**Collections for Last Sunday** 

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At
	3		,		Mass
Immaculate					57
Conception	£176.00	£93.46	£94.30	£363.76	40
All Saints	£149.00	£99.25	£90.41	£338.66	78
St. John's	£87.00	£16.15	£18.65	£121.80	23
			Total	£824.22	<u>198</u>

Immaculate Conception Development Fund for December: £80.36

Grateful thanks to everyone for all your contributions and support.

## **Parish Notices**

**Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child** Please pray for the unborn child. We will have the White Flower appeal and retiring collection after all Masses next weekend.

**All Saints** A meeting for the Friends of All Saints will take place on Monday in the Boys Room at 6pm.

**St John's** next Coffee Evening in Rhymney will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday 1st February at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

## Parish Pilgrimage to "Our Lady Queen of Peace", Medjugorje.

Will take place from Tuesday 14th May to Tuesday 21st May for 7 nights. Package will include coaches, Guides and flights. Accommodation at St John Paul II Hotel will include breakfast and main meal. All-inclusive cost is £589 with £30 off if you book before the end of January.

Please contact Laurence O'Leary or Vince McCarthy as soon as possible if you want to join this pilgrimage.

#### Diocesan YEAR BOOKS 2019 are on sale at the back of the church £3 each.

Immaculate Conception - Safeguarding 2019 Safeguarding representative Brian Holland has submitted the list of Fr. Mensah plus the nine Parishioners who have been D.B.S.(Data Barring Service) checked to the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Commission, They have been all cleared to serve in 2019; the list is on the Notice Board in the Church Porch, along with part of a self-explanatory letter sent to all Safeguarding representatives throughout the Archdiocese of Cardiff clearly stating the Policy of it being necessary for Parishioners in ANY Parish being DBS cleared to work with children and/or vulnerable adults BEFORE they take up such a role.

To contact the newsletter, the email address is: newsletter@trevcatholics.co.uk



# Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St John's, Rhymney

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Second Sunday of O	<b>an 2019</b> <i>Mass Book P118</i>			
	5:30pm	Immaculate	David O'Connor RIP	
Vigil		Conception	Theresa Ettah	
		Conception	James & Eileen Morris RIP	
	9:00am	Immaculate	James & Margaret Driscoll	
Second Sunday of		Conception	The Nyinaku Family	
<b>Ordinary Time</b>	10:30am	All Saints		
	5:30pm	St. John's	John Davies RIP	
Mondoy 21st	10:30am	St. John's	Lilian Baker RIP	
Monday 21st		St. Juin 8	Brian Garrett RIP	
Tuesday 22nd	6:30pm	Immaculate	Wellbeing of Vincent & Sandra	
Tuesday 22nd		Conception	Jones & Sandra Wilcox	
Wed 23rd	9:30am	All Saints	Adoration / Brian Garrett RIP	
W Cu 251 u			Mrs Mary Mensah (b'day)	
Thursday 24th		Immaculate Conception		
Friday 25th	6:30pm	Immaculate Conception	All our Departed Souls	
Saturday 26th	10:00am	All Saints	Patrick Riley RIP	
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	I Fileen Davies RID	
	9:00am		Fr Leo Wolfe RIP	
		Immaculate	Sp Thanksgiving to God for	
		Conception	Favours received	
Third Sunday of			Tony Zeraschi & Family	
<b>Ordinary Time</b>	10:30am		Kathleen & Alf McCarthy RIP	
		All Saints	John O'Sullivan RIP	
			Michael Gough RIP	
	5:30pm	St. John's		

#### 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 LadyJane RowlandsAll Saints:Sacred HeartSick of the Parish.

Immaculate Conception: Our LadyPriests, Religious & SeminariansImmaculate Conception: Sacred HeartThe Pope, Cardinals & Nuncios

## A REFLECTION on **TODAY'S GOSPEL John 2: 1-11**

The human side of the gospel today is the huge need of a young couple at the best day of their life. Jesus hears of their need and the result is the wine for the wedding – but more. It is the promise of the fullness of God.

We look for the **fullness of life** in money, food, travel, security, reputation – none lasts. Only the simplest joys of life really satisfy in the end, like the joy of love, the thrill of friendship, the caring in family and the ways we enjoy the goodness of creation.

A man asked once in the hospice at the end of his life — what is happiness? 'Find happiness now' was the answer — 'be satisfied, be grateful, for what you have, for what you have received, for what God has given you.' There is a fullness of life in being happy with who I am, what I have... and asking God for what he knows I need.

No matter **what our age**, we can do good for others, we can share the graces of life and the soul can grow. That's what we hope can happen for us as life goes on.

In any group of people, some look happy and some look miserable. The happiest are not always the ones who had or are having the easiest life. They are the ones who have found peace with themselves, others and God. Because of the gift of the fullness of God in 'new wine', we always have a home, here and after – in the heart of our God in Jesus Christ now and for eternity.

Jesus of the wedding feast of Cana, give us the faith and hope to know that you can always make a change for the better in our lives, and the love to live by what we receive.

# Please pray for the Parishioners of our Pastoral Area

## whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Angeolina Dean, James O'Donovan, Margaret Crosby, Donald Peachey, Anne Hillman, Jim McCarthy.. Johnny (John) Lee, James John O'Leary, Thomas Hannigan, Joseph Thomas Kiraly, Charles Carpenter, Emilio Anthony Zeraschi

# 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, Mavis Garrett, Jeanette Badham, Yvonne Brown, Doris Norris, Kath Williams, Winnie Buckley, Louis Moorhead, Baby Isla, Rovan 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

### Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

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