



Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar

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

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Collections for last Sunday

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	Attendance
Immaculate					
Conception	£259.00	£61.50	£86.36	£406.86	138
All Saints	£229.00	£159.92	£101.69	£490.61	130
St. John's	£170.50	£15.70	£27.74	<u>£213.94</u>	<u>42</u>
			Total	<u>£1111.41</u>	<u>314</u>

Thank you for all your contributions and generosity.

Parish Notices

* **Mission Appeal.** This weekend we welcome Fr. Jack Thora of Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) to our Pastoral Area for Mission Appeal. Please let us donate generously to a worthy cause.

Fr. Edmund is away until Friday 28th to prepare for the Lenten season and Easter celebrations. May we support him with our prayers for a fruitful retreat and be assured that he will be doing the same for us.

There will be Eucharistic services and adorations on the weekdays that he is away at the usual Mass times. Let us come together to pray for our good and the good of the Church.

* All Saints **Luncheon Club** on Tuesday at 1pm. Last day for names please.

* **Pastoral Care Project** Week of Prayer & Awareness of Dementia 12-19th March. Please show support for your Brothers and Sisters by praying for all those who experience the effects of Dementia. Resources for Prayer Groups are available from the website www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk

* WNP to **Lourdes** still seek nurses and adult volunteers to assist with the National Pilgrimage. If interested please contact Vincent on 304022.

* **Please note** there will be no St David's Day Social Evening.

TREDEGAR: SAFETY NOTICE.

Dangerous pieces of stone are falling from the church roof.

At the front of the Church, stone is falling from the roof to the left of the entrance doors, and also on the side access path from the Car Park (the Sirhowy Bridge side). It is essential that the car park is accessed only from the Sacristy side until repairs are made. Anyone now using the blocked pathway does so AT THEIR OWN RISK.

Our Pastoral area website: www.trevcatholics.co.uk has this week's newsletter to view.

7th Sunday of Ordinary time Year A (Mass Book p.139) 23rd February 2014

7 th Sunday of Ordinary time (Vigil)	Time	Parish	Event
	5:30pm	St John's	Lazzaro Minoli, RIP Anniv
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Fr. Leo Wolfe RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Bill Worthington RIP
	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	John Butler
Monday 24th	10:00am	St John's	Eucharistic Service & Adoration
Tuesday 25th	1:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Funeral Service Bill Price
	7:00pm		Eucharistic Service & Adoration
Wednesday 26th	10:00am	All Saints	Eucharistic Service & Adoration
Thursday 27th	----	---	No Mass
Friday 28th	1:00pm	All Saints	Funeral Service Thomas O'Shea
	6:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Annarita Cinotti B'day, Kathleen Durham & The Lewis Family RIP Dammi & Doreen Cooray RIP
Saturday March 1st			
St Davids Day	10:00am	All Saints	Selina Hussey RIP Claire Liversage RIP
8th Sunday of Ordinary time (vigil)	5:30pm	St John's	Maria Theresa B'day
	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Agnes Clark RIP The Sullivan Family RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	
	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Margaret Hughes B'day

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St John's: Following Monday 10:00am Mass

All Saints: Following Wednesday 10:00am Mass

Immaculate Conception: Friday from 12 noon to 6:00pm with Mass following

Vigil Lamps

All Saints: St Joseph Gareth Jones
All Saints: Sacred Heart Anne O'Dwyer RIP
Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Agnes B McKenna
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart For the good of the Parish

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From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Love is our calling, Love is our mission, Love is our law and Love is our final goal – that is, God. To be Holy as the Lord our God is Holy, is to Love unconditionally our neighbour as ourselves.

“The Law of the Gospel fulfils the commandments of the Law. The Lord’s Sermon on the Mount, far from abolishing or devaluing the moral prescriptions of the Old Law, releases their hidden potential and has new demands arise from them: it reveals their entire divine and human truth. It does not add new external precepts, but proceeds to reform the heart, the root of human acts, where man chooses between the pure and the impure, where faith, hope and charity are formed and with them the other virtues. The Gospel thus brings the Law to its fullness through imitation of the perfection of the heavenly Father, through forgiveness of enemies and prayer for persecutors, in emulation of the divine generosity.” (CCC, 1968)

Beloved, Let us love one another because love comes from the Good Lord. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God, because God is Love. We ‘must therefore be perfect just as our Heavenly Father is perfect.’

Remain in God’s love and care!

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Sacraments

✠ The Rite of Election for Catechumen and candidates will take place at St. David's Cathedral on Sunday 9th March 2014 at 3pm. All are invited, especially those seeking Baptism and Reception in the Church this Easter with their sponsors and family.
CATECHUMEN: Ronald Paul, Robert Phillip Ingles, Patricia Mary Stead.
CANDIDATES: Ruth Hilary Rayner, Andrew Phillip Rayner, Peter James Clegg.
Please give them all your prayers and support.

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Eternal Rest

✠ Please pray for the Happy Repose of the souls of Thomas Patrick O'Shea and Bill Price, who died during the week. Please keep them and the families in your prayers

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Gospel Reflection from a Parishioner

The Holy Gospel of Matthew 5: 38 - 48

Jesus teaches us to discard some acquired and abused "Knowledge" to embrace a deeper understanding of loving your neighbour, with loving your enemy as well. This teaching; unique to Christianity, is a reflection of God's perfection. It concludes the Sermon - on the - Mount by telling everyone to be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is. We must wage peace not war, reply to people we don't like with charity, or offer of friendship.

"Love is the only thing that can turn an enemy into a friend". (Martin Luther King Jr.)

"Lord we thank you for the great teachings which Jesus left us in this passage. They are opposed to what we hear all around us, and we know they are true".

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Please pray for the parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:

✠ Those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Margaret Watkins, Ethan Edwards, Ivor Lewis, Elana Antoniazzi.

✠ The sick: Jeanette Badham, Michael Buckley, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Doris Chappell, Jim Clarke, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Hilda Dollin, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Margaret Griffiths, Lina Guidice, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Brenda Hayden, Mary Hillier, Ken Holmes, Kate Hooper, 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 Lawrence, 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, Owen 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. Julie Thomas.

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