



# Eglwys Gatholig Sant Joseff, Castellnedd. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Neath.

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*Serving the Catholic Community of the Neath Valley*

## Times of Holy Mass for the coming week

| Day  | Time and Place  | Intention   |
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| <b>Sunday 2nd August</b><br>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath<br>6:00 pm Saturday Neath<br>10:30 am Sunday Neath | Parish & People<br>Agnes Davies (Spec. Int.) (Kevin & Lorna)<br>Sr. Josephine Brady R.I.P.      |
| <b>Monday 3rd August</b>                                 | <i>NO MASS</i>  |   |
| <b>Tuesday 4th August</b><br><i>St. John Vianney</i>     | 6.30 Neath  | Ann Hanford R.I.P (Richard Hanford)   |
| <b>Wednesday 5th August</b>                              | 9.30 Neath<br>11.00 Glynneath   | Sr. Josephine Brady R.I.P (Ron & Anne)Sr.<br>Josephine Brady R.I.P                              |
| <b>Thursday 6th August</b><br><i>The Transfiguration</i> | 9.30 Neath  | A. Duda (K.H.)  |
| <b>Friday 7th August</b>                                 | 9.30 Neath<br>Followed by Exposition until 10.30                              | David & Hannah Davies (Spec. Int.)  |
| <b>Saturday 8th August</b>                               |   |   |
| <b>Sunday 9th August</b><br>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath<br>6:00 pm Saturday Neath<br>10:30 am Sunday Neath | Parish & People<br>Paddy Cunningham R.I.P. (T.C.)<br>Jean Thompson (R.I.P.) (Kathleen & Family) |



### Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



**Readers for this week: 1st/2nd August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday Evening:** David Reynolds, Maureen McAteer

**Sunday Morning:** Isabelle Buckingham, Cath Sheehan

**Readers for next week: 8th/9th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday Evening:** Lorna Halloran, Volunteer required

**Sunday Morning:** Peter Buckingham, Sheila Williams



### Church Cleaning

#### Team 2

**Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection**

19.07.15: £480.10 Levy:

£97.50,

Day for Life: £138.05.

Glynneath: 11.07: £40.90, 18.07: £57.50

Apos. of the Sea: £11.90, 25.07: 47.50.



### Please pray for those in our parish who are sick and housebound, especially:

Kath Wellington, Eileen Williams,  
Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram,

Audrey Gammon, Peter and Hazel Huxtable,  
Marjorie Grant, Olive Davies, Leo Linney,  
Mike O'Hea,

Gladys Gallagher, Tony & Gaynor Pickrell,  
Lilian Lowry, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick,  
Mary Holmes, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans,  
Bernard Madden, Harper Marie Beasley and  
Anita Gore.



### Of your Charity, pray for those who have died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Lorenzo Linciano, Anthony Roberts. Ellen Garbally, Margaret Moorland and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them – may they rest in peace. Amen.*



Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for:

P.M.H.



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

V & D Taylor



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Vernon Phillips  
(Good Health)

**CROESO—WELCOME!** If you are visiting the parish or you are returning home to be with family and friends, or you have returned to Church after being away for some time—welcome! Its good to have you here.

**Exposition:** Friday morning after Mass.

**St John Kemble:** a) Note for the diary! Patronal Festival, Friday 21st August 6 p.m., followed by refreshments. b) Pilgrimage to the grave of St John Kemble, to arrive at 3.00 at Welsh Newton on Sunday 23rd August. Names of those interested in going as soon as possible so that transport can be arranged. A deposit of £5 by 9th August. Thank you.

**Diocesan Jubilee Newsletter 6:** please pick up a copy from the back of church.

**Concert:** The Cambrian Consort of Viols (Director: Father Paul Brophy) present a recital of Ayres and Dances by Mister John Jenkins at St. David's Roman Catholic Church, St. David's Place, Swansea, SA1 3NG on Sunday August 2nd at 7.30pm

**Sr. Carmel:** There will be a meeting in the Parish Hall of all who are travelling in September after the 6.30 Mass this Tuesday (4th August).

**Proclaim the Good News Renewal Conference:** Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd August 2015 at University of Trinity Saint David College Road Carmarthen. Cost: weekend full board £125, day visitors £25 including lunch. For further details see the poster on the notice board.

**Assisted Suicide Bill - Message from Bishop Tom:** On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging him/her to attend the debate and to vote against the Bill. You can send an email to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website ([www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide)) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the

church.

**Catholic Bible School:** Scripture Saturday at St David's, Swansea on 26th September. See notice board for further details.

**Seminarian:** Bishop Tom has accepted Robert Davies (St. Joseph's Parish, Port Talbot) for priestly formation in Menevia. Initially, he will go to Valladolid for the Propaedeutic Year, and has been accepted by the Rector. Please keep Robert in your prayers.

**Thank you:** A very big thank you for your most generous offering. It was, and continues to be, a great privilege to be able to serve the community of St. Joseph's Neath. Deacon Jim.

**Message from Bishop Tom:** I have received the following message from the Vatican for Menevia's contribution of £4,051.60 to the Peter's Pence collection.

"His Holiness wishes me to thank you for this gift, which will help him in the exercise of his universal ministry. He is aware of the devotion which motivated this contribution from the faithful, and he is deeply appreciative of this testimony to the bond of love uniting the local Churches with the See of St. Peter.

Commending you and the clergy, religious and laity of the Diocese to the loving protection of Mary, Mother of the Church, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing".

**Bishop's Diocesan Tour Reflections:** Over the coming few weeks the newsletter will contain a selection of Bishop Tom's reflections resulting from his grand tour of the Diocese earlier this year.

### **Bishop's Diocesan Tour Reflections**

**D. hone homilies** to ensure that they are relevant and topical. It was requested that priests explain and apply the Scriptures clearly, rather than resorting to extra-cerebral interpretations. Practical and experiential references have more impact. A homily is not a lecture. It should, and does, give people a thought or two to take away with them, affecting both mind and heart, spirit and emotion. It should leave people wanting to do something about what they have heard, to the extent that they want to put some ideas into action themselves – and tell others about it too!

**E. Some priests are still saying Mass in an old-fashioned way.**

They have not even yet adapted to coming out from behind the altar. They and their presentation sometimes appear unprepared; they stumble over words; they "lose" things around the sanctuary and wander off in search of them, even to the sacristy. Others, however, are brilliant, well prepared, yet flexible, communicative, listenable to, AND humorous!, without making entertainment the only experience that people remember. A Celebrant and Readers should automatically accept they need to use a microphone. Using the sound system – tested for each individual Priest and Reader to detect the correct levels of volume, etc. - makes all the difference in clarity, hearing, ease of listening, and linking into the Loop system for those who are hard of hearing. Be aware of a church's acoustics.

**The Parish Hall:** Is available for hire at very reasonable rates. If you would like to book the hall, please contact Angela Healey on 01792 424168 or 07708105147.

**Parent & Toddler Group:** meet in the hall every Wednesday morning from 9:30 -11:30. New members welcome! !



Would you like to have a 7 day candle burn for an intention in the Church? We now have candles near the statues of the Sacred Heart, Our Lady and St Joseph, that you can request to be lit for an intention that can be published in the newsletter each week. Apart from being an age old devotional practice, the donated money can help raise funds for our Church. The envelopes are available at the back of the Church.