



# 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
<b>Sunday 4th December</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath 5.00 pm Neath	Parish & People Sr. Anthony (Spec Int) (Nantlais & Yolanda) Dennis Grant & Raymond Gibbons R.I.P. (Marjorie Grant & Family) Reception of Coffin into Church
<b>Monday 5th December</b>	9.30 am Neath	Funeral Mass David Gwyn George R.I.P.
<b>Tuesday 6th December</b> <i>St. Nicholas</i>	6.30 pm Neath	Maura & Len Hughes R.I.P. (Maria, Gavin & Family)
<b>Wednesday 7th December</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Margaret Allen R.I.P. (Family) Francisck Nedza R.I.P. (Nancy)
<b>Thursday 8th December</b> <i>The Immaculate Conception</i>	9.30 am Neath	Helen Culpan R.I.P. (Sheila Penry & Family)
<b>Friday 9th December</b>	9.30 am Neath	John Scotson R.I.P.
<b>Saturday 10th December</b>		
<b>Sunday 11th December</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Graham Newton R.I.P. (R. Newton) Stan May (Michael Family)


### Confessions

Neath : on request  
Glynneath: on request

### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass

 **Readers for this week: 4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**Saturday Evening:** Lorna Halloran, Sue Koziel  
**Sunday Morning:** Isabel Buckingham, Elizabeth Fluck  
**Readers for next week: 11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**Saturday Evening:** Lorna Halloran, Sue Koziel  
**Sunday Morning:** Isabel Buckingham, Elizabeth Fluck

### Church Cleaning Team: 3



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



23.11.16:  
Neath: £553.59 Levy: £107.00

Glynneath: TBA

### 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, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, David Jukes, Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones and Anita Gore.



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

Andrew Saunders, George Duncan, Edward Mulvany, Antonietta Aprea, Baby Grace Mallaghan, David John, Colin Rees, Elizabeth Rees, Leigh Davies 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:

*Annie & William Cochrane*



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

*Helen Culpan R.I.P.*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*Peter Healey*

**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.

**Donations:** towards the cost of Christmas Flowers gratefully received. Please see Chris or Babs.

**Wedding Bells:** Please remember in your prayers Rachel Williams and James Stanton who will be married here in St Joseph's on Monday 19th December.

**Christmas Draw tickets:** are now available at the back of Church. Please take some to sell amongst family and friends. Thank you for your support.

**David Gwyn George (R.I.P.):** Please remember in your prayers David George whose Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 5th December at 9.30 am. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Sanctuary Arch Appeal:** Earlier in the year we set ourselves the target to raise £9,000 (50% of the total cost). We are very grateful to the Parish hall Committee for the £725 raised at the Autumn Fayre which brings the Sanctuary Arch Appeal to £8138.39. A magnificent effort by all. Many thanks.

**"The Art of Dying Well":** A new Catholic website with professional advice regarding palliative care, ethics, chaplaincy etc from the Bishops of England and Wales. [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org). See prayer cards in the Porch.

**FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONAL LITERATURE:** (i) Walk with Me - Advent devotional readings (ii) Junior Day By Day (iii) Infant Day by Day. Help your children to celebrate Advent.

**First Holy Communion:** Classes will begin after Christmas. If you would like to enrol a child in the preparation classes please complete the form provided at the back of the Church and return it to Fr. Neil.

**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.

**Win £10!** A fun way to raise funds for the Sanctuary Arch. Guess the amount in the jar—20p or 5 guesses for a pound.

**Senior Citizens Christmas Party:** at St Joseph's Sixth Form, Wednesday 14th December 2.00 – 4.00 pm. Transport available if required. Please contact school (01639 884305) and see poster at the back of the Church. Many thanks to the Sixth Form for their generosity and hospitality.

**Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! (proposed):** For the

Parishes of St Joseph's and St John Kemble, November 20th - 27th 2018 (NOT NEXT YEAR). Cost £1019 (half board). Memorable itinerary. Minimum number of 20 required for the pilgrimage to go ahead. If you are interested, please contact Paula on 636739.

**Christians Against Torture Christmas Card:** You may have heard of Nazadin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, an Iranian who is married to a Briton and works as a charity officer. She was arrested in April as she tried to leave Iran after a family visit to her parents. She was separated from her 2 year old child. She was sentenced in a secret trial to 5 years in prison in September but the charges have not been released! Her family here have asked for people to send her simple Christmas Cards wishing her well and saying she is in our thoughts but NOT expressing any political or anti-Iranian views. We do not know if she will receive them but even if not the Iranian Authorities will know she is not forgotten. Address: Nazadin Zaghari-Ratcliffe Evin Prison. District 2. Behesht St. Tehran. Iran

### 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

Our Christmas Craft Fayre was very well supported, it was a lovely evening enjoyed by all. It was wonderful to see so many of our past pupils join us. Santa called in and took the children's letters with him to the North Pole. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a successful evening. The proceeds to date total over £650 and we are still counting!!!!

### December Diary

Thursday 8th Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal  
Monday 12th 1pm Christmas Concert  
Tuesday 13th 9.30am Christmas Concert  
Tuesday 13th 6pm Christmas Concert  
Wednesday 14th 9.30am Mass \*Nursery and Reception visit Father Christmas  
Thursday 15th Confessions Christmas Lunch Day  
Friday 16th Christmas Jumper Day  
Friday 16th End Of 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.