Collections for Last Sunday

| Parish | Gift Aid | Loose | Levy | Total | At Mass |
|------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|---------------|
| Immaculate | | | | | Sat 57 |
| Conception | £215.50 | £70.57 | £80.07 | £366.14 | Sun 52 |
| All Saints | £192.00 | £88.23 | £129.15 | £409.38 | 96 |
| St. John's | £128.00 | £17.00 | £24.50 | £169.50 | 38 |
| | | | Total | £945.02 | <u>243</u> |

Immaculate Conception Boiler Fund this week £181.80.

Grateful thanks to you all for your generous offerings.

CAFOD Family Fast Day A retiring collection will be taken as we leave the Church this weekend. Envelopes are available if you wish to use them.

St John's The next Rhymney Coffee Evening will be held on Friday 2nd March in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

LENT

- ⊕ Our <u>Lenten Retreat</u> will take place at All Saints on Saturday 10th March from 10am. Led by Fr Edmund Neizer. Refreshments provided
- **Holy Rosary** is said in *all weekend masses* 25 minutes before Mass starts.
- ⊕ During Lent Adoration will take place at All Saints and St John's every week before Mass and in Immaculate Conception after 7am Mass on Friday.
- ♣ On Fridays during Lent Stations of the Cross will be at:
- 10am in All Saints; 10am in St John's; 7pm in Immaculate Conception.
- Walk with Me booklets for Lent are available in church porch at £1 each.
- Lenten Alms box at the back of the Church, in aid of Syrian Refugees.

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



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Second Sunday of Lent Mass Book P155 25th Feb 2018

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| Vigil | 5:30pm | Immaculate Conception | Fr Joseph's Intention | |
| | 9:00am | Immaculate Conception | Harry Richardson RIP Des Jones (B'day) Sheehy, O'Conner & O'Connor family | |
| 2nd Sunday of Lent | 10:30am | All Saints | Nora & Ernie Worthington RIP George, Michael, James & Bessie Gough RIP Lee Davies RIP Private Intention SB | |
| | 5:30pm | St. John's | Lazzaro Minoli (RIP) | |
| Monday 26th | 10:00am | St. John's | | |
| | 10:00am | All Saints | Funeral Service John Hayward | |
| Tuesday 27th | 7:00pm | Immaculate Conception | | |
| Wed 28th | 10:00am | All Saints | Karl O'Leary RIP Joy's Wellbeing | |
| Thursday 1 st Mar | | | | |
| Friday 2nd | 7:00am | Immaculate Conception | | |
| Saturday 3rd | 10:00am | All Saints John O'Leary RIP | | |
| Vigil | 5:30pm | Immaculate Conception | Kathleen Megan Webber The Scannell family James & Margaret Driscoll RIP Rose & Roger Edwards wellbeing | |
| 3rd Sunday of Lent | 9:00am | Immaculate Conception | Agnes & Samuel Clark RIP anniv | |
| | 10:30am | All Saints | Joy's Wellbeing. Mary, Bill & Benger Family RIP | |
| | 5:30pm | St. John's | Our Catechumens – Georgia, Julie, Tom and Tracey | |

^{*} Julie Thomas will be holding a **Dementia Friends** information session on 6th March at 2pm in All Saints hall. It is open to all - if you want to attend please call 07749 803060.

^{*} 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.

VIGIL LAMPS

All Saints:
Our Lady
O'Connor Family
Private Intention (MR)

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 9:2-10)

The second Sunday of Lent always tells the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. This glorious epiphany (Manifestation of God on Earth) stands in contrast to the temptations that we heard last Sunday. The temptations highlighted the humanity of Jesus, the Son of Man, who became like us even to the point of being tempted by the devil. The transfiguration reflects his divinity. Jesus is the Son of God who manifests his glory to three of his disciples. His appearance changed as it also did in his glorified body after the resurrection.

Mark's narrative follows the first of the three predictions of Jesus' Passion, in which Jesus teaches his disciples that he will have to suffer greatly. Placing the story of the Transfiguration after his first Passion prediction reveals that, while Jesus is the Messiah, his triumph will come through his suffering and death.

Peter wants to capture the moment by keeping Jesus, Moses and Elijah there with them. However, Mark does not allow his readers to linger on the mountaintop. Jesus knew, says Mark, that they would have difficulty accepting his suffering and death. Consequently, he tells them not to get too excited about the glory of the transfiguration event until after he has risen from the dead.

Please pray for the Parishioners of our Pastoral Area

whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Ethan Edwards, Ivor Lewis, Mary McElhone, Elena Antoniazzi, Theresa Pullen.. 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 soul of John Hayward RIP whose funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 27th at 10am in All Saints. Please keep him and the family 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