



**Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar**

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

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Parish	Gift Aid	Collections for last Sunday			At Mass
		Loose	Levy	Total	
Immaculate Conception	£217.00	£53.42	£88.30	£358.72	112
All Saints	£281.50	£126.95	£148.80	£557.25	110
St. John's	£150.00	£39.94	£28.10	<u>£218.04</u>	<u>46</u>
			Total	<u>£1134.01</u>	<u>268</u>

The recent Coffee Evening held at Rhymney raised £127 for parish funds. Many thanks to those who supported.

**Parish Notices**

✠ Grateful thanks to all who helped and participated in the Divine Mercy Novena and Veneration last Sunday. It was a great success. We pray that the mercy and love of God will remain with us and with our families and friends.

\* **APF – MILL HILL MISSION** We welcome Fr. Denis O'Connor MHM to our Pastoral Area and are grateful for him offering Masses. We will hear of APF - Mill Hill and their Missionary work. This appeal is not for money but for parishioners to become members and take the Red Box.

\* **Change a Life – Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated life.** 4th Sunday of Eastertide (Good Shepherd Sunday), 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015 is World day of Prayer for Vocations. Let us pray to the Lord to call many young people to the priesthood and consecrated life. A special collection will be made for the Priests Training Fund. Please use a Gift Aid envelope if possible.

\* **Cardiff Youth 2000** returns April 24-26th for the third year following successful retreats in previous years. The retreat is open for all young people from 16-35, and is a step to help young people plug back into their local parish. For more information, visit [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org)

\* **Parish Developments:** There will be major works for the Physical developments of the Parish beginning the month of May. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience that these may cause. Secondly, we would like to encourage all parishioners to contribute to these developments with your prayers, gifts and talents, and also to support materially and financially for the glory of God and the good of the Parish. Please, know that whatever contribution you will give from a generous heart will be very well appreciated and rewarded accordingly by the Lord.

**Third Sunday of Easter Year B** (Mass Book p262) Missal: Year1

<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Charles Thomas & Carl Thomas
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Kate Robins RIP
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	George & Jimmy Gough RIP Kathleen & Alf McCarthy RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	Jeremiah Buckley & Family RIP
<b>Monday 20th</b>	-	<b>St John's</b>	No Masses in the week
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	-	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	
<b>Wednesday 22nd</b>	-	<b>All Saints</b>	
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>	-	<b>St John's</b>	
<b>Friday 24th</b>	-	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	
<b>Saturday 25th</b>	-	<b>All Saints</b>	
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Margaret Driscoll RIP Butler Family
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Sam Clark Anniv. Robert & Rosemary Baldrige RIP Mary Williams RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Terry McCarthy RIP Cliggett Family Intention
	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	

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**Vigil Lamps**

**All Saints:** Our Lady Private Intentions (KC)  
**All Saints:** Sacred Heart Private Intentions (KC)  
 All Saints: St Anne Elizabeth Delaney RIP  
**Immaculate Conception:** Sacred Heart Jeanette Badham  
**Immaculate Conception:** Our Lady Yvonne Brown

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## From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The sacrifice of Christ takes our sins away. Jesus died for the sins of the world. The heavenly Father raised Christ from the dead so that in Him we too may find life and find it abundantly. In repentance of our sins we die with Christ in baptism and are raised to new life by His resurrection. We who are restored to life as brothers and sisters of Christ, and for that matter adopted sons and daughters of God the Father, are therefore called to be witnesses of God's power over sin and death.

"He who believes in Christ becomes a son of God. This filial adoption transforms him by giving him the ability to follow the example of Christ. It makes him capable of acting rightly and doing good. In union with his saviour, the disciple attains the perfection of Charity which is holiness. Having matured in grace, the moral life blossoms into eternal life in the glory of heaven" (CCC, 1709)

Dearly beloved, at every Eucharistic sacrifice the Lord comes among us to "re-member" us as "the body of Christ" - His brothers and sisters. As the Prince of Peace, He proclaims his peace upon us and gives Himself to us as the "bread of life" to nourish and strengthen us to go out to the world as witnesses. Let us pray that the Lord will open our minds and hearts to understand our mission and calling as Christians in the world of today.

Stay blessed and remain in God's love and care!

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### Eternal Rest

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Rosemary Glasson whose funeral service took place on Friday.

Also Anthony O'Connor (USA) formerly of All Saints Parish who died last week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

RIP

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## Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

Gospel of Luke 24: 35 - 48

Aren't we like the apostles? We won't believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The gospels attest to the reality of the resurrection. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the scriptures foretold his death and rising.

The centrality of the gospel is the cross; but fortunately it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies -- death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and gives us the power to overcome sin, despair and death. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nation, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do you witness to the joy of the gospel to those around you?

Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the scriptures that we may fully comprehend the truth of your word. Anoint us with power and boldness to be your witnesses to all nations.

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

#### ✠ those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Honora Jones, Bridget Aplin, Bart Hamilton, John Sullivan, Mary Williams, David Rowlands, Billy Murphy, David Long, Margaret Sugrue, John O'Grady, Ernest Worthington, Kevin Benger, Rosemary Baldrige, Brian George Howells

#### ✠ the sick and housebound:

Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Molly Cini, Jim Clarke, James Cullen, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Michael Gough, Margaret Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Brenda Hayden, Mary Hillier, 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, Margaret Leesk, Doris Lloyd, 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, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Eileen Richards, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Maureen Roberts, Norman Roberts, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Millie Sullivan, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Josephine Vaughan, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Chelsea. Charles Sheehy.