



# 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
<b>Sunday 14th February</b> <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Terri & David Jukes (Spec Int) Parish & People Kevin Fitzpatrick R.I.P. (Brenda & Robert)
<b>Monday 15th February</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 16th February</b>	6.30 pm Neath	Peter Derrick R.I.P. (Brenis, Mary & Ross)
<b>Wednesday 17th Feb</b>	9.30 Neath 11.00 Glynneath	John O'Grady R.I.P. (J & MC) Catherine Newcombe R.I.P. (June & family)
<b>Thursday 18h February</b>	9.30 Neath	John Scotson & family (Spec Int) (P.M.)
<b>Friday 19th February</b>	12.00 Midday Neath	Funeral Mass—Luisa Salmi R.I.P.
<b>Saturday 20th February</b>		
<b>Sunday 21st February</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Edward O'Donnell R.I.P. (Owen & Anita) Parish & People Helen Gethin R.I.P. (SM)



### Confessions

Neath : on request  
Glynneath: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



**Readers for this week: 13th/14th February 1st Sunday of Lent**  
**Saturday Evening:** Paula MacPherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones  
**Sunday Morning:** : Alice Williams, Babs Hunt  
**Readers for next week: 20th/21st February 2nd Sunday of Lent**  
**Saturday Evening:** Ceri McAteer, Patrick McAteer  
**Sunday Morning:** Ann Bromage, Roger Fluck



### Church Cleaning Team 3

**Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection**  
Neath: 07.02.16: £505.19  
Levy: £96.20



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

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Audrey Gammon, Peter and Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Olive Davies, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gladys Gallagher, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick, Mary Holmes, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, Bernard Madden, Harper Marie Beasley, David Jukes, Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill, Joan Linciano and Anita Gore.



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

Ruth Potter, Bernadine McCann, Olive Davies, John Greene, Peter Derrick, Julia Watkins, Bridget Sagatis, Bridget Mullane 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:

Confirmation Candidates



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

First Communion Candidates

**CROESO—WELCOME!** To all visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay in the area.

**Luisa Salmi:** Please remember Louisa, who died recently, in your prayers. Funeral Mass on Friday at midday. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

**Lent Booklets, “Day by Day”:** two booklets, one for infants and one for juniors. Introduce your children to Lent with games and puzzles etc. Only 50p.

**Stations of the Cross in Lent:** St Joseph’s, Friday 7.00 pm, St John Kemble, Saturday 3.30 pm.

**Mass for the Sick (Welsh National Pilgrimage):** Today in Our Lady of Margam at 3.00 pm.

**Churches Together in Neath:** This year’s Lenten Talks will start on Monday 15th February in St Joseph’s at 7.30 in the Parish Hall. The theme this year is the Psalms, starting with Psalm 100.

**Tea & Welsh Cakes:** The Parish Guild are holding a Tea and Welsh Cakes evening on Monday 9th March at 7.30. Tickets £2.00 with the usual Prize Bingo and Raffle. Proceeds to Church funds.

**Liturgical Guidelines:** please would all readers take the opportunity before Mass to come up to the lectern and prepare the reading - those difficult words and to capture the sense of the reading!

**Day of Prayer and Reflection:** for Extraordinary Ministers and Ministers of the Word. At Holy Cross, Gendros on 27th February. See notice board for details.

**Lourdes:** this year’ group is now full apart from our complement of young helpers. If you are aged 15-25 and are interested in joining us in July, please contact Deacon Jim.

**First Holy Communion:** Classes begin next Sunday (14th February) at 9.30 (before Mass) in the Parish Hall. Attendance of children and parents at Mass is an essential part of the preparation programme. The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on **SUNDAY** 17th July. Would those who have kindly offered to help please contact Carolyn to discuss details (01639 767901) Many thanks. 11 children have been enrolled—please remember them in your prayers: Bethany Tristram, Callum Lavin, Daniel Jones, Iori Davies, Bethany Clifford, Kieran Cameron, Eve Abell, Kyla Evans, Violette Orrin, Erin Greene, Brando Greene.

**Confirmation:** The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Tom on Sunday 11th September. Regular attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparing for the Confirmation. Details of classes to follow. Twenty

one names have been received for enrolment, please keep them in your prayers: Hannah Parel, Elma Parel, Emelia Evans, Patrick Comerford-Davies, Iori Comerford-Davies, Cabhan Comerford Davies, Niamh Bray, Ciara Bray, Mercedes Goldthrite, Abigail Goldthrite, Georgia Staddon, Emily Protheroe, Ryan Protheroe, Charlotte Humphries, Ryan Davies, Niamh McCarthy, Jessica Lloyd, Lauren Davies, Emily Syder, Alice Syder and Anastasia Lynch.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 19 February:** Our Second Collection next Sunday will be for Cafod. The Government has promised to match every pound you give!

**Kathleen Heycock R.I.P.:** we have received notice of the death of Kathleen Heycock . Kathleen was a member of the church at Neath for 45 years from 1960 to 2005 when she left to go and live with my sister in Australia where she died on January 30th. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

### Vocations Prayer

Lord, make me a better person,  
~~More considerate towards others,~~  
More honest with myself,  
more faithful to you.  
Make me generous enough  
to want sincerely  
to do your will whatever it may be.  
Help me find my true vocation in life  
and grant that through it  
I may find happiness in myself  
and bring happiness to others.  
Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to  
enter the priesthood, diaconate,  
or religious life,  
may have the generosity to answer your call,  
so that those who need your help may find it.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.

### School News

We have been exceptionally busy this week. P.C. Norris visited our Year Six children during their P.S.E. session. The topic was “It’s your choice”. The children discussed the dangers and effects of substance abuse. Helen from NPT Road Safety Team and our local Police Community Support Officer carried out a School Gate Parking check. The Year Six children assisted them in handing out leaflets, to make drivers aware of the safety issues when parking outside the school.

On Wednesday we were treated to a performance of “The Ghastly Gravy on the Starship Gastromo”. The performance was provided courtesy of the Food Standards Agency. The aim was to make children aware of the importance of food hygiene.

We held our Golden Star assembly on Friday. It was a colourful event as everyone donned their most colourful clothes to raise money for the Mission Together in Malawi.

The school is closed next week for half term.

**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.