

## Collections for Last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£191.00	£134.40	£136.81	£462.21	116
All Saints	£205.00	£126.15	£105.22	£436.37	96
St. John's	£121.00	£8.00	£14.50	£143.50	20
			Total	<u>£1042.08</u>	<u>232</u>

**Immaculate Conception** Boiler Fund has now reached the total of £1,822.92  
*Grateful thanks to everyone for your generous offerings.*

### Parish Notices

While Father Joseph is away we will have visiting priests for weekend masses. This weekend The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will offer up Masses for us and seek for Missionary support. There will be a retiring collection for the work and projects of The Spiritans.

\* **Ascension Thursday:** one Mass at 7pm at Immaculate Conception. Due to it being a Holy Day of Obligation with Mass at 7pm we will have to cancel the Monthly Quiz this month. Please extend our apologies to all our supporters outside the Parish.

\* On Wednesday May 16th in Belmont Abbey at 9:00pm the Annual torchlight procession will take place in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Transport will be provided.

\* **Fr. Edmund.** You are invited to Fr. Edmund's 50th Birthday Celebration of Holy Mass at 12noon on Saturday 26th May at Our Lady & St. Patrick Maesteg. Transport available if needed - please put your name to list ASAP. **Anyone** wishing to attend (*even if own transport*) please inform Sandra or Yvonne in Immaculate Conception; Vince in All Saints; Sandra in St. John's.

\* Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network.



## Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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### Sixth Sunday of Easter

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6th May 2018

<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Ryan Evans
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Des Jones Anniversary
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Tom & Margaret Williams RIP Ryan Evans RIP Kat Brown's Intentions John Davies RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	Spiritual growth of Parishioners
	<b>Monday 7th</b>	10:00am	<b>St. John's</b>
<b>Tuesday 8th</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Bert Carroll B'day anniv
<b>Wed 9th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Eucharistic Service
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b> Ascension of The Lord	1:00pm	<b>All Saints</b>	Funeral Service Terry Murphy
	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Bert Carroll B'day anniv John Benkins
<b>Friday 11th</b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	John Benkins Anniv
<b>Saturday 12th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Eucharistic Service
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Ellen Carpenter Davies Mary McMiles RIP
<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Dillwyn Herbert RIP B'day
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	John Bell RIP. Mary Moseley RIP In Thanksgiving Tom & Tracy
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	

### VIGIL LAMPS

**All Saints:**

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**Immaculate Conception:**

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Our Lady

Sacred Heart

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Anna's Wellbeing

St Vincent De Paul Society

Archbishop Stack

For the Pastoral area

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**All Saints:** Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm  
**St. John:** Monday 10:00am before 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

*A parishioner's reflection on **TODAY'S GOSPEL** John 15: 9-17*

Sunday's gospel is beautiful - especially the part when Jesus said "You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit that will last." He picked me. He picked you. How do we bear fruit that will remain?

Mother Theresa and St. Therese of Lisieux truly **understood and lived** this gospel. Their way of life was to do everything with love – to see the face of Christ in everyone with whom they interacted. But they were saintly individuals. How could Mother Theresa care so tenderly for the dying, the wretched, the foul smelling? How did St. Therese' treat with only kindness the nuns who were jealous of her and downright mean? They obtained much grace to love like Jesus loves through prayer. Both of these great, yet humble ladies, began their days with extended time in the Presence of our Lord.

Look to them as shining examples of how we can live Jesus' command to love one another. A good start would be to extend our prayer time – reading God's Word and listening to Him in silence – by five minutes each day. If you spend 0 minutes now, try five. If you spend about five, try ten. God wants to pour grace upon us – to quench our thirst for Him – but we must come to the well to drink – to fill up. Prayer time is when we meet Him at the well.

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

**whose anniversary occurs at this time:**

Guiseppa Sidoli, Mary Ann Lynch, Doris Lloyd, Eirllys Stent, Patrick Twohig, Jean Johns, John Clancy, Anne McGuire.. Marie Davies, Jennifer Padfield

**for the sick and housebound:**

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

**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 & Mavis Garrett, Jeanette Badham, Yvonne Brown, Doris Norris, Kath Williams, Winnie Buckley, Louis Moorhead, Baby Isla, Rovon Jay Powell, Keyon Hughes, Gavin Hughes, Daniel Morgan Bennett

**Eternal Rest**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Terry Murphy** whose Funeral Service will take place on Thursday at 1pm in All Saints.  
Please remember 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