

Collections for Last Sunday

| Parish | Gift Aid | Loose | Levy | Total | At Mass |
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| Immaculate Conception | £161.00 | £180.90 | £136.85 | £478.75 | 44 |
| All Saints | £168.00 | £105.98 | £108.63 | £382.61 | 93 |
| St. John's | £91.00 | £37.60 | £24.70 | £153.30 | 29 |
| | | | Total | <u>£1014.66</u> | <u>209</u> |

Grateful thanks to everyone for all your contributions and support.

Parish Notices

Grateful thanks to all parishioners for your Christmas Offerings for Father Joseph.

Immaculate Conception Church needs some help with church cleaning; about one hour a time; usually once every six weeks. If you would like to help, please see Sandra Wilcox. Thank you.

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 if you want to join this pilgrimage. Numbers are required as soon as possible.

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

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Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

Parish Priest: **Fr. Joseph Henry Mensah**

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD 13th Jan 2019

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| Vigil | 5:30pm | Immaculate Conception | John Butler & family Private Intention (Anthony B. RIP) Molly Baines RIP |
| Feast of the Baptism of The Lord | 9:00am | Immaculate Conception | Chris & Veronica Yandle RIP Peter, Lily & Chrispin RIP |
| | 10:30am | All Saints | Intentions of the Cliggett Family Antoinette McCarthy RIP |
| | 5:30pm | St. John's | Jack Thomas RIP Peter George Radford RIP Thomas Hennessey RIP |
| Monday 14th | 10:30am | St. John's | Lilian Baker RIP |
| Tuesday 15th | 6:30pm | Immaculate Conception | Thanksgiving Mass for a family |
| Wed 16th | 9:30am | All Saints | Adoration /Vincent's Wellbeing Margaret Paul RIP |
| Thursday 17th | 11:45am | Immaculate Conception | Requiem Mass Brian Garrett |
| Friday 18th | 6:30pm | Immaculate Conception | |
| Saturday 19th | 10:00am | All Saints | Deceased members of the Adams Family |
| Vigil | 5:30pm | Immaculate Conception | David O'Connor RIP Theresa Ettah |
| Fourth Sunday of Advent | 9:00am | Immaculate Conception | |
| | 10:30am | All Saints | Avril Bennett RIP |
| | 5:30pm | St. John's | John Davies 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 Brian Garrett
All Saints: Sacred Heart Margaret Paul
Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Priests, Religious & Seminarians
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart The Pope, Cardinals & Nuncios

A REFLECTION on TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Today, Jesus' baptism by John was a special moment – the real coming of God's Spirit upon him. The Spirit had come on Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would come to Jesus at his last moment on the Cross.

Today is about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever. It is sending the love and presence and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck. We need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy. Can we be the type of people whom others think it's good to meet? Open to the spirit of God, open to new life, new love, being really fully the person I can be.

✠ **Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the Happy Repose of the Soul of Brian Garrett.
Brian's Requiem will take place in Immaculate Conception
on Thursday 17th January at 11.45am
Please keep Brian and all the family in your prayers.



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

whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Elizabeth Delaney, Gavin Burge, Anne Marie Impey, Patrick McCarthy, Katherine Hooper, Elsie McCarthy, Francis Desmond, Ruby Mitchell, Danny Desmond, Margaret Paul, Beryl Jones, Edwin Brindley... Johnny (John) Lee, James John O'Leary, Thomas Hannigan, Joseph Thomas Kiraly

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, Rován Jay Powell, Keyon Hughes, Gavin Hughes, Daniel Morgan Bennett

| <i>Anima Christi</i> |
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| 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 |

| <i>Prayer to St Michael the Archangel</i> |
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| 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 |