

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Sincere & Grateful Thanks to everyone for your kind and generous Christmas offerings, cards and presents. They are very much appreciated. May the Lord richly blessed you and let His Favour rest on each one of you throughout the Year 2017. God love you. Fr. Edmund

PARISH NOTICES

There will be a General Meeting of the Pastoral Area on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 6.30pm at Immaculate Conception to evaluate the Past Year and Plan for the future of the Pastoral Area. All are cordially welcome.

DEVOTIONS TO THE SACRED HEART AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

There will be 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart from 6.00pm at Immaculate Conception and 1st Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at All Saints From 9.30 am on the 6th & 7th January respectively.

DAY OF MERCY

The next day of Mercy will be on, Sunday 8th January the *Day of Mercy* will be from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at St. John's, Rhymney. There will be Devotion to the Divine Mercy, Rosary, Healing through the Proclamation of the Word & Anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Come and have an encounter with Our Lord Jesus Christ, through Prayer, Repentance, Forgiveness and Healing.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS In the light of the suffering being endured not least by children in Aleppo and Mosul, and in support of our attempts to care for Syrian refugee families coming to the Diocese, The Archbishop has suggest that this year's crib offerings be designated for the 'Syrian Families Refugee Fund'. There will be an article on the Diocesan website shortly reflecting on this important work.



AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass Book pg109 1st January 2017

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Ivy & Melvyn Davies Anthony Walters; Veronica Yandle RIP
Sunday 1st January New Year's Day (Mary, The Holy Mother of God)	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Mary & Gaynor Davies Louis, Connor & Erin Yabsley & Family
	10:30am	All Saints	James & Winnie O'Connor RIP Dennis Bevan RIP Paul Crawley & Jeff Challis RIP
	12noon	St John's	Jeremiah & Credwen Buckley RIP Deceased Members of the Cushen & Cooper Families; Theresa Short RIP
Monday 2nd	10:00am	St John's	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 3rd	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	No Mass
Wednesday 4th	10:00am	All Saints	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 5th	9.30am	School	No Mass
Friday 6th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Helen & Edward Fitz
Saturday 7th	10:00am	All Saints	Dennis, John, Cath & Anne O'Dwyer, John Bell Anniversary.RIP
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Maureen Baker RIP; Betty Reeves RIP Helen & Edward Fritz
Sunday 8th January Epiphany of the Lord	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Mark & Daniel Canniff & Family
	10:30am	All Saints	Benjamin Clegg 2nd Birthday, Christopher Clegg RIP Anniversary, Joe Sidoli RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Les & Barbara Cushen RIP

Vigil Lamps

Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Glenys Simmons RIP
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	Gwyneth Gunter RIP
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Mary Slater

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St John's:	Monday 10:30am until 11:00am
All Saints:	Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm
Immaculate Conception:	No Adoration in August

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

St John's: Monday after 10:30am Mass and Sunday at 5pm
All Saints: After Mass on Wednesday and Saturday
Immaculate Conception: Before Mass on Tuesday, and Saturday at 5pm

From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Called in the Gospels "the mother of Jesus", Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as "the mother of my Lord". In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (*Theotokos*).
(CCC, 495)

GOSPEL REFLECTION LUKE 2: 16-21

In today's gospel, there are three groups of people and three levels of encounter with the Christ Child. The first group are those to whom the shepherds announced the message. They HEARD it with astonishment.

The Word of God comes in different forms and through different media – Angels, Shepherds, men/women and even nature. People may respond to the Word of God differently, some with joy, others with astonishment, others indifferent and with doubts.

The shepherds, we can call the second group, embraced the Good News with praise and gave glory to God by making known what they have HEARD and SEEN. They were therefore heralds of the Good News.

Finally, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, however HEARD the Word, CONTEMPLATED (saw) His Face and kept (MEDITATED ON) every word in her heart (with Love). Through her intercession, may we love to hear the Word of God, seek the face of Christ by our daily meditations, and reflect the face of Christ in every area of our lives, that we may be one with Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh and be faithful witnesses of His presence in the world.

By our lives may the world come to know that indeed Emmanuel – God -is- with- us. God love you!

Please pray for parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

✠ the sick and housebound:

Jeanette Badham, Dennis Bevan, 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, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, 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, 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, Mary Thomas, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Daniel Morgan Bennett, Raymond Titley, Jeanette Prothero, Pauline Thomas. Barbara McCarthy, Gavin Hughes

✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Joe Sidoli, Anne Hamilton, Patricia Jones, Margaret Beynon, Bridie Roberts, Vincent O'Shea, John McGuire, John O'Leary, David Jones, Betty Hand, John Hand, Alan Jones, Lucy Williams, Michael Lynch, Joseph Thomas Kiraly, Thomas Hannigan, James John O'Leary, Ian Tudor Jones, Johnny Lee, Thomas Rough, Joseph Winifred Brown.

Eternal Rest

Please pray for the Happy Repose of the soul of **GLENYS SIMMONS**, the wife of our Late Brother William Dennis Simmons, who died on Monday 26th December 2016. May our sympathies and prayers go to the bereaved family.

Also, pray for the repose of the soul of **CANON JOHN O'REGAN** who died in Nazareth House on the 28th December 2016. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

