



# 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 20th September</b> <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary time</i> <i>Home Missions Sunday</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10:30 am Sunday Neath	Geoffrey Bates, R.I.P. (P.M.) Parish & People Terry Davies, R.I.P. (Kathleen & Family)
<b>Monday 21st September</b>	<i>NO MASS</i>	
<b>Tuesday 22nd September</b>	6.30 pm Neath	Sr. Josephine Brady
<b>Wednesday 23rd September</b>	9.30 Neath 11.00 Glynneath	Pauline Sexton R.I.P. (P.M.) Private (Spec. Int.)
<b>Thursday 24th September</b>	9.30 Neath	New Evangelisation
<b>Friday 25th September</b>	9.30 Neath Followed by Exposition until 10.30	Alan & Marion Boland (Golden Wedding) (Jane, Clare, Gillian & Thea Boland)
<b>Saturday 26th September</b>		
<b>Sunday 27th September</b> <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10:30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Tephen Huggett (Spec. Int.) (L.M.) S.V.P. Members (Spec. Int.)



### Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



**Readers for this week:** 19th/20th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary time

**Saturday Evening:** Volunteers required, please.

**Sunday Morning:** Roger Fluck, Ann Bromage

**Readers for next week:** 26th/27th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary time

**Saturday Evening:** Nora Reynolds, Laurence MacPherson Jones

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



### 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:

Graham Francis, Elizabeth

Jenkins, Peter Welsh, Michael Walsh 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.*



### Church Cleaning

#### Team 2

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

Neath: 13.09: £451.80,  
Levy: £83.25



Glynneath: 13.09: £40.50



Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for:

*P.M.H.*



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

*Jacqueline Lewis R.I.P.*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*Donna*

**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! It's good to have you here.

**Exposition:** Friday morning after Mass.

Rosary in October: As in May we shall say a Decade of the Rosary together before the weekday Masses during October. Please make every effort to be in church 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass to say the Rosary together.

**Sunday Tea & Coffee gathering:** Please do join the gathering in the hall each week after 10.30 Mass. Today we will be supporting the work of CAFOD through our Connect2 partnership in Brazil.

**Second collection:** this weekend (20th) for Home Missions, when we are invited to pray, celebrate and support the work of evangelization in England and Wales. This year's theme is "PROCLAIM God's Mercy".

"Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelisation, Pray for us."

**Prayer Group:** The Parish Prayer Group will next meet on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30 in the Hall. All are welcome.

**Second collection:** Next weekend is our annual collection for our own parish S.V.P. Group.

**Wedding Bells!:** Please remember in your prayers Claire Jones and Huw Davies who will marry here in St. Joseph's on Saturday 3rd October at 2.00pm.

**Catholic Bible School:** MAKING SENSE OF THE GOSPEL PARABLES

David Beresford, Director of the Catholic Bible School, will be helping us to explore the four Gospels and their use of stories. Held at St David's Church, St David's Place, Swansea, SA1 3NG on Saturday 26th September from 10.00am to 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £10.00. For more information see [www.catholic-bible-school.org/events](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/events) or email [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com)

**Congratulations:** to Alan and Marion Boland celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this Friday.

**Harvest Masses**

(i) At St. John Kemble on Saturday 10th October followed by Harvest Buffet.

(ii) At St. Joseph's on Sunday 11th October, led by pupils of

the School and followed by a Harvest Buffet co-ordinated by the SVP. Donations of food to both buffets will be gratefully received. At the Offertory, there will be an opportunity to bring forward **tinned or dried (long life) food** for the Foodbank. Thank you.

**Flower Money:** Many thanks for the several anonymous gifts and other gifts towards the cost of flowers for the Church.

**St Joseph's Finances:** Between July and August our funds in the parish Bank Account rose from £2415.84 to £3261.72 which included two generous, "anonymous" gifts of £300 and £250 for which we are very grateful. Taking into account (from September) the steep increase in our heating bills for the winter period we are only just covering our monthly expenses with nothing to spare for repairs and refurbishment. Many thanks for all donations and for the weekly collections. Please keep our serious financial situation in your prayers.

**Foodbank:** Many thanks for your continued support: The team are running low on the following items: long life milk, tinned fruit, tinned meat (hot and cold), tuna, tinned rice pudding, cup of soup, small evaporated milk, squash, pasta sauce, tinned carrots, sponge puddings & pot noodles.

**Refugees:** The message below has been received from Bishop Tom: "As a matter of urgency, the Bishops' Conference is asking each Diocese to nominate a LOCAL CONTACT PERSON to co-ordinate the Catholic Church's local response for supporting Middle East refugees. If anyone among the laity in the Diocese feels able to take on this role of CO-ORDINATOR / LOCAL CONTACT PERSON, please contact the Bishop's office as soon as possible – 01792-644017." Thank you. – Bishop Tom

In Neath our MP, Christina Rees, has made her office 39, Windsor Road a collecting point for items for those seeking refuge in Britain and across Europe. The full list of items is on the notice board but includes clothing, shelter, sustenance and hygiene items.

## School News

**Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2015**

**September**

Friday 25th MacMillan Coffee Morning

**October** Sunday 11th 10.30am - Harvest Mass

**HALF TERM Mon. 26th - Fri. 30th** (Dates of other events to follow).

**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.