

Collections for last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	Attended
Immaculate Conception	£224.00	£105.14	£90.00	£419.14	113
All Saints	£208.00	£131.19	£150.26	£489.45	120
St. John's	£147.00	£24.45	£32.55	£204.00	44
				<u>£1112.59</u>	<u>277</u>

The Rhymney Christmas Savings Bank raised £760 in interest for Parish funds. Many thanks to those who supported and contributed towards the interest.

Thank you for all your contributions and generosity.

ADVENT RETREATS 2015

“Prepare the Way of the Lord make His path straight” Isaiah 40:3

There will be an **Advent Retreat** for the Pastoral Area at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday 12th December 2015, beginning with Holy Mass at 10am till 2pm. There will be refreshment and lunch. Please keep the day open for a fruitful preparation for the coming of the Lord.

The **next Retreat** will be for our Children from 5years old and young People in the Pastoral Area on the 19th December 2015 at All Saints Church, beginning with Holy Mass at 10am till 2pm. There will be a lot of activities and a Christmas get-together to end the day.

Your generous contribution and support towards these retreats will be very much appreciated.

PARISH NOTICES

* "Walk with Me" Reflection for Advent, and "A Pilgrimage Companion for the Year of Mercy" booklets are available in Church Porch. Please take one.

* There will be **Know and Share** on Thursday 3rd Dec at 6:30pm in All Saints.

* **Luncheon club** Christmas Dinner Tuesday 8th at 1pm. Names today please.

* Immaculate Conception **Christmas Raffle** draw is on Tuesday December 15th. If you wish to give a prize or donation it will be greatly appreciated.

* **Christmas Coffee Evening** next Friday 4th December at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall, Rhymney. Tickets on sale at £4 - everyone is welcome

* **Christmas Lunch** at the Moose Hall next Sunday 6th December 2015 at 1:00pm. Adults £8.00, Children £4.00 each

* **Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Night** at St John's Parish Hall on **Sunday 20th** December after Mass at 6:30pm. Tickets £5. All are welcome.

Tea and coffee is available in all our churches after weekend Masses



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Rita & Rosie Benkins RIP Anniv; Maria, Jeff & Paul Davies & Family
1st Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Driscoll RIP Michael & Catherine Cliggett
	10:30am	All Saints	Kath James & Teresa Jones RIP Paul Crawley RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Ray Cullinane B'day
Monday 30th	-	-	No Mass
Tuesday 1st Dec	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Vivien Snow RIP
Wednesday 2nd	10:00am	All Saints	Deceased members of the O'Dwyer Family
Thurs 3rd	-	--	No Mass
Friday 4th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Driscoll RIP
Saturday 5th	10:00am	All Saints	In Thanksgiving (AE)
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Ivy & Melvin Davies; Charles Ypres, Marion Butler & Anthony Walters
2nd Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Vivien Snow RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Bill & Margaret O'Shea RIP Lionel Lewis RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	L & JJ Horgan Anniv.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Immaculate Conception: Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

St John's: Monday after Mass; Sunday 5:00pm

Immaculate Conception: Tuesday 6:30pm; Saturday 5:00pm

All Saints: Wednesday & Saturday after Mass

Vigil Lamps

Immaculate Conception Our Lady Kelly Priestly

Immaculate Conception Sacred Heart Nelly Turner

All Saints Sacred Heart Esme & Bill Worthington RIP

All Saints St Anne Worthington Family

From the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. This conversion of heart is accompanied by a salutary pain and sadness which the Fathers called *animi cruciatus* (affliction of spirit) and *compunctio cordis* (repentance of heart).“ (CCC, 1431)



***From First Friday and First Saturday of December 2015
we will begin the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and
Immaculate Heart of Mary in Our Pastoral Area.***

On the First Friday of every month there will be Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30pm with Confessions and Holy Mass at 7pm at Immaculate Conception Church. During this Period the Prayer of the Act of Consecration, Reparation and the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus may be said.

On First Saturday there will be Rosary prayer at 9:30am followed by Holy Mass, Confessions and 15minute Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament at All Saints Church.

Let us please open ourselves to the Promises of God through these Devotions especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

† SACRAMENTS

The next preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday 6th December 2015 at 11:30am at the Conservatory of Immaculate Conception. Candidates are reminded to come with BIBLE, YOUCAT, YOUCAT Youth Prayer Book, Rosary and note book.

Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

Holy Gospel of Luke 21: 25 - 28; 34 - 36.

This time of year is filled with anticipation and waiting! The important questions for us are, "What do we anticipate?" Stores are filled with Christmas things. Lights and decorations have sprung up. Christmas music on the radio is another harbinger of the day for which we wait. Our work of preparation is busied with card sending, party - planning and attending, and gift - shopping. The First Sunday of Advent, the Church's New Year, ushers in a different way of waiting, of heightened anticipation.

We Christians don't wait for a what, but for a Whom. And that changes the character of our waiting! If the followers of Christ are vigilant and have lives "blameless in holiness," then when Christ comes they can "stand erect" without fear but with joyful anticipation of their redemption. This is the Whom and what of our waiting!

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:

Bridget Flaherty, Terry McCarthy, Tony Jenkins, Paul Crawley, Winnie O'Connor, Crohane Murphy, John Glasson, Anthony O'Donovan, Alice Murphy. Margaret Driscoll