



# 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 17th March</b> <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)
<b>Monday 18th March</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 19th March</b> <i>St Joseph</i>	6.30 pm Neath 7.15 pm Neath	Helen Williams (Spec. Int.) Faith & Fellowship
<b>Wednesday 20th March</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Mary & Edward Rees R.I.P. (Nuala & Martin Rees) Eileen Maloney R.I.P.
<b>Thursday 21st March</b>	9.30 am Neath	John & Sheila Scotson R.I.P.
<b>Friday 22nd March</b>	9.30 am Neath 7.00 pm Neath	Ann Barry (Spec Int) ( James & Glenda Cahill) Stations of the Cross
<b>Sunday 24h March</b> <i>Third 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 Marion O'Grady R.I.P. (Brendon) School Mass—Main Celebrant: Bishop Tom

### Confessions

Neath & Glynneath: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



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

Saturday Evening: Patrick McAteer, Ceri McAteer

Sunday Morning: Sheila Williams, Elizabeth Fluck

**Readers for next week:** 23rd/24th March *Third Sunday of Lent*

Saturday Evening: Maureen McAteer, David Reynolds

Sunday Morning: School



### Church Cleaning

**Team: 2**



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

Neath: 10.03.2019: £510.19 Levy: £81.10

Glynneath: 09.03.2019: £36.50



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

Kath Wellington, Benitia Whittington, 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:**

Fr. Eddie Murphy, Elwyn Oakley, Terence Wall, John Howells, Margaret Harland, William Newton 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:

*Emily Vaudin  
(Thanksgiving).*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*Sheila Burns (Well Being)*

**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!"

**Second Collection:** this weekend is in support of the work of Cafod. Gift Aid envelopes are available.

**Bishop Tom Pastoral Visit:** We look forward to welcome Bishop Tom as the main celebrant at our School Mass next Sunday 24th March at 10.30. At the end of Mass Bishop Tom will present Pat O'Connell with the St David's Medal for her contribution to the life of the Parish. Congratulations Pat! Refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

**Lent:** 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.

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

**Clydach Passion Play:** at St. Joseph's Church, Port Talbot, on Friday 22nd. March at 7.00pm. Tickets £5; children under 16 Free. All proceeds for the Clydach Passion Play.

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

**Lenten Alms:** this year to the work of Missio anticipating the Extraordinary Month of Mission proposed 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 this 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 Cardiff:** 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](mailto: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 Lenten Talks:** This year's talks continue tomorrow, Monday 18th March, in the Parish Hall at St Joseph's 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.*

### School News

Staff met with parents this week to discuss how their children are progressing. As part of their topic "Dragon Tales" our Reception pupils explored Cardiff Castle in search of Dragons!! Mrs Edward's children visited Swansea Waterfront Museum to learn the history of Welsh pirates with Barti Ddu. Their topic this term is "Land Ahoy" And finally, on Thursday, we had "Odd Clothes Day". Staff and pupils spent the day in a fabulous array of outfits!!!! The proceeds collected will be donated to CAFOD.

**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. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.