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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 21st February <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Edward O'Donnell R.I.P. (Owen & Anita) Parish & People Helen Gethin R.I.P. (SM)
Monday 22nd February	11.00 am Neath	Funeral Mass Hugh Tanner R.I.P.
Tuesday 23rd February	6.30 pm Neath	Canon Michael Evans (Spec Int)
Wednesday 24th Feb	9.30 Neath 11.00 Glynneath	Clare Frankcom R.I.P. (SD) John Scotson & Family (Spec Int)
Thursday 25th February	9.30 Neath	Tom Evans (Spec Int)
Friday 26th February	9.30 Neath	Binny Thomas R.I.P.
Saturday 27th February		
Sunday 28th February <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Catenian Circle & Guests (Spec Int) Luigi Bacchetta & deceased family R.I.P. (M.B.)



Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



Readers for this week: 20th/21st February 2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday Evening: Ceri McAteer, Patrick McAteer

Sunday Morning: : Ann Bromage, Roger Fluck

Readers for next week: 27th/28th February 3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday Evening: David Reynolds, Maureen McAteer

Sunday Morning: : Peter Buckingham, Sheila Williams



Church Cleaning

Team 1

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection

Neath: 07.02.16: £509.17

Levy: £106.60



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, Mary Holmes, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, Bernard Madden, Harper Marie Beasley, David Jukes, Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill, Joan Linciano and Anita Gore.



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

Margaret Bevan, Stanley May, Lillian Foundy, Julia McGrath, Lynda Bennett, Clive Roberts 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:

P.M.H.



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Chambers Family



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

First Communion & Confirmation Candidates

CROESO—WELCOME! To all visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay in the area.

Hugh Tanner: R.I.P. Please remember in your prayers Hugh Tanner and his family. Hugh's Funeral Mass will take place on Monday at 11.00 am. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

Maura Hughes R.I.P. Please remember Maura and her family in your prayers. Maura's Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at Our Lady of the Assumption, Briton Ferry at 11.00 am. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Kevin Downey: R.I.P. Please remember in your prayers Kevin Downey. Although Kevin lived in Briton Ferry, more often than not he attended Mass here and helped with the collection. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

Wedding Bells: Please remember Sarah Pierson and Lee Mallaghan who will be married here in St Joseph's on Saturday 19th March.

A big thank-you: to Fr. Paul Watson for helping with the two Saturday Masses this weekend.

Mass to mark the Centenary of the Foundation of the Province of Wales and the Archdiocese of Cardiff and Herefordshire: will be held in our Deanery at St. Joseph's Port Talbot, on Thursday 3rd. March at 7.00pm. It will coincide with the usual **Lenten Station Mass**; both Archbishop George Stack and Bishop Tom Burns will be present. Please make every effort to attend.

Lent Booklets, "Day by Day": two booklets, one for infants and one for juniors. Introduce your children to Lent with games and puzzles etc. Only 50p.

Stations of the Cross in Lent: St Joseph's, Friday 7.00 pm, St John Kemble, Saturday 3.30 pm.

Mass for the Sick (Welsh National Pilgrimage): Today (21st) in Our Lady of Margam at 3.00 pm.

Churches Together in Neath: The next Lenten Talk will start on Monday 15th February in Neath Methodist (Penny Brick) at 7.30..

Tea & Welsh Cakes: The Parish Guild are holding a Tea and Welsh Cakes evening on Monday 9th March at 7.30. Tickets £2.00 with the usual Prize Bingo and Raffle. Proceeds to Church funds.

Liturgical Guidelines: please would all readers take the opportunity before Mass to come up to the lectern and prepare the reading - those difficult words and to capture the sense of the reading!

Day of Prayer and Reflection: for Extraordinary Ministers and Ministers of the Word. At Holy Cross, Gendros on 27th February. See notice board for details.

Lourdes: this year's group is now full apart from our complement of young helpers. If you are aged 15-25 and are interested in joining us in July, please contact Deacon Jim.

First Holy Communion: Classes begin next Sunday (14th February) at 9.30 (before Mass) in the Parish Hall. Attendance of children and parents at Mass is an essential part of the preparation programme. The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on **SUNDAY** 17th July. Would those who have kindly offered to help please contact Carolyn to discuss details (01639 767901) Many thanks. 11 children have been enrolled—please remember them in your prayers: Bethany Tristram, Callum Lavin, Daniel Jones, Iori Davies, Bethany Clifford, Kieran Cameron, Eve Abell, Kyla Evans, Violette Orrin, Erin Greene, Brando Greene.

Confirmation: The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Tom on Sunday 11th September. Regular attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparing for the Confirmation. Details of classes to follow. Twenty one names have been received for enrolment, please keep them in your prayers: Hannah Parel, Elma Parel, Emilia Evans, Patrick Comerford-Davies, Iori Comerford-Davies, Cabhan Comerford Davies, Niamh Bray, Ciara Bray, Mercedes Goldthrite, Abigail Goldthrite, Georgia Staddon, Emily Protheroe, Ryan Protheroe, Charlotte Humphries, Ryan Davies, Niamh McCarthy, Jessica Lloyd, Lauren Davies, Emily Syder, Alice Syder and Anastasia Lynch.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 19 February: Our Second Collection this week will be for Cafod. The Government has promised to match every pound you give!

For sale! The Parish has two desks and two four drawer filing cabinets which are surplus to requirements. They are available to purchase for sensible offers. Please speak to Deacon Jim in the first instance.

Vocations Prayer

Lord, make me a better person,
More considerate towards others,
More honest with myself,

School News

We have been exceptionally busy this week. P.C. Norris visited our Year Six children during their P.S.E. session. The topic was "It's your choice". The children discussed the dangers and effects of substance abuse. Helen from NPT Road Safety Team and our local Police Community Support Officer carried out a School Gate Parking check. The Year Six children assisted them in handing out leaflets, to make drivers aware of the safety issues when parking outside the school.

On Wednesday we were treated to a performance of "The Ghastly Gravy on the Starship Gastromo". The performance was provided courtesy of the Food Standards Agency. The aim was to make children aware of the importance of food hygiene.

We held our Golden Star assembly on Friday. It was a colourful event as everyone donned their most colourful clothes to raise money for the Mission Together in Malawi.

The school is closed next week for half 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.