



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 2nd December <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People John Williams R.I.P. SCHOOL ADVENT MASS Dennis Grant & Raymond Gibbons R.I.P. (Marjory Grant & Family)
Monday 3rd December	NO MASS	
Tuesday 4th December	6.30 pm Neath	Iain Colquhoun (Spec. Int.)
Wednesday 5th December	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Deceased Members (S.V.P.) Jean Thomas R.I.P. (Nancy)
Thursday 6th December <i>St Nicholas</i>	9.30 am Neath	Annie & William Cochrane R.I.P. (J.Evans)
Friday 7th December <i>St Ambrose</i>	9.30 am Neath	Vocations
Saturday 8th December <i>The Immaculate Conception</i>	9.30 am Neath	Lorna O'Brien (Spec. Int.) (The Family)
Sunday 9th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Franciszck Nedza R.I.P. (Nancy) Helen Culpen R.I.P. (Sheila Penry & Family) Parish & People

Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: : 1st/2nd December *1st Sunday of Advent*

Saturday Evening: Paula MacPherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones
Sunday Morning: SCHOOL

Readers for next week: 8th/9th December *2nd Sunday of Advent*

Saturday Evening: Ceri McAteer, Patrick McAteer

Sunday Morning: Elizabeth Fluck, Isabel Buckingham



Church Cleaning

Team: 2

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



Neath: 18.05.18: £578.40 Levy: £91.60

Glynneath: 03.11.18: £66.75 17.11.18: £75.56

24.11.18: 21.00

World Missions: £29.90



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

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



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

Leigh Davies, Ruth Jenkins 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:

Private Intention (C.P.)



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*John Burke and Family
R.I.P.*

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!"

St Joseph's Parish Guild: are holding a Mince Pie and Wine Evening on Tuesday 4th December at 7.30. Prize Bingo and Raffle. Tickets £2.50. Proceeds to the Chemotherapy Dept, Singleton Hospital.

Donations: towards the cost of Christmas Flowers gratefully received. Please see Chris or Babs (St Joseph's) and Bella (St John Kemble)

Please: take your FREE copy of the Advent "Walk with Me" journey of prayer through Lent.

Fr. Ambrose's address in India: is Rosminian Novitiate, T.M. Palayam P.O, Combatore, 641105, Tamul Nadu, India.

Festive Cake Sale: for Parish funds after Mass on Sunday 23rd December. Please contact Aimee Wellington on 07860 550281 if you are able to donate any cakes.

Christmas Draw tickets: are available at the back of Church at £2.50 per book. Please take as many books as you are able to sell to family and friends. Please return counterfoils and cash no later than today! Many thanks.

Grateful thanks: for the donation of £100 to Parish Funds received three weeks ago.

Can you spare a thought for somebody not looking forward to Christmas with her family? Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe an Iranian lady married to an Englishman was arrested and jailed in 2016, allegedly for spying, although there is no evidence to support these allegations. Nazanin was temporarily released for three days in August 2018 to visit her family, but permission to extend the period was denied. This was the first time she had seen her four-year old daughter for almost two years. You are invited to send a card to Nazanin herself. The card can be religious and can include your name, address and information about yourself. It is not known

whether she will be allowed to receive it, but her family asks that you send one: Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe Evin Prison District 2 Behesht St Tehran Islamic Republic of Iran

Music at Mass: We are very grateful to Luigi and Sionaid for playing the organ at Mass. Are there other organists who could help, key board players or other musical instruments? Extra cantors to choose and lead the singing or a small choir would also enhance our celebration of Mass –any volunteers?

DBS Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection: Maria Beasley, our Safeguarding Officer, will shortly be in touch with everyone who works with children and vulnerable adults on behalf of the Parish to update our records. Badges will shortly be available for all those who make home visits on behalf of the Parish.

Candle stands: Please begin by lighting votive candles at the highest level on the stand so that arms and sleeves are not brushing against candles lower down. **Children should be accompanied at all times when lighting candles.**

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. Fr. 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.

SVP: We have 4 children who, without our help, will not have a gift this Christmas. If you are able to offer them a suitable gift we would be eternally grateful. Gifts need not be wrapped but should be given by Sunday 9th December. They are all boys aged 6, 10, 12 and 14. Thank you.

Primary School News

Our Nursery and Reception children visited Father Christmas at Abbots Kitchen on Wednesday. As always it was a magical experience. Our Christmas Craft Fayre was very well supported, it was a lovely evening enjoyed by all. It was wonderful to see so many of our past pupils join us. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a successful evening. The proceeds to date total over £300 and we are still counting!!!! And finally on Friday Mrs Edwards' class shared with family and friends their topic of "The Great Fire of London" during their class assembly.

December Diary Dates

Wednesday 12th 1pm & 6pm Infant Christmas Concert

Monday 17th 6pm Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday 19th School Mass & Confessions

Friday 21st End Of Term

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 9:30 -11:30. New members welcome!



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. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.