**Collections for last Sunday 18th Jan**

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| ***Parish*** | ***Gift Aid*** | ***Loose*** | ***Levy*** | ***Total*** | ***At Mass*** |
| ImmaculateConception | £223.00 | £55.00 | £75.27 | 353.27 | 104 |
| All Saints | £170.00 | £98.24 | £104.94 | 373.18 | 89 |
| St. John’s | £202.20 | £16.40 | £16.40 | 235.00 | 39 |
|  |  |  |  | £961.45 | 232 |

*Thank you for* **all** *your contributions and generosity.*

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***Parish Notices***

\* Grateful thanks to all who attended the Pastoral Area ***General*** ***Meeting*** this week at St. John’s to plan for the future of the Parish. Minutes of the Meeting will be made available on the notice boards as soon as possible.

\* Great gratitude from **Aid to the Church in Need** to all parishioners for raising a total of **£537.70.** Be assured that your generosity will bear fruit for our persecuted brothers and sisters, in other parts of the world. Rev. Deacon Richard Withers is personally grateful for the warmth and friendship of Parishioners.

\* The next **Coffee Evening** will be held on Friday 6th February at 6.30pm at **St. John Church Hall**. Please note that from now on it will be held in the **Church Hall** (not in Tre York.) Everyone is welcome. Please come and let’s spend the evening together.

\* All Saints Monthly Draw: There are vacancies available. If anyone is interested, Please see Derek Kerwick. Thank You.

\* **Education Sunday**: There will be a Joint Mass with Pupils of St. Joseph & Bishop Hedley Schools on Saturday 31st January at 5.30pm at Immaculate Conception Church.

**PROCLAIM ‘15**

Each Diocese in England and Wales has been invited by Cardinal Vincent Nichols to become involved in a national evangelisation initiative called **Proclaim ’15.**

This initiative is being launched to support, inspire and encourage new expressions of parish evangelisation. It will affirm the good work already being done by the Catholic community and provide resources to help in building outward looking missionary parishes.

The major event of **Proclaim ’15** is a National Catholic Evangelisation Conference on 11 July 2015 in Birmingham.

A booklet giving more information about **Proclaim ’15** is available to download at:

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15>

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

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**Week 3 of Ordinary Time Year B** (*Mass Book p129)*  Weekday Missal: Year1

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| Third Sunday of Ordinary Time | Vigil 5:30pm | Immaculate Conception | For the Faithful of the Parish |
| 9:00am | **Immaculate Conception** | Stan Turner |
| 10:30am | **All Saints** | John O’Sullivan RIP  John O’Leary RIP |
| 5:30pm | **St John’s** | Josephine John RIP  Eugene McLanglin |
| Monday 26th Jan | 10:00am | **St John’s** | James John O’Leary RIP |
| Tuesday 27th | 7:00pm | **Immaculate Conception** | Josephine Bezzina RIP |
| Wednesday 28th | 10:00am | **All Saints** | Thomas & Magdalene McDonald RIP |
| Thursday 29th | 10:00am | **All Saints School** | Holy Souls |
| Friday 30th | 6:00pm | **Immaculate**  **Conception** | Holy Souls |
| Saturday 31st | 10:00am | **All Saints** | Kathleen James RIP |
| Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time | Vigil 5:30pm | **Immaculate Conception** | For all Teachers & Pupils |
| 9:00am | **Immaculate Conception** | William Hughes |
| 10:30am | **All Saints** | Allan Jones RIP  Kathleen & Alf McCarthy RIP |
| 5:30pm | **St John’s** | Josephine John RIP  Maria Louisa Jenkins (B’day) RIP |

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**All Saints:** Every day from10:00am -6pm

**Immaculate Conception:** Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm & 5:30-6pm

**St John’s:** Monday 10:30 - 11:00am

**Confessions**

**St John’s:** Monday after Mass; Sunday 5:00pm

**Immaculate Conception:** Tuesday 6:30-7pm; Friday 5:30pm; Saturday 5:00pm

**All Saints:** Wednesday and Saturday after Mass

**Vigil Lamps**

**All Saints:** Our Lady Deceased of the O’Connor Family

**All Saints:** Sacred Heart Margaret Lawrence (sick)

**Immaculate Conception:** Our Lady Jeanette Badham

**Immaculate Conception:** Sacred Heart Brian Gareth

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**From the Parish Priest**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the peace of Christ be with you!

All too soon the month of January is coming to an end. I wonder how many of us have been faithful to our New Year’s resolutions, if even we made any at all. Our time is indeed growing short, as St. Paul says in today’s second reading, and the world as we know it is passing away.

Beloved, let us set our priorities right at this very time: ‘Repent and believe the Good News, for the Kingdom of God is at hand’ says the Lord.

“All Christ’s faithful are to ‘direct their affections rightly, lest they be hindered in their pursuit of perfect charity by the use of worldly things and by adherence to riches which is contrary to the spirit of evangelical poverty.’” (CCC, 2545)

Dearly beloved, may we respond promptly and appropriately to God’s word with conversion of heart, prayer and fasting like the Ninevites, thus giving up that which leads to the wrath of God; and like the apostles leave behind all the worldly attractions that enslaves us and keep us away from true and lasting happiness; and follow Christ Jesus, who comes to call us and reconcile us to God and to one another in unity and love.

May the favour of God rest on you!

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**WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2015**

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 26-31 July 2015 and will be organised by Joe Walsh Tours with return flights from Cardiff airport. The cost will be £689. Pilgrims are invited to join in parish groups or individually. Further details may be obtained from Fr. Kevin Paine at Newbridge (01495 243304). Bookings can be made through:

Joe Walsh Tours

143 Lower Baggot Street

Dublin 2 IRELAND Tel: 00 353 1 241 0800

**Gospel Reflection** *- from a Parishioner*

THE GOSPEL OF MARK 1: 14 - 20

After Jesus' baptism in the Jordan when he received the commission from his father, the Gospel tells us John the Baptist had been recently arrested being handed over into the hands of the enemies. Jesus summed up this message very simply in the lines: The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is near, repent and believe in the Good News: Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James, the son of Zebedee and his brother John to be his followers.

By answering their calling, they became faithful servants of the Lord.

They were chosen from among the common people who did ordinary things.

They knew they must change their ways of thinking and acting and trust that something great and wonderful was in store for them. Thank you, Lord.

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

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

Ian Tudor Jones, John Lee, Lesley Williams, Shirley Owens, Anne Hillman, Jim McCarthy, Irene Benger, Paul Edwards, John Caswell, Dr. James McCarthy, Eileen Butcher, Ellen Kelly, Mary Ann Lynch, Hayden Michael, Selina Hussey, John Young, Michael Murphy.

✞ ***the sick and housebound:***

Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Molly Cini, Jim Clarke, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, 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, Colin Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Margaret Leesk, Doris Lloyd, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, 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, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Kieran Moseley, Theresa Gough, Michael Gough, Chelsea. Josephine Vaughan

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