



Eglwys Gatholig Sant Joseff, Castellnedd. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Neath.

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Times of Holy Mass for the coming week

Day	Time and Place	Intention
Sunday 15th January <i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Thanksgiving (A.D.) Thomas Rees R.I.P. (John & Jane Smith) Parish & People
Monday 9th January	NO MASS 5.00 pm Neath	Coffin received into Church
Tuesday 10th January	1.00 pm Neath	Funeral mass Bridget Amos R.I.P.
Wednesday 11th January <i>18th 25th January</i>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	Margaret Hope R.I.P. (The Owen Family) Holly Evans (Sp. Int.) (L.M.)
Thursday 12th January	9.00 am Neath	Marshall Abell R.I.P. (The Family)
Friday 13th January	9.30 am Neath 1.15 pm Neath	Henry Jones R.I.P. (Lorna & Kevin) Funeral Service Madeleine Lewis R.I.P.>
Saturday 14th January		
Sunday 15th January <i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Thanksgiving (Susan & Ieuan Evans) Kasia & Ouday (Spec Int)

Confessions


Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



 **Readers for this week: 14th/15th January**
Saturday Evening: Maureen McAteer, Laurence McPherson-Jones
Sunday Morning: Elizabeth Fluck, Isabel Buckingham
Readers for next week: 21st/22nd January
Saturday Evening:
Sunday Morning :


Church Cleaning Team: 3



Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



08.01.17: £506.38 Levy: £93.85
SPUC: £136.48
Glynneath: £50.00, SPUC: £16.80

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

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Trisram, Audrey Gammon, Peter & Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Olive Davies, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, David Jukes, Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones, Joan Thomas and Anita Gore.



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

Hilary Bell, Peter Flynn, Fr. Eugene Monaghan, Valerie Rees, Joan Worth 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



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Mr David Barry



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Mr Barry Lloyd 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.

Bridget Amos R.I.P.: Please remember Bridget and the family in your prayers. Her funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 17th January at 1.00pm in St. Joseph's. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

Madeleine Lewis R.I.P.: Please remember Madeleine and the family in your prayers. Funeral Service on Friday 20th January at 1.15 pm in St Joseph's. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

James Insole R.I.P.: Please remember Jim and Rosemary and the family in your prayers. Details of Jim's funeral arrangements are to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

Second Collection: This weekend we have our annual opportunity to contribute to the fund in support of our sick and retired priests.

Bottle Quiz Congratulations to Abbie Fluck who wins £10 for guessing £60.00. The amount in the jar was £59.94

St Joseph's Secondary School - School Transport Policy. Neath Port C. B. Council are considering reinstating free transport to St. Joseph's School. Please complete the very short consultation on-line at the school web site, www.stjosephscomp.co.uk, to support this important change to the policy affecting the children of our Parish. **Closing Date: MONDAY 16th JANUARY at 5.00 pm!**

"Do you love me?": a guide to Catholic Prayer and Spirituality, Friday 3rd February 7.00 pm at Belmont Abbey (01432 374750)

First Holy Communion: Classes will begin on Sunday 22nd January in the Parish Hall before the 10.30 Mass. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday 18th June.

Crib Offering: Many thanks for the Christmas Crib Offering of £133.60 divided between the Diocesan Refugee Fund and Mission Project in Kenya.

Sanctuary Arch Appeal: Congratulations! We are pleased to announce that we have now raised the magnificent sum of £9,159 towards the Arch Appeal. Many thanks to all fund-raisers and for generous donations.

Church Repairs: Work will begin this month on renovating guttering and fascia boards around the church and presbytery.

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.

Pilgrimages: to Medugorje, 15th -22nd June 2017 (£589) and to Fatima, 10th-15th October 2017 (£678) - a few places left. Contact Sr. Margaret on 01792 473453.

Catholic Bible School: Heroes of the Old Testament: Alan de Ste Croix is returning to Swansea this January to lead us through the entire Old Testament exploring the stories of the major characters and why they are still relevant to us today. The first of 6 meetings (January-June) will be on Saturday 28th January (10am - 3pm) at St David's Priory, St David's Place, Swansea, SA1 3NG. This will be Part 1 of the Burning Within Bible Course. Burning Within will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month at various locations across South Wales. Each day stands alone so don't worry if you miss some! There is no charge for the course, but all donations are gratefully received. Tea, Coffee and biscuits are provided but you will need to bring your own packed lunch. For more information see www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events or mail catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com.

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

It has been strangely quiet this week in school. Why?? Years Five and Six have been staying at Margam Park. "This week has been awesome. I wish I could come again next year!" Year 6. "I can't wait to come back to Margam next year. It's been so much fun!" Year 5" Our Nursery and Reception children came to school in their Pyjamas!! Why? Their topic is "When I fall Asleep". They talked about their bedtime routines and enjoyed porridge and hot chocolate.

Diary:

Friday 3rd February: Mrs. Brooks' class assembly., Tuesday 7th February: Safer Internet Day.

The Parish Hall: Is available for hire at very reasonable rates. 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.