



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
Sunday 10th March <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	3.30 pm (Sat) Glynneath 4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Stations of the Cross Parish & People Kitty Williams R.I.P. Rita Newton R.I.P. (Ann & Vi)
Monday 11th March	No Mass	
Tuesday 12th March	6.30 pm Neath	McKeever Family (Spec. Int.)
Wednesday 13th March	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	John Howell R.I.P. (Annick & Family) MICF R.I.P.
Thursday 14th March	No Mass	
Friday 15th March <i>CAFOD Fast Day</i>	9.30 am Neath 7.00 pm Neath	John Paul McKeever R.I.P. Stations of the Cross
Sunday 16th March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	3.30 pm (Sat) Glynneath 4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Stations of the Cross Maurice Hoare R.I.P. (Henry) Parish & People Peter Cummings R.I.P. (Robert Grant)

Confessions

Neath & Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: 9th/10th March *First Sunday of Lent*

Saturday Evening: Paula MacPherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones

Sunday Morning: Berni Payne, Bethan Lee

Readers for next week: 16th/17th March *Second Sunday of Lent*

Saturday Evening: Patrick McAteer, Ceri McAteer

Sunday Morning: Sheila Williams, Elizabeth Fluck



Church Cleaning

Team: 1



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

Neath: 13.03.2019: £625.49, Levy: £81.00

Glynneath: 02.03.2019: £61.80



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

Kath Wellington, Benitia Whittington, Peter Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Matilda Jones, Anita Gore, Nicky Walsh, Ann Moruzzi, Kath Woolley, Roger Fluck, and Lorna O'Brien .



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

Douglas Fursland, Bernard Lee, Danilo Tambini, Nora Solari, Edward Doyle, Gladys Finnegan 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:

Peter Healey R.I.P.



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Fr. Bill Lloyd R.I.P.



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Special Intentions M & R

WELCOME! To all visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay in the area. Do join the gathering in the Hall after Mass on Sunday morning if you are able.

Silence and Prayer before Mass: In both churches there has been a request to observe silence and prayer before Mass. "Before Mass we can speak with God. During Mass God can speak to us. After Mass we can speak to each other!"

Bishop Tom Pastoral Visit: Bishop Tom will be the main celebrant at our School Mass on Sunday 24th March at 10.30.

Ash Wednesday & Lent: Ash Wednesday: marks the beginning of Lent, a 40 day pilgrimage to Holy Week and Easter. We shall follow the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7.00 pm in St Joseph's and on Saturdays at 3.30 pm in St John Kemble. Our Deanery Lenten Station Mass with Bishop Tom takes place at Our Lady of Margam on Thursday 28th March at 7.00 pm.

Please remember: Eliza Rose Gray in your prayers who will be baptised into the Church this Sunday afternoon.

St Joseph's Parish Guild: Welsh cakes, tea, prize bingo on Tuesday 12th March at 7.15 pm. Tickets £2,50. Proceeds to Parish funds.

The annual Day of Recollection and Prayer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word: will be held at Holy Cross Church, Gendros on Saturday 16th March. See poster for further details.

"Savoury" Sunday 17th March: Pasties, sausage rolls, vol au vents etc in the Hall after Mass. Proceeds to Parish funds. Come along and celebrate St. Patrick.

CAFOD Fast Day: this Friday (15th). Our second collection next weekend is in support of the work of Cafod. Gift Aid envelopes are available.

School Accounts: Are you suitably qualified to volunteer to audit the school accounts? Please contact the school on 01639 635099.

Afternoon Armchair Cinema: This Thursday (14th) 1.30 for 2.00 in the Parish Hall. "Brother Sun and Sister Moon" (a delightful film on St Francis of Assisi).

Lentem Alms: this year to the work of Missio anticipating the Extraordinary Month of Mission propose3d by Pope Francis for October this year.

Music-Singing at Mass (and in Holy Week): An appeal to choristers and musicians! Are you able to help sustain and enhance our worship at Mass? Sadly, in the absence of nthis greater involvement and volunteers to lead the singing in the celebration of Mass, a "said Mass" (without hymns or music) will become a more regular part of our worship and our Holy Week Services may have to be greatly simplified.

40 Days for Life 2019: A Peaceful Prayerful Vigil. Pray for justice for the weakest (the unborn), one day we too may be

weak. For further details ring 07901713077 or email jelthomas@btinternet.com. See poster at back of Church.

Parish Renewal: Bishop Tom has recently appointed Fr Michael Akpoghiran as Diocesan Director of Catechesis. It is hoped to renew the important ministry of Parish Catechist in every parish. If you have been involved in the work of parish catechesis (in preparing candidates for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage) in the past or would prayerfully consider helping in this important parish ministry, please have a word with Fr. Neil. Fr Michael hopes to meet with all those interested in the ministry of Catechist in local Deanery meetings in the next six months. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIAL APPEAL to the teachers (and former teachers) in our congregation to offer yourself in this absolutely vital ministry if our parish community is going to flourish and to grow. The life of the Church, and especially of our young people, depends on your commitment to the teaching and proclamation of the Gospel and helping others to enter into a deeper experience of the Risen Jesus.

Churches Together in Neath: This year's Lenten talks will commence this Monday 11th March at Bethel Elim at 7.30 pm.

Pilgrimage to Fatima: October 10th-15th 2019. Spiritual Director - Canon Paul Watson. For further information see poster or contact Paula MacPherson Jones 01639 636739.

Mass Requests: If you would like loved ones remembered at Mass on particular dates please advise several months in advance. Thank you.

Sick Calls: If Fr Neil is not available to respond to a sick call, please contact Deacon Jim on 07816 750864. Deacon Jim is also Chaplain for Neath Port Talbot Hospital. Canon Jason Jones is Chaplain for Morriston Hospital on 07792 003905. If staying in hospital remember to advise staff you are happy to receive a visit from the Chaplain—otherwise your religious affiliation remains confidential to the staff.

St Michael the Archangel

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

The Parish Hall: Is available for hire at very reasonable rates. To book, please contact Angela Healey on 01792 424168/07708105147.



Parent & Toddler Group:

meet in the hall every Wednesday morning from 9:00 -11:00 and on Friday from 11.30 to 2.30.



Would you like to have a 7 day candle burn for an intention in the Church? We 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 donations can help raise funds for our Church.