

### Collections for Sunday 12th January

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	Attendance
Immaculate Conception	£218.00	£78.56	£103.96	£400.52	140
All Saints	£205.00	£142.26	£105.38	£452.64	115
St. John's	£153.00	£44.29	£43.45	<u>£240.74</u>	<u>55</u>
			Total	<u>£1093.90</u>	<u>310</u>

The Sunday lunch at Moose Hall Tredegar on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan raised £470 for church funds. With grateful thanks to the organisers, and to the supporters who enjoyed a fine lunch!

*Thank you for all your contributions and generosity.*

### Parish Notices

\* **Parish Meeting:** A very big Thank You to all who responded to the invitation to our **Parish Meeting** last Wednesday in St. John's Hall, Rhymney; more than 20 representatives attended. I am grateful for all your contributions to make the meeting a success. It is my prayer that all decisions taken would help for the good running of the Parish; for our good, the good of the church and the Glory of God. Let us continue to pray for a united Parish Family.

The Minutes will be available on the Notice boards as soon as possible.

\* All **adults seeking Baptism** and reception into the Church will have their first meeting after evening mass at Immaculate Conception on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>.

\* **Mass in farewell.** On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm in St John's we celebrate a Mass to say farewell to Paul and Judith Keneally who are moving away to Cornwall. Mass will be followed by a party in the hall.

\* **School Reunion.** Any former pupils interested in attending a reunion for Pat Meadows, former teacher of All Saints, who taught there for a number of years (mainly 1962-1966) to be held at All Saints Hall on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 7:30pm. If you are interested please give your name to Kath Kirkby (305084) with your deposit of £5 ASAP.

\* **All Saints cleaning** We are looking for two volunteers to clean the Church Hall once a month on a Tuesday evening. Any takers? Please contact Joy on 303794. Thank You.



### Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

Parish Priest: **Fr. Edmund Neizer** Tel: **01495 717162**

The Presbytery, Scwrfa Road, Dukestown, Tredegar NP22 4AT

### Second Sunday of Ordinary time Year A 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014

2nd Sunday of Ordinary time (Vigil)	5:30pm	St John's	Mike Godfrey
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Rachel & Tom Cobb Sp. Intention Mary M. Driscoll RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Cliggett Family RIP Graham Megraw RIP
	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Christopher Vincent Yandle RIP
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00am	St John's	Rachel & Tom Cobb Sp. Int.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Chris Yandle RIP
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00am	All Saints	Elizabeth Delaney RIP
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am	St Joseph's School	
	6:00pm	St John's	Paul & Judith
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Chris Yandle RIP
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	All Saints	Tony & Kian Murphy RIP
3rd Sunday of Ordinary time (Vigil)	5:30pm	St John's	Barbara & Les Cushen RIP
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Stan Turner Mary & Margaret Driscoll RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Kathleen & Alf McCarthy RIP John O'Sullivan RIP
	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Christopher Vincent Yandle RIP

### Confessions:

St John's: Monday after mass, Saturday 4:30pm - 5:00pm

Immaculate Conception: Tuesday 6:30-7pm; Friday 5:30pm

All Saints: Wed after mass; Saturday after mass

There will also be Confessions by arrangement

Vigil Lamps

All Saints: Our Lady In Thanksgiving  
All Saints: Sacred Heart David Scrivens  
Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Yvonne Brown  
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart Baby Christopher Lukas Clegg RIP

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From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

"John the Baptist is 'more than a prophet.' In Him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the 'voice' of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John 'came to bear witness to the light.' In John's sight the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfils the longing of the angels. 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remains, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God. ... Behold the Lamb of God.'" (CCC, 719)

Beloved, by accepting the incarnation of Jesus Christ, by baptism, we have been given power to become Children of God, and that is what we are. Through the Holy Spirit we have been made 'light to the nations that the salvation of God may reach to the ends of the world.'

Let us begin, by our lives in word and deed to be true witnesses in our homes, parishes and communities of God's love and salvation.

Stay Blessed and remain in God's Love and care!

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Eternal Rest

✠ Please pray for the Repose of the soul of Ian Tudor Jones who died suddenly on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at his home and was buried on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014 after a funeral service at Immaculate Conception Church. Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to the family.

✠ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Baby Christopher Lukas Clegg who died in the womb of his mother on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at Nevill Hall. His service and burial will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 at Cwm cemetery. Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to the parents, Martina and Peter Clegg.

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Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

The Holy Gospel of John 1: 29 - 34

The Apostle John's Holy Gospel spoke of John the Baptist. Perfect first-born male lambs were slain as part of the Jewish Passover, and sacrifice for their sins. The Baptist gave Jesus the special name of "Lamb of God". In the Mass; before communion time we say or sing about "The Lamb of God".

John the Baptist knew Jesus was the "Son of God" and baptized with the "Holy Spirit". He was there when the Spirit came from "God the Father" to Jesus and rested on HIM in the form of a DOVE from Heaven.

The Baptist prepared the way uniquely for Jesus to come into people's lives. We too are called to be witnesses to the "Lamb of God" by our convictions and lifestyle.

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Anniversaries

***Please remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:***

Edwin Brindley, Angeolina Dean, James O'Donovan, Margaret Crosby, Donald Peachey, Vernon Legge.

Sick of the parishes

***Also please remember the sick in your daily prayer:***

Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Jim Clarke, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, Margaret Griffiths, Lina Guidice, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Brenda Hayden, Mary Hillier, Ken Holmes, Kate Hooper, Graham Hughes, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Nigel Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Colin Lee, Margaret Leesk, Doris Lloyd, Eithnes McCardle, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Mary Moseley, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, Cathy O'Leary, Jean Plummer, Bill Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Dennis Sullivan, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Tony Zeraschi, Margaret Lawrence, John Godfrey

***If you know of a name on this list that needs to be changed please pass a note to Father.***  
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