

### Collections for Palm Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£276.00	£58.63	£74.63	£409.26	Sat 66 Sun 47
All Saints	£417.00	£139.95	£155.96	£712.91	112
St. John's	£244.00	£26.00	£27.00	£297.00	41
			Total	<u>£1419.17</u>	<u>266</u>

*Grateful thanks to everyone for your generous offerings.*

**St John's** tea/coffee raised £100 for parish funds.

**All Saints** Development Fund March: £500

Thanks to the family of the late **Kath Woolley** for £500 towards the Development Fund. Also thanks to the family of the late **Mary Moseley** for the donation of £370 received in lieu of flowers.

#### Immaculate Conception

*100 club winners:* 1<sup>st</sup> 98 Eileen Hannigan, 2<sup>nd</sup> 141 Nigel Parry, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 27 Yvonne Davies.

*Easter raffle* 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Irene Flanagan 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sue Briggs

#### Parish Notices

**First Thursday Adoration:** All Saints on Thursday at 6pm for one hour. This will take place every First Thursday.

**Defibrillator** Thanks to a donation from All Saints, there is now a defibrillator permanently in the church. Immaculate Conception and St John's are still sharing one. We have £566 towards a third defibrillator but need £434.

**Lenten Alms** box at the back of the Church, in aid of Syrian Refugees.

**All Saints** Can you spare a little time to help with the collection after Sunday mass? Even if you can only do it occasionally - your help would be appreciated.

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION

**EASTER OFFERING** On Easter Weekend, there will be only one collection. Easter Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please give your Easter Offering generously to our Parish Priest.

**Church cleaning** Many thanks to all who helped clean our churches for Easter. May God's favour rest upon you and all your endeavours.

**WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY AND GLORIOUS EASTER**



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#### Easter Sunday

Mass Book P220 onwards

1st April 2018

<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	David O'Connor & family Sheehy Family Christopher Yandle RIP
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Thanksgiving Withanage family Wellbeing of Canon Barry English
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Nell & Tom Hopkins RIP Eddie Scrivens RIP
	12:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Catechumens: Georgia, Julie, Tom and Tracey
<b>Monday 2nd</b>	10:30am	<b>St. John's</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Private Intention Special Thanks
<b>Wed 4th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Joy's Wellbeing Brian McCarthy RIP
<b>Thursday 5th</b>	6:00pm	<b>All Saints</b>	Adoration - First Thursday
<b>Friday 6th</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	
<b>Saturday 7th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	John O'Leary RIP
<b>Vigil</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Patrick & Margaret Conlon RIP Molly B RIP Kathleen Grace-Tartar McCarthy
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Falda Jones Alfred & Rachel Ann Jones
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Theresa & Horace McCarthy RIP Mary Moseley RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	A Sick Friend

#### VIGIL LAMPS

**All Saints:** Our Lady Margaret Griffiths  
**All Saints:** Sacred Heart In Thanksgiving.  
**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  
**All Saints:** **Thursday 6pm (First Thursday)**  
**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 and Monday  
**Immaculate Conception:** Before Mass on Saturday and Sunday

**GOSPEL REFLECTION** John 20: 1-9

Our journey through Lent is over, we have removed our purple cloths, and decorated our churches and altars with flowers and we can now sing our Gloria and Alleluia with joy and celebration. The Lord is risen!

The Easter gospel names three people: Mary Magdalene, Peter and the '*disciple who Jesus loved.*' By not being named, this disciple is in fact all of us, each of us are the 'disciple whom Jesus loves'

Mary, faithful to the end, goes to the tomb and although it is dark, sees the stone has been removed. She quickly run and tells the others what she seen has and experienced; an empty tomb, burial cloths, and a head-covering in another place. Having told the others, they too go to the tomb. They also see, but they more than just see. They see and believe. They see and believe with their hearts. The mystery of the resurrection is able to be seen because God gives us the eyes of faith.

Today with Christians all over the world, let us follow Mary's example, let us too stand at the empty tomb and believe, and then have the courage to proclaim the good new resurrection.

This Easter, may what we believe in our hearts, profess with our lips, be seen in the work of our hands and the quality of our daily lives. Alleluia.

**Mass Requests**

The custom of requesting a Priest to celebrate Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be present at Mass, is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church, and in Scripture.

The faithful will usually make an offering, called a stipend, to the Priest in order to apply the Mass for a specific need or intention, ie:

- 1 Journey mercies
- 2 Recovery from illness (wellbeing)
- 3 Birthdays and anniversaries
- 4 Success in any project or studies etc

By making this offering and parting with something that is yours, the offeror associates him - or herself to the sacrifice of Christ that is offered on the altar.

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

**whose anniversary occurs at this time:**

Sid Withy, Tom Hopkins, Frank Desmond, Kathleen Brake, Honora Jones, William Williams, Teresa Jones, Marlene Dallanegra.. Mary Elizabeth Griffiths, James Hendry Lennon, Catherine Mary James, Mary Morgan, Elizabeth Austyn-Prys, Winifred Moore, Louisa Gina Illari, Royston Matthews.

**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, 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

**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