	<u>Collections</u> for last Sunday					
Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	Attendance	
Immaculate						
Conception	£238.00	£96.28	£123.94	£458.22	179	
All Saints	£238.00	£149.66	£108.10	£495.76	116	
St. John's	£165.00	£25.50	£31.10	£221.60	<u>43</u>	
				£1175.58	<u>338</u>	

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Only one collection next weekend: 'Easter Offering' for Fr. Edmund. Easter Offering envelopes are available at the back of the church.

The recent Rhymney Coffee Evening raised £130 for parish funds. Many thanks to those who continue to support.

### **Parish Notices**

- \* The final 'Light is On' celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in Immaculate Conception from 7-8pm on Wednesday.
- \* All Saints *Church cleaning* on Tuesday from 10am. Can you give a hand? Your help would be appreciated.
- \* Chrism Mass. We are encouraged to join the Archbishop and all the Priests at the Renewal of their Priestly Commitment and the Chrism Mass at St David's Cathedral Cardiff, Holy Week Wednesday, 16th April at 11:30am.
- \* On *Holy Thursday* at the Mass of the Last Supper, there will be the washing of feet and Holy Communion will be under both kinds (Body and Blood of Christ).
- \* Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday from 2:30-4:30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Divine Mercy, Confessions and Healing and Anointing Service at Immaculate Conception Church, Tredegar.
- \* The *Blessing of the Easter Food* will take place on Holy Saturday in Immaculate Conception led by the Polish Community. Everyone is welcome.
- \* All Saints do you need transport on Maundy Thursday & Holy Saturday? If you need a 'lift' see Vincent after Mass today.
- \* Father Edmund will be away with the HCPT (Children with Special Needs) at Lourdes from Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Your prayers and support for a good pilgrimage will be appreciated.





# Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St John's, Rhymney

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Holy Week Year A (Mass Book p. 176)

13<sup>th</sup> April 2014

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Palm Sunday of the				
Lord's Passion (vigil)	5:30pm	St John's	SVP	
	9:00am	Immaculate	Mary Ann Weech RIP	
		Conception	Ken Holmes RIP	
	10:30am	All Saints	Alice & Patrick Murphy RIP	
		All Sallits	Harry Williams RIP	
		Immaculate	Charles Thomas	
	5:30pm	Conception	Joan & John Yandle RIP	
46			Kathleen Grace Brian McCarthy	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am	St John's	SVP	
	10.000111		Gerald McCarthy RIP	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Immaculate	Jim, Ginny & Mary	
		Conception		
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	All Saints	Stations of The Cross NO MASS	
Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	Immaculate	Margaret Driscoll RIP	
17 <sup>th</sup>		Conception	Trevor Gunter RIP	
Good Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Immaculate	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Conception		
	3:00pm	All Saints	Veneration of the Cross	
Holy Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	Immaculate	Blessing of Easter Food – led by the	
		Conception	Polish community	
Easter Sunday				
(vigil)	7:00pm	St John's	Pro Populo	
	9:00am	Immaculate	Trevor Gunter	
		Conception	Glyn Davies	
	10:30am	All Saints	George & Jimmy Gough RIP	

# Confessions

St John's: Monday after Mass 10:30am – 11am Immaculate Conception: Wednesday 7-8pm

#### Sacraments

We pray for Ronald Paul, Robert Philip Ingles, Patricia Mary Stead, Ruth Hilary Rayner, Andrew Philip Rayner, Peter James Clegg and Simon Meredith who will receive the Sacraments of full Christian Initiation on the Easter Vigil at St John's.

#### From The Parish Priest

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore the Holy Week, and most especially the Easter Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord, is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

On Palm Sunday we celebrate Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery.

"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." (CCC, cf.559)

Beloved brethren, by celebrating the Last Supper with his apostles in the course of the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning. Jesus' passing over to his Father by his death and Resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfils the Jewish Passover and anticipate the final Passover of the Church in the Glory of the kingdom. (CCC, 1340)

At the Last Supper on the night before he was betrayed, Christ Jesus, loving those who were his own in the world even to the end, offered his body and blood to the Father under the appearance of bread and wine, gave them to the apostles to eat and drink, then enjoined the apostles and their successors in the priesthood to offer them in turn.

The Mass of the Last Supper is therefore, the memorial of the institution of the Eucharist that is of the memorial of the Lord's Passover, by which under sacramental signs he perpetuated among us the sacrifice of the New Law.

On Good Friday, when "Christ our paschal lamb was sacrificed", what had long been promised in signs and figures was at last revealed and brought to fulfilment. The true lamb replaced the symbolic lamb, and the many offerings of the past gave way to the single sacrifice of Christ.

These days are unique in the liturgical year and their celebration is of the utmost importance in the spiritual and pastoral life of the Church. Let us therefore keep the paschal fast sacred and participate fully in the Holy Week Celebrations as a way of coming to the Joys of the Resurrection at Easter with uplifted and welcoming hearts.

# Wishing you all a Happy Easter!

## Vigil Lamps

All Saints: Our Lady Private Intention (BM)
All Saints: Sacred Heart For the good of the parish

Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Trevor Gunter RIP Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart Glyn Davies RIP

## Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

The Holy Gospel of Matthew 21; 1 - 11

Palm Sunday, the last Sunday of Lent, Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem on a colt to fulfil the scriptures as recorded in Zechariah, greeted by branches of palm trees, symbolizing Christ's victory over death. The word Hosanna meaning "Save, I pray".

The crucial questions for us during Holy Week are: How do we treat Jesus? In what ways do we welcome him when we meet Him in our Churches, and as we celebrate the sacraments? Do we stay with Him or will we abandon Him?

Can we accept being repentant or go where God wants us to be instead of where we want to be?

# Please pray for the parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

## **†** those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Maria Carini, Elizabeth Heggarty, Charles Sullivan, Mary Harris, William Baxter, Bernard Hopkins, Jeremiah Sullivan, Luigi Carini, Michael Hopkins.

## <sup>†</sup> the sick:

Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Jim Clarke, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Margaret Griffiths, Lina Guidice, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Brenda Hayden, Mary Hillier, Kate Hooper, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Nigel Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Colin Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Margaret Leesk, Doris Lloyd, Eithnes McCardle, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Mary Moseley, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, Cathy O'Leary, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Eileen Richards, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Maureen Roberts, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Betty Smith, Dennis Sullivan, Millie Sullivan, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Tony Zeraschi. Des and Shirley Murphy