

Collections for Last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£144.00	£90.98	£85.26	£320.24	58
All Saints	£235.00	£107.95	£100.82	£443.77	90
St. John's	£109.00	£27.50	£24.50	£161.50	27
			Total	<u>£925.51</u>	<u>213</u>

Grateful thanks to everyone for all your contributions and support.

Parish Notices

* CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 15th March: A Day of Fast and Abstinence.

* A collection for CAFOD will be taken at all Masses next weekend Sunday 17th March.

* **Immaculate Conception**: has a film night on Thursday 14th March at 7pm
The next lunch will be on Monday 18th March.

* **St John's**: next Coffee Evening in will be on Friday 15th March at 6:30pm

* *Diocesan Year Books 2019* on sale at the back of the church £3 each
and "Walk with Me" booklet for Lent £1 also on sale.



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

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First Sunday of Lent 10th Mar 2019

Mass Book P153

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Mary & Charles Thomas Ivy & Mecca Davies Peter Luff RIP Thomasina Fitzpatrick and Edward Riley
First Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	
	10:30am	All Saints	Margaret Phillips RIP Julia Rowlands RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Joyce McCarthy's Wellbeing
Monday 11th	10:00am 6:30pm	St. John's All Saints	Eucharistic Service Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 12th	6:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Eucharistic Service
Wed 13th	9:30am	All Saints	Stations of the Cross / Eucharistic Service
Thursday 14th			
Friday 15th	6:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Eucharistic Service
Saturday 16th	10:00am	All Saints	Eucharistic Service
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Daniel Scannell RIP
Second Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Patrick & Margaret Conlon RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Patrick Cahill RIP Theresa McCarthy RIP Derek Skovronek RIP.
	5:30pm	St. John's	

VIGIL LAMPS

All Saints:	Our Lady	In Thanksgiving
All Saints:	Sacred Heart	Sick of the Parish
Immaculate Conception:	Our Lady	Priests, Religious & Seminarians
Immaculate Conception:	Sacred Heart	The Pope, Cardinals & Nuncios

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 Luke 4:1-13

Jesus was brought out of the ordinary into a place where he was tempted off-course. Three temptations ... **to comfort, power, wealth.** Even today those three ways can take us over.

Like us all. Money, power and comfort can lead us astray – wanting wealth; to be number one; and prioritise comfort in various ways.

Jesus' words go back to the word of God to find strength and insight to fight off evil. Words he learned at home - or in school.

A big source of energy for us is the word of God. On Ash Wednesday the invitation was to believe the good news. That is where we may find life and strength.

We remain in the church not because of bishops or even improvements in structures, but because of Jesus Christ. The word of God in his gospel remains life-giving and strong.

Today's Gospel shows us that temptations happen often to take us off the path. At a time when church life leaves us a bit down and weak, it is the spirit who led Jesus into the desert keeps him strong there, and will do the same for us.

Something for Lent: Read a bit of the gospel every day. Read the gospel to the children. Maybe look up your own favourite gospels. Simply: just pray.

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Lent

An hour of Readings and Reflections for Lent.

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm in the lounge at **All Saints.**

Everyone is welcome.

We will finish with a bowl of soup and a roll.

Contact Vince, Mary Jones or Chris Bell if you want more detail.

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

whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Fr. Daniel O'Connell, Sandra Benger, Beatrice Skinner, Michael Cliggett, Michael O'Leary, Helen McCarthy, Jean Jenkins, Danny Beynan, Pat Markey, Derek Skovronek.. Catherine Mary James, Mary Morgan, Elizabeth Austyn-Prys, Winifred Moore, Louisa Gina Illari, Royston Matthews

for the sick and housebound:

St John's: Mary Benjamin (Thomas), 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, Margaret Beecham, Norman Beecham

Immaculate Conception: Kath Thomas, Pam Williams, 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

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**