

Christmas Offering.

At the back of the Church are Christmas Offering Envelopes.
Please take one and donate generously to your Parish Priest: Father Richard

Collections for Last Sunday

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>At Mass</i>
Immaculate Conception	£180.00	£97.41	£97.80	£375.21	58
All Saints	£224.00	£90.46	£91.07	£405.53	93
St. John's	£116.00	£28.40	£28.25	<u>£172.65</u>	<u>36</u>
				<u>£953.39</u>	<u>233</u>

Grateful thanks to everyone for all your contributions and support.

- * **All Saints** APF Red Box Collection: £350.
- * **Immaculate Conception** £14.25 was raised for the Poppy appeal.
- * **St John's** Christmas Coffee afternoon held last Saturday raised £250 for parish funds. Many thanks to all who have supported us during the year.

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 Volunteers please help to clean the church on Sunday at 5pm or Monday at 10am.

Immaculate Conception

Christmas Prize Draw Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Draw which raised £765 for church funds.

Altar Servers A meeting of all people interested in helping serve the Altar on Wednesday 8th January at 6pm. Both young and old are welcome.

May The Lord find a pleasant dwelling in your home and abundantly bless you with His endless love and favours throughout the new year!



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Fourth Sunday of Advent *Mass Book Year A* *Page 90* **22nd Dec 2019**

Saturday 21st	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Lynette Gibbs Bert Carroll
Fourth Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	George & Michael Gough RIP Gavin Burge RIP Ellen & Ron Attwood RIP Bart Hamilton & Eddie Bailey RIP Derek Skovronek RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Ray Taglietti RIP Dennis, David & Terry Buckley RIP
	5:30pm	St John's	
Mon 23rd	10:30am	St John's	
Tue 24th Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	6:00pm	All Saints	Cliggett Family Intentions
	8:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Gary Webber McCarthy Darren Thomas Eileen Mary Desmond
	12midnight	St John's	
Wed 25th Christmas Day	10:00am	Immaculate Conception	Pembridge and Wilcox families
Thurs 26th St Stephen	-	-	
Fri 27th St John Apostle	6:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Withanage Family Agnes Wellbeing
Sat 28th Holy Innocents	10:00am	All Saints	Jack & Rose Thomas RIP Benkins Family
Saturday vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Trevor & Susan Lewis Benkins Family
Sunday 29th The Holy Family	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	
	10:30am	All Saints	Margaret Griffiths RIP Dennis Bevan RIP Intentions of the Dullea & Robinson Family.
	5:30pm	St John's	Deceased members of the Dallanegra Family Jeremiah & Ceridwen Buckley RIP

CHURCH LAMPS

All Saints:	<i>Our Lady</i>	Wellbeing of All within our Pastoral area
All Saints:	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	All our deceased relatives and friends
All Saints:	<i>St Joseph</i>	The aged, the Sick and housebound
Imm Conception:	<i>Our Lady</i>	The clergy, Religious & Seminarians
Imm Conception:	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	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 1:18-24

Joseph is faced with a heart-breaking dilemma. His life is in turmoil because he loves Mary so much. Just imagine for a few moments how welcome the angel's message must have been to him!

How quickly he acts, allowing himself to follow his heart and not allowing his sense of legal obligation to rule.

How often in scripture does the quiet prompting of the Spirit come from within, in the form of a dream. How sensitive must the dreamers have been, to recognise the Spirit in their hearts.

What situations, relationships, or events do you feel are out of your control? Present them to God this week. Pray for his will and his blessing.

Ask ourselves: "Do I invite the Spirit to prompt me?" "How ready am I to hear what the Spirit might suggest?"

When the Lord calls us, what will be our choice? Do we choose sin to reconcile us to the world, or choose Christ to reconcile us to God? When He comes to us, will we rejoice?

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Canon Magner, Molly O'Sullivan, Roy Amos, Michael Hand, Gorden Gould, Bryn Jones, Maureen Archer, Eileen Desmond, Eugene Sullivan, Leslie Moseley, John Roberts, Nell Hopkins, Megan Reece, James O'Connor, Vesta Clancy, Gertrude Cotter, Cecilia O'Leary.. Pauline Mary Thomas, Rosamond Jean Davies, Veronica Yandle, Glenys Simmons

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.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the Happy Repose of the soul of Maria James who died last week. Funeral arrangements are to be announced.
Please keep Maria and her family in your prayers. RIP.

<i>Anima Christi</i>	<i>Prayer to St Michael the Archangel</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	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

