

Collections for Last Sunday

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>At Mass</i>
Immaculate Conception	£166.00	£90.12	£89.27	£345.39	Sat 42 Sun 60
All Saints	£201.00	£82.24	£111.28	£394.52	96
St. John's	£168.90	£23.40	£32.70	£225.00	31
			Total	<u>£964.91</u>	<u>£229</u>

Immaculate Conception Boiler Fund now totals £594.99

Grateful thanks to you 7+all for your generous offerings.

St John's Rhydney Coffee Evening held last Friday raised £125 for parish funds. Many thanks to those who continue to support.

St John's Christmas Savings Bank and 49 Club will be taken *after Mass* not before.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 23rd February. A retiring collection will be taken as we leave the Church next weekend. Envelopes are available today if you wish to use them.

A meeting for all **Eucharistic ministers** will be on Thursday 22nd Feb in the conservatory.

LENT

✠ **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays during Lent -

10am in **All Saints**; 10am in **St John's**; 7pm in **Immaculate Conception**

✠ Our **Deanery Lenten Station Mass** will be in Our Lady of The Angels, Cwmbran on Wednesday 21st February at 7pm. Please make every effort to come to the Mass. *(Can we run a bus? list in church porch for transport.)*

Walk with Me booklets for Lent are available in church porch at £1 each

* Volunteers wanted for **Prayer Vigil** at St Mary Street, Cardiff 40 Days for Life campaign between 11.00 & 4pm from Feb 14th (Ash Wednesday) until Mar 25th (Palm Sunday) to pray for an end to abortion. Contact 07901713077 or jelthomas@btinternet.com

* The Archdiocese of Cardiff invites you to a **Eucharistic Preparation Day** in St. David's Catholic College Cardiff on 17th Mar from 10.30 - 3pm. The day will explore the Sacrament of the Eucharist as *meal*, as *sacrifice* and as *real presence*. It will offer reflections, opportunity for imaginative contemplation and time for Adoration. It is free of charge; lunch provided; Register at 10am. To attend, contact 07764 515864 or christianmahoney2@gmail.com



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St John's, Rhydney

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First Sunday of Lent

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Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	McMiles & Hannigan family Daniel, Teresa, Patrick Carpenter family
1st Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	George Richardson RIP Mary & John Lloyd (Ann) RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Cliggett Family Intention Bill Worthington RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Fr Joseph's Intentions(Rhydney Prayer Group)
Monday 19th	10:00am	St. John's	
Tuesday 20th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Sp Intention of Fr Joseph
Wed 21st	10:00am	All Saints	Kathleen Woolley RIP
Thursday 22nd	-	-	
Friday 23rd	<u>7:00am</u>	Immaculate Conception	George King Mensah RIP Collins Bruce -Baiden RIP Edward Musey RIP
	10:00am	All Saints	Requiem John O'Leary RIP
Saturday 24th	10:00am	All Saints	In Thanksgiving VM
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Harry Richardson RIP Des Jones (B'day) Sheehy, O'Conner & O'Connor family
2nd Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	
	10:30am	All Saints	Nora & Ernie Worthington RIP George, Michael, James & Bessie Gough RIP Lee Davies RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Lazzaro Minoli (RIP)

Remember: Mass on Friday during Lent at 7am at Immaculate Conception

	<u>VIGIL LAMPS</u>	
All Saints:	Our Lady	Joy's Wellbeing
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Our Parish Community
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Archbishop Stack
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	For the Pastoral area

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All Saints:	Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm
St. John:	Monday after 10:00am Mass
Immaculate Conception:	Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

All Saints:	After Mass on Wednesday / Saturday
St. John's:	Before Mass on Sunday
Immaculate Conception:	Before Mass on Saturday and Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION (Mark 1:12-15)

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In today's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross.

In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in His saving death on the cross.

✠ *Please pray for the Parishioners of our Pastoral Area*

whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Francis Long, Bryn Davies, Terry Briggs, Veronica O'Donovan, Clifford White, Anne O'Sullivan. Angiolina Sidoli, Margaret Watkins.. Charles Joseph Sheehy. Mary Veronica Lewis, Brian John Morris, Sharon Rosemary Browning, Kevin Charles Lewis.

for the sick and housebound:

St John's: Mary Benjamin (Thomas), Margaret Jones, Maureen Morgan, Peter Cavendar

All Saints: Derek Kerwick, Maria Bevan, Maureen Matthews, Mary Moseley, John Godfrey, Norma Beecher, Kathleen Bennett, Margaret Williams, Joy Jones

Immaculate Conception: Kath Thomas, Pam Williams, Brian Garrett, Jeanette Badham, Yvonne Brown, Doris Norris, Kath Williams, Winnie Buckley, Louis Moorhead, Baby Isla, Mavis Garrett

✠ **Rest In Peace**

Please pray for the Happy Repose of the souls of
John O'Leary RIP and John Hayward RIP.
John O'Leary's Requiem will take place on Friday at 10am.
John Hayward's funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 27th at 10am.
Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from the side of Christ, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within Thy wounds hide me
Separated from Thee let me never be
From the malicious enemy defend me
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come unto Thee
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
Forever and ever Amen