

Collections for Last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass	Spiritans
Immaculate Conception	£176.00	£97.02	£94.28	£367.30	60 53	£233.28
All Saints	£247.00	£120.20	£165.94	£533.14	99	£218.40
St. John's	£137.00	£19.10	£18.55	£174.65	28	£150.00
			Total	£1075.09	240	£601.68

Grateful thanks: The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), write to say: *"Thanks and gratitude for your kind generosity in response to our Mission Appeal in May. The total of £601.68 will greatly increase our ability to bring Christ to the poorest and most neglected. With best wishes"* - from Fr David.

Monday lunch in Immaculate Conception raised £150. Thanks to all who supported.

Grateful thanks to everyone for your contributions.

A retiring collection will be taken today to support **"Day for Life"**. Thank you

Parish Notices

* On Thursday 21st June at Bishop Hedley Catholic High School at 6pm. Golden Jubilee Mass with Archbishop George Stack. An invitation is extended to Past Pupils, Parents and Friends of B.H. Please inform school if you wish to attend for Catering Purposes.

*On Saturday 30th June there will be a Car Boot sale in the car park at Immaculate Conception - £3 per car. Entry to cars at 9am; buyers at 10am.

* On Friday, 6th July St John's Coffee Evening will take place in the Hall at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

*On Saturday 7th July there will be afternoon tea in Immaculate Conception conservatory at 3pm. Cost of ticket £3.

* A volunteer is needed to help clean All Saints church hall once a month. If you can offer your services, please see Vincent after Mass.

* Let us pray for **REV. PETER DAVIES** and **REV. NICHOLAS WILLIAMS** who, on 29th June and 7th July respectively will be Ordained to the Holy Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cardiff. May God bless and guide them in their Ministry.

Wishing you all a Happy Father's Day!
Today is a great opportunity to appreciate
the love and effort of our fathers.



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

17th June 2018

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Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Mecca Davies & Ivy Davies Margaret & Allan Harris RIP Steven Shaw RIP David O'Connor & Riley family
11th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Stephen Aherne RIP Ellen & Bill Roberts RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Jack, Mary & John O'Leary RIP Raymond Rossiter RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Dede, Eyram & Kafui
Monday 18th	10:00am	St. John's	June, Jack Thomas RIP
Tuesday 19th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Special Intentions of Israel & Sheila Mensah
Wednesday 20th	9:30am	All Saints	Patrick McNulty RIP
Thursday 21st	9:30 am	Immaculate Conception	
Friday 22nd	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	For the Mensah family
Saturday 23rd	10:00am	All Saints	Cliggett Family Intentions
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	For all who have or are experiencing slavery
Nativity of St John the Baptist	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Tony Clarke and Bernard Jones RIP (Anniversary)
	10:30am	All Saints	George Gough RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	June & Rita Brady RIP

VIGIL LAMPS

All Saints:	Our Lady	William Kirkby's Wellbeing
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Sick of the Parish
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 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 reflection on TODAY'S GOSPEL Mark 4: 26-34

After a long winter, do you sometimes act like a child at the sight of budding trees and blooming flowers? When the snow seems to disappear, the flowers are in bloom, and the grass changes from dull brown to vibrant green - it is amazing. We're all so used to plant growth that it's easy to forget what a miracle it is!

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses parables of the growth of a seed to describe the Kingdom of God. In both parables, seeds, once scattered and sown, grow on their own accord.

Jesus seems to imply that like a mustard seed, the Kingdom of God has humble beginnings on Earth, but will soon grow to be larger than all else. We cannot control the growth of a seed; likewise, we cannot control the growth of the Kingdom of God – it is natural! The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem began this faith that we call Christianity, and it continues to grow today, providing shade for many.

Just as a mustard seed grows into a large, beautiful plant, the smallest of actions and occurrences may be the beginnings of something much bigger. The Kingdom of God exists in the smallest of seeds: a child's laugh, a sunshine-y day, a "hello" to a stranger, a sharing of a meal, – the list goes on.

Where can we find the Kingdom of God today? We can foster its growth and find comfort in its shade!

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

whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Bina Secca, Roy Lewis, Shirley Murphy, Margaret Evans, Laura Rossiter, Grace Bullen, Lawrence Crawley, Raymond Rossiter, Mary Lee, John O'Leary, George Gough, Mary Robinson.. Antonio Minoli

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, Jimmy Clarke, Michael McCarthy.

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

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