

## Easter attendance and Collections

**Attendance Easter Sunday:** Immaculate Conception: 133;  
All Saints: 77; St John's: 27

**Good Friday Collection** for Holy Places: £247.90

**Lenten Alms:** All Saints: £164.11; St John's £220; Immaculate Conception: £ (tba)

**Parish Development Fund** for March: St John's: £115

*Grateful thanks to everyone for all your contributions and support.*

### Parish Notices:

\* Today is **Divine Mercy Sunday** when we gather together for **A Moment of Grace** at Immaculate Conception at 3pm.

\* **St John's** Easter Basket Raffle raised £50. (Basket was won by Sandra Jones and donated to Bedwellty House Care Home).

\* The next **St John's** Coffee Evening will be held in the hall on Friday 3rd May at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

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**Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar**

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**Divine Mercy Sunday 28th Apr 2019** *Year C Mass Book P262*

<b>Saturday (vigil)</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	
<b>Sunday 28th Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	8:30am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Members of the Reardon family RIP
	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Michael McCarthy RIP Margaret Paul RIP Mary Williams RIP
	12noon		Elaine Jones RIP B'day
	3:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<i>Divine Mercy Veneration and Adoration</i>
<b>Mon 29th</b>	10:00am	<b>St. John's</b>	
<b>Tue 30th</b>	6:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	
<b>Wed May 1st</b>	9:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Adoration / Iris Lewis RIP
<b>Thurs 2nd</b>	-	-	
<b>Fri 3rd</b>	6:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	
<b>Sat 4th</b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Wellbeing of Kath Cutter Fr. Joseph's Intentions
<b>Saturday (vigil)</b>	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Private Int (Reginald B)
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Private Int (Dennis B RIP)
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Tom & Margaret Williams RIP
	5:30pm	<b>St. John's</b>	David Cushen RIP Cushen & Denner Families RIP

### VIGIL LAMPS

**All Saints:**

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**Immaculate Conception:**

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**Our Lady**

**Sacred Heart**

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Well Being of Pat Tagg

Favours Received.

Priests, Religious & Seminarians

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 (John 20: 19-31)**

Some of us call Thomas one of our favourite gospel people. He was a man who did not 'mess about' with his faith. He found faith in the risen Lord hard to take, and let others know. He had often been a bit doubtful earlier – his solution to the prophecy of Jesus' death was that he should to go and die and get it done with.

We can like him too because he did not always get it right. While his doubting is understandable, he also messed things up - he thought he could go it alone. He left the group and so missed the appearance of the risen Lord.

A central theme of our faith is community. Our faith, while deeply personal, is not private. We worship together and celebrate our Christian feasts together as we have gathered together for the vigil and the Eucharist at Easter. Without the shared faith of family, parish, friends, and others, our Christ remains dry and historic.

Thomas messed it up in another way – he looked for touchable proof. He would not only sense the wounds of Christ but would touch them. Jesus took him at his word and said, 'touch my wounds, Thomas'. Nowhere in the gospel of today does it say Thomas did in fact touch Jesus' wounds. Our faith in Jesus is deeper than touch and all he said on meeting the Lord was, 'My Lord and My God'. Our faith, our doubts and our hopes can be put in perspective by Thomas.



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

**whose anniversary occurs at this time:**

Ellen Sharpe, James Twohig, Terry Donovan, George O'Leary, Marjorie Godfrey, Richard Bevan, Agnus Moran, Mary Challis, Margaret Williams, John Fenton.

Johanna Yandle, Brian George Howells, Terence Peter Patrick Price, Elsie Ahearne, John Ernest Roach, Valerie Mary Ecclestone, Maria Kerwin, Gerard O'Connell

**for the sick and housebound:**

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

*All Saints:* Maureen Matthews, John Godfrey, Norma Beecher, Kathleen Bennett, Margaret Williams, Ron Paul, Maureen Hague, Susan Lewis, Joan Neville, Jennifer, Margaret Beecham, Norman Beecham, Pat Tagg

*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

<i>Anima Christi</i>
<p><b>Soul of Christ, sanctify me</b>  <b>Body of Christ, save me</b>  <b>Blood of Christ, inebriate me</b>  <b>Water from the side of Christ, wash me</b>  <b>Passion of Christ, strengthen me</b>  <b>O good Jesus, hear me</b>  <b>Within Thy wounds hide me</b>  <b>Separated from Thee let me never be</b>  <b>From the malicious enemy defend me</b>  <b>In the hour of my death call me</b>  <b>And bid me come unto Thee</b>  <b>That I may praise Thee with Thy saints.</b>  <b>Forever and ever Amen</b></p>

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