

Collections for Last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£137.00	£107.56	£100.84	£345.40	50
All Saints	£191.00	£97.35	£138.70	£427.05	87
St. John's	£127.00	£13.50	£20.00	£160.50	26
				<u>£932.95</u>	<u>214</u>

Grateful thanks to everyone for all your contributions and support.

Parish news:

Mass times for Christmas

There will be Carol singing before each Mass.

Christmas Eve:	All Saints	6pm
	Immaculate Conception	8pm
	St John's	Midnight mass
Christmas Day:	Immaculate Conception	10am

All Saints Church. Christmas Carols

The children of All Saints School will be singing in church after 10:00am Mass on Wednesday 18th December. Please come and enjoy the singing of the children.

All Saints

+ Please hand your Red APF boxes money to Mary Taylor or to the Sacristy.
+ We have a selection of Christmas Cards, thanks to the Ladies at the Craft Class. Please give them your support by purchasing the cards. Thank you.

Immaculate Conception

+ Christmas Prize Draw will take place in the Conservatory on Tuesday 17th December after 6:30 pm Mass. Please join us for the Draw with mince pies and refreshments.



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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Third Sunday of Advent

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Saturday 14th	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Catherine Parry RIP Elizabeth, Micky, Charlie & John O'Connell family
Third Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Veronica and Chris Yandle Clark, Smith, Bennett & Jones families Private intention
	10:30am	All Saints	Michael Buckley RIP Barbara Hickey RIP Michael McCarthy RIP For the Country (SVP) Emily Burke RIP Rose Healey RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Mary & Gwyn Morgan
Mon 16th	10:30am	St John's	
Tue 17th	6:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Our Lady's Triumph
Wed 18th	9:30am 10:00am	All Saints	Adoration & Mass Kath Woolley RIP
	11:30am	Immaculate Conception	Funeral of Kathy Elizabeth Aplin
Thurs 19th	-	-	
Fri 20th	10:30am	Immaculate Conception	Funeral of Patricia Ann Price
	6:30pm		Lynette Gibbs
Sat 21st	10:00am	All Saints	Deceased members of Marston, Thomas & Hamilton Families
Saturday vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	
Fourth Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Lynette Gibbs
	10:30am	All Saints	George & Michael Gough RIP Gavin Burge RIP Ellen & Ron Attwood RIP Bart Hamilton & Eddie Bailey RIP Derek Skovronek RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	Ray Taglietti RIP Dennis, David & Terry Buckley RIP

CHURCH LAMPS

All Saints: *Our Lady* Wellbeing of All within our Pastoral area
All Saints: *Sacred Heart* All our deceased relatives and friends
All Saints: *St Joseph* The aged, the Sick and housebound
Imm Conception: *Our Lady* The clergy, Religious & Seminarians
Imm 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 - Matthew 11: 2-11

There is real comfort in this story. John the Baptist, the powerful, austere man who held such a sway among the Jews, still had his moments of darkness.

Imprisoned in Herod's dungeon, he wondered: "Am I a fool?"; "Is this all there is?"; "Was I wrong about Jesus?" But he does not just brood on the question; he sends messengers to Jesus.

But Jesus does not send back reassurances; he just asks the messengers to open their eyes and see the evidence of Jesus' life.

Great as John was, we see that he did not live with pure certainty. He followed in faith - even as he allowed good questions to be asked.

We can pray that we may ask the right questions and, like John the Baptist, always direct them to Jesus.

**"Lord, in my moments of doubt and darkness,
may I fill my eyes with you."**

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

whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Mary Slater RIP, Graham Megraw, Bessie O'Leary, Barbara Hickey, Urien Williams, Laurence Pearce, Jimmy Murphy, Anne O'Dwyer.. Pauline Mary Thomas, Rosamond Jean Davies, Veronica Yandle, Glenys Simmons, Dennis Steven Burke, Philip Austin, Eileen Mary Desmond, Patricia Baines

for the sick and housebound:

St John's: Mary Benjamin (Thomas), Peter Cavendar, Maria Roberts

All Saints: Maureen Matthews, Norma Beecher, Margaret Williams, Maureen Hague, Susan Lewis, Joan Neville, Jennifer, Margaret Beecham, Norman Beecham, Mary Hillier, Ann Williams, Maria James

Immaculate Conception: Kath Thomas, Pam Williams, Mavis Garrett, Jeanette Badham, Yvonne Brown, Doris Norris, Kath Williams, Louis Moorhead, Baby Isla, Rowan Jay Powell, Keyon Hughes, Gavin Hughes.

<i>Anima Christi</i>
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>
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