**Collections for last Sunday**

***Grateful Thanks to all for your generous contributions***

The recent Coffee Evening held in Rhymney raised £120 for parish funds.

The Sunday evening Tea at St John’s raised £100 for parish funds.

Many thanks to those who continue to support these fund raising activities.

Grateful thanks to Blaenau Gwent Borough Council for a grant of £300 for the development of Immaculate Conception Church and to Mr. Jim Driscoll for initiating the grant.

**PARISH NOTICES**

**All Saints** church cleaning Wednesday after Stations of The Cross. Would you like to help clean the Church for Easter?

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

***TODAY*** there will be a retiring Collection in Support of the World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Krakow.

***GOOD FRIDAY*** there will be a special collection for the work of the Holy Land during the veneration of the Cross.

***EASTER OFFERING*** On Easter Weekend, there will be only one collection. Easter Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please give your Easter Offering generously to Fr. Edmund, our Parish Priest.

**WE WISH YOU ALL A FRUITFUL HOLY WEEK LEADING TO A**

**HAPPY AND GLORIOUS EASTER**

**Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar**

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| ***Parish*** | ***Gift Aid*** | ***Loose*** | ***Levy*** | ***Total*** | ***Attended*** |
| ImmaculateConception | £230.00 | £45.78 | £77.77 | £353.55 | *??/??*  110 |
| All Saints | £228.00 | £146.68 | £138.95 | £513.63 | 120 |
| St. John’s | £143.00 | £25.81 | £26.70 | £195.51 | 37 |
|  |  |  |  | £1062.69 | 267 |

**All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St John’s, Rhymney**

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| Vigil | 5:30pm | Immaculate Conception | Marie Davies, Margaret & Vallire Matthews; Mary Boult RIP |
| Palm Sunday | 9:00am | **Immaculate Conception** | Margaret Driscoll RIP |
| 10:30am | **All Saints** | Lionel Lewis  James McCarthy RIP  In Thanksgiving(SA) |
| 5:30pm | **St John’s** | Gwyn & Mary Morgan RIP |
| Monday 21st | 10:00am | **St John’s** | Charles Sheehy RIP |
| 1:00pm | **All Saints** | Requiem of Pat Markey |
| Tuesday 22nd | 1:30pm | **Immaculate Conception** | Funeral Service of Mary Elizabeth Griffiths (Betty) |
| 7:00pm | Betty Austin- Prys RIP; Bert Carroll RIP |
| Wednesday 23rd | 9:30am | **All Saints** | **Stations of the Cross** |
| Holy Thursday | 10:00am | **All Saints school** | Special Intention |
| **7:00pm** | **Immaculate Conception** | **Mass of the Last Supper** |
| Good Friday | **10:00am** | **Immaculate Conception** | **Stations of the Cross** |
| **3:00pm** | **All Saints** | **Passion of the Lord** |
| Holy Saturday | **3:00pm** | **All Saints** | Blessing of Easter Food |
| Easter Vigil | **7:00pm** | **St John’s** | Pro populo |
| Easter Sunday | **9:30am** | **Immaculate Conception** | Darren Thomas B’day  Peggy Richardson B’day |
| **11:00am** | **All Saints** | William and Mary Benger RIP  Stephen and Irene Hayes |

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**St John’s:** Monday 10:30am until 11:00am

**All Saints:** Daily from10:30am 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

**Stations of the Cross**

**Immaculate Conception:** Tuesday after Mass

**All Saints:** Wednesdays before Mass at 9:30am

**St John’s:**  Fridays at 10:00am

**Vigil Lamps**

**Immaculate** **Conception** Our Lady Special Intention Veronica Yandle

**Immaculate** **Conception** Sacred Heart Jonathan Singelton

**All Saints** Our Lady Private Intention (lR)

**From the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Jesus' messianic entrance into Jerusalem**

“How will Jerusalem welcome her Messiah? Although Jesus had always refused popular attempts to make him king, he chooses the time and prepares the details for his messianic entry into the city of "his father David". Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (Hosanna means "Save!" or "Give salvation!"), the "King of glory" enters his City "riding on an ass". Jesus conquers the Daughter of Zion, a figure of his Church, neither by ruse nor by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth. And so the subjects of his kingdom on that day are children and God's poor, who acclaim him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds. Their acclamation, "Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord", is taken up by the Church in the "Sanctus" of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord's Passover.”

“Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week.” (CCC, 559-560)

**Gospel Reflection** *from a Parishioner*

**Holy Gospel of Luke 9: 28 – 40**

This Sunday we begin the holiest of Christian weeks, and we carry palms in procession with the atmosphere charged with both expectations and contradiction, with joy and soberness. For most of us Holy Week unfolds like many other weeks; we still contend with work, school, preparing meals, doing laundry, cranky folks, the usual triumphs and setbacks. The readings for Palm Sunday invite us to make this an extraordinary week - a week that concentrates in a few days the ultimate meaning of our whole lives. We must slow down and make choices so that this week doesn't go by without our taking the time to enter into its meaning. The real pity of this Holy Week would be that we miss the opportunity to empty ourselves, take up our own cross, and follow Jesus through his death to new life.

All Christian spirituality focuses on the crucified and risen Jesus. He is the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through him. The cross is the symbol of what is at the core of Jesus’s person: "The way we came to understand love was that he laid down his life for us; we, too, must lay down our lives for one another."

The crucified Jesus proclaims that self-giving love is at the heart of being God and at the heart of being human.

**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, 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, 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, Millie Sullivan, Mary Thomas, 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, Kitty Surtees, Tony Dallenegra, Bob Roberts.

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

Eddie O’Brien, Mary Jones, Alice Morris, Margaret White. Mary Boult, Albert John Carroll, Cecilia Margaret Cross, Oswald Graham Moses, Frances Maguire, Kathleen Smith, Mary Galliers, Mary Elizabeth Whitcombe. Ann Fishenden, Mary Andrena Price, Roger Sims. Sarah Ann Turner.

✞***Eternal Rest***

We pray for the repose of the Souls of **PAT MARKEY** whose Requiem Mass will take place at **All Saints Church** on Monday 21st March at 1:00pm & **MARY ELIZABETH GRIFFITHS (BETTY)** whose Funeral Service will take place at **Immaculate Conception Church** on Tuesday 22nd March at 1:30pm.  
Our Prayers and sympathies go to their respective families.  
May they Rest in Peace and Rise with Christ in Glory.