



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 20th January <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Christian Unity Martin Joseph Mead RIP (Michael & Family)
Monday 21st January	NO MASS	
Tuesday 22nd January	6.30 pm Neath 7.15 pm	Mass of the Holy Spirit Faith and Fellowship
Wednesday 23rd January	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Mary Woolcock RIP (Pat, mDonnie and Family) Christian Unity
Thursday 24th January	9.45 am Neath	Funeral Mass: Leo Linney RIP
Friday 25th January	9.30 am Neath	Christian Unity
Sunday 26th January <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Marie & Martin Kessler (Spec. Int.) Marshall & Christopher Abell RIP (The Family) Parish & People

Confessions

Neath & Glynneath: on request
Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: 19th/20th January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday Evening: Lorna Halloran, Sian Loynes
Sunday Morning: Roger Fluck, Sandra Davies

Readers for next week: 26th/27th January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday Evening: Nora Reynolds, Anne Bromage
Sunday Morning: Sheila Williams, Peter Buckingham



Church Cleaning
Team: 3



Thank you for your generosity
in the last offertory collection

Neath: 13.1.2019: £573.46, Levy: £83.00
White Flower: £192.35, Crib: £124.76
Glynneath: 12.1.2019: £44.25, SPUC:
£18.21, Crib: £67.00



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, Joan Linciano, 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:

Joan Worth, Olive Davies, Eileen Gregg, Fernando Contessito, Mary Newbury, Reginald Edwards 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 RIP



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:
Ann Codd



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

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: Our second collection this weekend is for the Sick & Retired Clergy of the Diocese; there will also be a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Tom.

William Leo Linney RIP: Leo's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday at 9.45 am. His coffin will be received into Church at 6.00 pm on Wednesday.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual life shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Family History Enquiry: Information is sought about Monica Beatrice French (née Pedroza, born 1918) of Lewis Road and her husband William Louis French. Their children were Francesca Monica Lorraine (b. 1939), Patrick, and Pluriet (1941-2).

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January): Please continue to pray that all Christians may come to know that unity in spirit and in truth which was the prayer of Jesus for us at the Last Supper.

The Directory and Year Book 2019: with full details of the Catholic Diocese in Wales, names, addresses, news items, calendar of the year etc. is now available at the back of the Church. (£4).

Parish Renewal (1): Beginning on Tuesday 1st January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we shall regularly recite one decade of the Rosary before each weekday Mass, praying for renewal and a new Pentecost.

Parish Renewal (2): 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.

Parish Renewal (3): "Faith & Fellowship Meetings": This Tuesday we begin our Faith and Fellowship Meetings in the Parish Hall after the 6.30 Mass. It is hoped that in an informal gathering of prayer and reflection upon the central teachings of the Church we may strengthen and deepen our understanding

of the Faith. Everyone and all ages are welcome. Along with our St Vincent de Paul Parish Group and the Legion of Mary, these three groups (which hopefully will overlap and strengthen each other) offer all members of the congregation the opportunity to contribute towards, to participate in and to strengthen our spiritual communion and commitment to the Lord and to each other in a way that supplements and strengthens our communion with one another which is centred in the celebration of Mass. Please continue to pray for a deepening of our spiritual life and prayer life as a parish as we pray for anew pentecost and a time of spiritual renewal.

First Holy Communion 2019: First Holy Communion this year and in future years will only be offered to those children who already regularly attend the celebration of Mass as this is an essential part of preparation for First Holy Communion. If you believe your child is thus properly prepared, please have a word with Fr. Neil.

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.

Churches Together in Neath: Women's World of Prayer will take place at St Joseph's on Friday March 1st at 2.00 pm. Mary Jenkins, who is coordinating the service has asked for volunteers who would like to participate in the service. If you are interested please contact Deacon Jim in the first instance.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and other shrines: 9 days, cost £675. A few places left. Please contact Sr. Margaret 01792 473453

Diary Date: SVP afternoon armchair cinema in the Parish Hall on Thursday 7th February 1.30 for 2.00 pm. No charge. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits. Transport provided for those in need. See poster at rear of Church for further information.

School News

It was strangely quite this week in school. Why?? Years Five and Six have been staying at Margam Discovery Centre. They have re-enacted a Celtic battle, built dens, rolled down hills, conducted science experiments and enjoyed a campfire.

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.