

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£245.00	£113.24	£69.33	£427.57	114
All Saints	£217.00	£130.40	£118.62	£466.02	113
St. John's	£128.00	£27.00	£31.50	£186.50	41
			Total	£1023.76	268

EASTER OFFERING: Easter Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please give your Easter Offering generously to Fr. Edmund, our Parish Priest.

THE HOLY WEEK THAT SAVES THE WORLD

THE HOLY WEEK celebrates the culmination of the Love and Mercy of God to save us through the Sacrifice of Christ Jesus, His Only Begotten Son by His Suffering, Death and Resurrection.

CHRISM MASS: We celebrate the renewal of Priestly commitment of all the Clergy to their Ministry in Christ Jesus, and the Consecration of the Sacred Oils for the administration of the Sacraments.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: We celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Priesthood. For the Love of His own till the end, Christ Jesus gives us His Body and Blood so that we may remain in Him and He in us and he gave us an example of service to wash each other's feet. **There will be washing of feet.**

GOOD FRIDAY: Jesus gives up His sinless life in expiation for our sins through His suffering and death, so that we may have eternal life with the Heavenly Father. It is a day of fasting and Abstinence. **There will be collection for the Holy Places.**

HOLY SATURDAY: Jesus rested in the tomb after accomplishing the redemption of both the living and the dead. We celebrate the "Mother of all Vigils" where God's chosen people are led from darkness into light to celebrate the new life of the Resurrection. **There will be blessing of fire and water; adult baptism, and renewal of Baptismal promises.**

EASTER SUNDAY: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ Jesus is raised from the dead, so that we may live the New Life of the Resurrection, through Him, in Him, with Him and for Him, to the glory and honour of God Our Heavenly Father.

May we participate fully in the Holy Week celebrations that we may come to the joy of a Glorious Resurrection at Easter.

**WE WISH YOU ALL A FRUITFUL HOLY WEEK LEADING TO A
HAPPY AND GLORIOUS EASTER**



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Holy Week, Year A *Mass Book p176* **9th April 2017**

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Kathleen Grace McCarthy & Brian McCarthy Joan Yandle RIP
Palm Sunday	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Kate Robins B'day, RIP Joao Dos Reis RIP Bernie Giardelli RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Dennis Bevan RIP, Alice Murphy RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Bob Roberts RIP
Monday 10th	10:00am	St. John's	Gordon Howard Wilcox RIP
Tuesday 11th	7:00pm	All Saints	John H. Benkins Anniv Robert & Rosemary Baldrige & Howells Family RIP
Wednesday 12th	11:30am	St David's Cathedral	CHRISM MASS
Holy Thursday	7:00pm	St. John's	Missa Pro Populo
Good Friday	10:00am	Immaculate Conception	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	3:00pm	All Saints	VENERATION OF THE CROSS
Holy Saturday	3:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Blessing of Easter Food (led by the Polish Community)
Easter Vigil	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Mass of the Resurrection
Easter Sunday	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Missa Pro Populo
	10:30am	All Saints	John & Mary Harris RIP Bridie, Glyn, & John Roberts RIP
	12 noon	St. John's	Missa Pro Populo

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

St John's: After Mass on Monday

VIGIL LAMPS

Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Elizabeth Hughes
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Jeanette & Walter Badham
All Saints:	Our Lady	Julia Rowlands RIP
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Lionel Lewis RIP
All Saints:	St Joseph	Barbara McCarthy Wellbeing

REFLECTION

Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday begins the Holy Week celebrations, the most important week in the liturgical calendar. During this week, we recall the stages of Christ's passing from this world. It is a solemn passage through betrayal, denial, injustice and brutal suffering; a movement from death to resurrection taken together as one great event which brought salvation to the whole world.

All the four evangelists relate the narrative of the Christ's passion with little differences. Matthew, like Mark stresses that Jesus died to save the world. Jesus accomplishes his task with total obedience and humility to his Father. He focuses on his goal, the cross and the resurrection. Even as he enters Jerusalem like a King, he does not look at the excited crowd. He sees beyond all the noise and movements to what is ahead of him – crucifixion, death and resurrection. Let us accompany Jesus in his triumphant entry to Jerusalem not as spectators but actors in the drama of the passion.

How do we see ourselves? As hailing Jesus: "Hosanna to the Son of David" or crying out: "Crucify him". Are we Judas who betrayed him or Peter who denied him or one of the soldiers who mocked him or Pontius Pilate who sentenced the innocent to death? Whatever state we see ourselves, may we acknowledge that Jesus made this passionate Journey for you and for me.

PARISH NOTICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will take place after 7pm Mass on Tuesday at All Saints, and at 10am on Good Friday at Immaculate Conception.

CHURCH CLEANING: Please come and help to clean our churches. In **St. John** on Monday 10 April from 11am; at **All Saints** on Wednesday 12 April from 9:30am; at **Immaculate Conception** on Friday 14 April from 5pm .

CAKE SALES: There will be a sale of home-made Cakes on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday at Immaculate Conception in aid of Parish Development Fund.

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 Hancock, Sally Harris, Keyon Hughes, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Maureen Morgan, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, 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, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Helen Yabsley, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Daniel Morgan Bennett, Raymond Titley, Jeanette Prothero, Pauline Thomas. Barbara McCarthy, Gavin Hughes, Norma Beecher, Maria James, Maureen Hague, Doris Morris, Sheila Bennett.

✠ *those whose anniversary occurs at this time:*

Elizabeth Heggarty, Charlie Sullivan, Mary Harris, William Baxter, Bernard Hopkins, Michael Mulligan, Eillen Hopkins, Conway Caswell, Margaret Watkins, Donald Carver, Rosemary Glasson, Paddy Breslin, John Foley, Maggie Worthington, Alice Murphy, Maria Carini. Maria Kerwin, Gerard O'Connell, John Ernest Roach, Valerie Mary Ecclestone, Johanna Yandle, Brian George Howells

ETERNAL REST

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Steve Joyce who has passed on and has since been buried in Ireland. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
May our prayers and sympathies go to his family.

SACRAMENTS

Please pray for **NORMAN JOSIAH BEECHEM** and **NIKI SHAW** who received the rites of election by the Archbishop in preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at Easter .

*Let us also pray for the Children who are preparing for their
First Reconciliation and Holy Communion.*