

Collections for Last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£188.00	£51.65	£75.00	£314.65	61 35
All Saints	£453.00	£104.84	£127.71	£685.55	90
St. John's	£113.00	£17.00	£20.20	£150.20	34
			Total	£1150.40	220

Immaculate Conception Christmas dinner raised £335.

Grateful thanks to everyone for your contributions and support.

Parish Notices

Walk with Me Advent 2018. A Booklet of Prayers and Reflections, are available today in the church porch at £1 each.

* **All Saints:** Today, Second Sunday of Advent, choral group 'Eos' will sing 10:30am Mass. A booklet is available with the sung parts of the liturgy. Please join in where you can.

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* **Immaculate Conception** Raffle tickets to be returned today please. Please join us for The Draw which will take place on Tuesday, 11th December after 7pm Mass with Refreshments, mince pies and many prizes.

* **Bishop Hedley school** on 12th December 1-5 pm is our annual **community lunch and celebration**. Three course meal and entertainment from the learners. Free to all and transport provided. Please contact Robin Davies to book your place and to arrange transport.

* **All Saints** will have a Carol Concert on Friday Dec 21st at All Saints at 7pm. All our pastoral area and friends are invited.



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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Second Sunday of Advent 9th Dec 2018

Mass Book P84

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Mary & Christopher Sheehy and Mary & Charles Butler and family
Second Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	For all unborn Human Beings; children; Priests, Religious & Seminarians worldwide Thanksgiving to God for the life of a family
	10:30am	All Saints	Bill Worthington RIP Lionel Lewis RIP Karl O'Leary RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Ray Vaughan RIP
Monday 10th	10:30am	St. John's	
Tuesday 11th	6:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Thanksgiving to God for the life of a family
Wed 12th	9:30am	All Saints Adoration	Jack & Rose Thomas RIP In Thanksgiving Ann Evans
Thursday 13th	11:00am	All Saints	
Friday 14th	6:30pm	Immaculate Conception	
Saturday 15th Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	10:00am	All Saints	Patrick Cahill RIP. Deceased members of the Roberts Family
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	David O'Connor & Family and Riley family
Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	For all unborn Human Beings; children; Priests, Religious & Seminarians worldwide
	10:30am	All Saints	Kath Woolley RIP Barbara Hickett RIP Patrick Murphy RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Dennis Buckley (RIP)

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

VIGIL LAMPS

All Saints: Our Lady Nell & Tom Hopkins RIP
All Saints: Sacred Heart Departed Souls
Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Priests, Religious & Seminarians
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart The Pope, Cardinals & Nuncios

*A REFLECTION on **TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6***

“Make the ground level”; “winding ways will be straightened” and “the rough roads made smooth” is seen as fulfilling the prophecy where there is a call to remove any obstacle that might stand in the way of God showing his salvation to his people.

This gospel reminds us of one of the key themes of Advent: repentance. Repentance and its associated colour purple remind many people of the season of Lent rather than Advent - but it is not difficult to see why it is so central to our preparation for the coming of Jesus.

Without it, the season of Christmas can simply slide into an excuse for over-indulgence, an opportunity to party in an effort to get over the darkness of winter.

The reading shows the true meaning of repentance; - leaving aside anything that might blind us to what God wants for us. Opening ourselves to something new and wonderful and beyond our wildest dreams: ***God coming in the person of his Son.***



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

whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Veronica Crawley, Thomas Clarke, Bessie Gough, Patrick Murphy, Emily Burke, Bill Worthington, Margaret Hockney, Mary Slater.. Dennis Steven Burke, Philip Austin, Eileen Mary Desmond, Patricia Baines, Veronica Yandle, Glenys Simmons, Pauline Mary Thomas, Rosamond Jean Davies.

for the sick and housebound:

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

All Saints: Derek Kerwick, Maria Bevan, Maureen Matthews, John Godfrey, Norma Beecher, Kathleen Bennett, Margaret Williams, Joy Jones, Ron Paul, Maureen Hague, Melvyn Powell, Susan Lewis, Joan Neville, Jennifer

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

<i>Anima Christi</i>
<p>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</p>

<i>Prayer to St Michael the Archangel</i>
<p>St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast down to hell Satan, and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen</p>