



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

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**The Epiphany of the Lord Year A** 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014

<b>The Epiphany of the Lord (Vigil)</b>	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	Nicola James (Sick) Aldo Roffi RIP
	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Betty Reeves Mary & Gaynor Davies
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Jack & Rose Thomas RIP Allan Jones RIP
	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Bill, Doris & Gerald McCarthy
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	10:00am	<b>St John's</b>	Damian Jenkins
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Margaret Driscoll
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Requiem Mass Graham Megraw
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am	<b>St Joseph's School</b>	
	2:00pm	<b>St John's</b>	Funeral service June Arlene Heath
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Funeral service Chris Yandle
	6:00pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Jim, Ginny & Mary Driscoll
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am	<b>All Saints</b>	Joe Sidoli RIP Allan Jones RIP
<b>The Baptism of the Lord (Vigil)</b>	5:30pm	<b>St John's</b>	Jeremiah & Ceridwen Buckley & family
	9:00am	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Davie & Sylvie Vaughan, Ivy & Mecca Davis
	10:30am	<b>All Saints</b>	Paul Crawley RIP Edwin Scrivens RIP
	5:30pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Ray Morgan

**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

**Collections for Sunday 29th December**

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>Levy</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Immaculate Conception	£260.00	£180.35	£85.64	£525.99	119
All Saints	£197.00	£141.87	£102.80	£441.67	110
St. John's	£127.00	£29.20	£25.00	<u>£181.20</u>	<u>42</u>
			Total	<u>£1148.86</u>	<u>271</u>

\* The audited accounts for Immaculate Conception and St John's are posted on their respective Parish Notice boards for your perusal.

\* Immaculate Conception Christmas raffle raised £934 – grateful thanks to all who contributed in any way.

\* Rhymney '49 Club' raised £1,508 for parish funds. Many thanks to those who continually support this ongoing fund raising project.

**100 Club Winners – 31/12/2013**

1st Prize	No. 23	Hilda	£50
2nd Prize	No. 152	Dennis Jones	£25
3rd Prize	No. 78	Mary O'Connor	£10

Immaculate Conception 100 club raised £1,096 in the year 2013. Thank you for your support.

**Parish Notices**

\* Our next **Parish Meeting** will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at St. John's Hall, Rhymney. The Agenda would be to evaluate the Activities and programmes of the Past Year and to Plan programmes and Activities for the Year 2014. Invitation is to all representatives of the Three Parishes and the Schools in the Pastoral Area. Interested volunteers of the faithful are also very welcome to this meeting.

\* **Monthly Quiz** will take place at All Saints Church Hall on Thursday 9th January at 7/7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you all back after the Christmas break.

\* **School Reunion.** Any former pupils interested in attending a reunion for former teacher of All Saints, Pat Meadows 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. For further details contact Kath Kirkby on 305084.

**Vigil Lamps**

All Saints: Our Lady Peg Scrivens  
All Saints: Sacred Heart Edwin Scrivens  
Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Sheila Howells  
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart Yvonne Brown

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**From the Parish Priest**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the Glory of God shine upon you as we place all our hope and trust in Him!

“The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (Magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as the Son of God and saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that 'the full number of the nations' now takes its 'place in the family of the patriarchs,' and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made 'worthy of the heritage of Israel').” (CCC. 528)

Beloved, we are privileged to be part of the “New Israel” – The people of God. In the Spirit of our common heritage as the 'body of Christ', let us by the life of unity and Love in the Holy Spirit, manifest the Peace and Joy that Christ brings through His Incarnation for the salvation of all peoples, in our Pastoral Area throughout the New Year.

May we remain blessed in God's Love and care!  
Have a happy New Year!

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**Eternal Rest**

✠ Please pray for the Happy Repose of the soul of Graham Megraw whose Requiem Mass will take place at All Saints on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Please keep Graham, Kath and his family in your prayers.

✠ Please pray for the Happy Repose of the soul of June Arlene Heath who died on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. The Funeral service will take place at St John's on Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm.

✠ Please pray for the Happy Repose of the soul of Chris Yandle who died on the 26<sup>th</sup> December. The Funeral service will take place at Immaculate Conception on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30pm. Our condolences and prayers go to the family.

✠ Father John Meredith of Our Lady and St Patricks, Maesteg passed away on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December. The Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00 in St David's Cathedral, Cardiff. Your prayers are asked for the repose of his soul. Let us continue to pray for all our priests, and for vocations in the Archdiocese.

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**Anniversaries**

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

David Jones, Betty Hand, John Hand, Allan Jones, Lucy Williams, Michael Lynch, Johanna Lewis, George Hopkins, Jane Preece, Edwin Scrivens, Ted Williams, George Buckley, Jackie Cahill, Eillen Davies.

**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, Tudor Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Colin Lee, Margaret Lees, Doris Lloyd, Eithnes McCardle, John McGuire, 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

***If you wish to add (or remove) a name on this list - please pass a note to Father.***

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