy	£10.00

Grateful thanks to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council for a grant of £250 towards the Development of Immaculate Conception Church and to Mr Jim Driscoll for facilitating this grant. God bless you.

2015 CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERING WILL BE DONATED TO "SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN"

At the recent Council of Priests, the suggestion was accepted that 'Safe Families for Children' would be a worthy charity to support with our Christmas crib offerings. Now with a base in Cardiff, it offers respite care for vulnerable children and families not least in recruiting volunteer host families to offer temporary shelter to 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.

PARISH NOTICES

All Saints: Thanks to those Ladies who cleaned the Church for Christmas, your commitment was much appreciated.

***Catholic Province of Cardiff, Wales & Herefordshire Directory & Year Book 2016** is at the porch of the Church for £3.00 each.

**WE WISH YOU
A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR 2016**



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (C) Mass book: page 105 27th December 2015

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Rachel, Desmond & Collin Adams Paul Davies, Eleanor & Stan Turner
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Clark, Smith, Bennett & Jones Families Ednyfed Austyn- Prys RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Nell Hopkins RIP Jim & Winnie O'Connor RIP
	12:15pm	St John's	Anne & Terry Rooney- 50 th Wedding Dallanegra Family
Monday 28th	-	-	NO MASS
Tuesday 29th	-	-	NO MASS
Wednesday 30th	-	-	NO MASS
Thursday 31st (Vigil) Mary Mother of God	6:30pm	All Saints	Pastoral Area Family Thanksgiving Christine Hooper's Wellbeing Jack & Rose Thomas RIP
Friday 1st Mary Mother of God (Solemnity)	10:00am	Immaculate Conception	Eleanor Turner RIP
Saturday 2nd Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Patricia Baines, Betty Reeves
The Epiphany of the Lord	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Gerald & Gaynor McCarthy, Eleanor Turner RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Glyn, Bridie & John Roberts RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Jeremiah & Crediwen Buckley RIP Aldo Roffi RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All Saints: Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

St John's: Sunday 5:00pm

Immaculate Conception Saturday 5:00pm

Vigil Lamps

Immaculate Conception	Our Lady	Brian & Colleen Holland
Immaculate Conception	Sacred Heart	Ben, Marlene & Damian Thomas
All Saints	Sacred Heart	Rose & Sylvester Healey RIP
All Saints	Our Lady	Peter & Emily Burke RIP

From the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

"The *finding of Jesus in the temple* is the only event that breaks the silence of the Gospels about the hidden years of Jesus. Here Jesus lets us catch a glimpse of the mystery of his total consecration to a mission that flows from his divine sonship: "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's work?" Mary and Joseph did not understand these words, but they accepted them in faith. Mary "kept all these things in her heart" during the years Jesus remained hidden in the silence of an ordinary life". (CCC, 534)

REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH

"The house of Nazareth is a school of prayer where we learn to listen, to meditate, to penetrate the deepest meaning of the manifestation of the Son of God. It is our example from Mary, Joseph and Jesus".

"The Holy Family is an icon of the domestic Church, which is called to pray together. The family is the first school of prayer where, from their infancy, children learn to perceive God, thanks to the teaching and example of their parents. An authentically Christian education cannot neglect the experience of prayer. If we do not learn to pray in the family, it will be difficult to fill this gap later. I would, then, like to invite people to rediscover the beauty of praying together as a family, following the school of the Holy Family of Nazareth".

The Christian family is the first cell of the whole Church. It is the place where we begin the journey toward holiness and become more fully human. The Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, became one of us. He was born into a human family. That was neither accidental nor incidental. Through the example of the Holy family in the "School of Nazareth", we can learn the way of love.

At every moment of His time among us Jesus was saving the world, re-creating it from within and "recapitulating" the entire human experience. There, in the holy habitation of Nazareth, He forever transformed family life. Now, He teaches us how to live in His presence, if we will enroll in the "School of Nazareth".

From antiquity the Christian family has rightly been called a "domestic church." In our life within the Christian family Jesus Christ is truly present. However, we need the eyes to see Him at work, the ears to hear His instruction and the hearts to make a place for Him to dwell. In our family we can learn the way of selfless love by enrolling in the School of Nazareth.

APPRECIATION

I will like to express my sincere appreciation to all who have allowed the Lord to use them to bless our Parish by their hard work, dedication, commitment and contributions to the service of the Church. And to all who have been contributing towards my personal wellbeing and health needs, I say a very BIG THANK YOU. May God reward you abundantly according to His riches in glory. Finally for all your good wishes, cards, presents and your Christmas offerings, may God abundantly bless you a hundredfold, pressed down, shaken together and overflow to your families and Love ones. God Love you all. Fr. Edmund

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:

Nell Hopkins, Megan Reece, James O'Connor, Vesta Clancy, Gertrude Cotter, Cecilia O'Leary, James O'Brien, Colin Long, Francis Robinson, Kathleen Smith, William Bullen, Daniel Sullivan, Mark Murphy, William Beynon, Joe Sidoli, Anne Hamilton, Patricia Jones, Margaret Beynon. Jeffrey John Vaugan, Ethel Maud Summerfield, Theresa Simmonds, Michael Bany, Michael Burke, Catherine Best, Thomas Jones, Timothy Clifford, Elizabeth Ress, Anne Knox, Blodwen Minoli, Terence James, John Greany.

✠ ETERNAL REST

We pray for the repose of the Soul of **OLWEN MADEN** who passed on Thursday 17th December 2015 at Ebbw Vale Hospital.

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Our prayers and Sympathies go to the bereaved family.

"FAMILY FUN NIGHT " Will be held on **Thursday** evening, beginning with Mass at 6.30pm. All are welcome. **LAST DAY** for names today, for catering purposes. **Please contact Vince on 304022. Thank you.**