



# 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 4th March</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	3.30 pm Glynneath 4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath  10.30 am Neath	Stations of the Cross Parish & People (Bella & Reg Golden Wedding) William John Sullivan R.I.P. (Pauline, Margaret & Families) Margaret Tucker R.I.P. (Kathleen & Family)
<b>Monday 5th March</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 6th March</b>	6.30 pm Neath	Fr. Bill Lloyd R.I.P. (Elias Family)
<b>Wednesday 7th March</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Rita Newton R.I.P. (Ann & Vi) Bella & Reg (Spec. Int.) (Ian & Julie Jenkins)
<b>Thursday 8th March</b>	9.30 am Neath 7.00 pm Sandfields	Kiera Bray (Spec. Int.) Deanery Station Mass
<b>Friday 9th March</b>	9.30 am Neath 7.00 pm Neath	Kitty Williams R.I.P. Stations of the Cross
<b>Sunday 10th March</b> <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	3.30 pm Glynneath 4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Stations of the Cross Parish & People Kevin & Lorna Halloran (Spec. Int.) Gerry Rennick R.I.P. (Elias Family)

### Confessions

**Neath** : on request  
**Glynneath**: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



**Readers for this week:** : 3rd/4th March

**Saturday Evening:** David Reynolds, Mauren McAtteer

**Sunday Morning:** Sandra Davies, Roger Fluck

**Readers for next week:** 10th/11th March

**Saturday Evening:** Sian Loynes, Lorna Halloran

**Sunday Morning:** Peter Buckingham, Sheila Williams



### Church Cleaning

**Team: 2**

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



Neath: 25.02 18: £475.94 Levy: £85.00

Cafod: £258.07

Glynneath: 24.02.18: £48.50

Cafod: £39>00



**Please pray for those in  
our parish who are sick  
and housebound, especial-  
ly:**

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Peter & Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones, Anita Gore, Nicky Walsh and Kath Woolley.



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

Kenneth Hill, Christine Gray 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:



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Peter Healey RIP



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

First Communion Candidates

**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!"

**Lenten Devotions:** During the season of Lent we shall follow the Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7.00 pm in St Josephs and on Saturday at 3.30 pm in St John Kemble.

**St Joseph's Parish Guild:** Tea, Welsh Cakes & Bing in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 13th March. Tickets £2.50. Proceeds to Parish funds.

**"Natural Family Planning":** a talk by Coleen Norman (director of "Fertility Education & Training" and "Natural Family Planning Teachers Association") at St. David's Priory, on 4th March 2018 at 7.30pm (reception at 7pm). The talk is relevant to both men and women of all (mature) ages - and even if Natural Family Planning may not be relevant to our current stage in life, as we can act as vehicles raising awareness to others.

**Churches Together in Neath:** This year's Lenten Studies programme continues tomorrow, 4th March, at

**Lenten Station Mass:** Our Deanery Station Mass will take place this year on Thursday 8th March at St. Therese of Lisieux, Sandfields

**Please Remember in your prayers:** Jakub Wachwiak who will be baptised into the Church next Saturday..

**PAPAL NUNCIO'S PASTORAL VISIT (13-16 Feb):**

Bishop Tom sends his thanks to everyone: clergy, religious, parishioners, teachers, governors, trustees, school-children at primary and secondary levels, and anyone else who has in any way contributed to the programme of events surrounding the Papal Nuncio's Pastoral Visit to the Diocese – and especially to those who so generously sponsored items or activities. I feel sure the Nuncio will have gathered a clear and comprehensive picture – and I hope happy memories too – of his time spent among us.

P.S. And our own congratulations to Oisín Fitchett, Head Boy, on being chosen to present the Schools' Banner to the Papal Nuncio at the special service at the Cathedral welcoming the Nuncio to the Diocese.

**Farewell!** Our prayers and best wishes to Patrick and Muriel Hayes who will be moving to Leicester this week to live near their daughter.

**Boiler:** the new boiler has now been installed and we hope that the chimney can now be demolished and the work completed at the back of the Church. Many thanks for the further gift of £100 towards the Restoration fund.

**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.

**Health & Safety:** We have been asked to remind everyone who enters and exits the Church to take extra care at this time of year. Please use the handrail provided and watch for any icy conditions - this applies to elderly and young people alike. Be ready to assist those in need of help and supervise children as necessary. Those who find the front steps difficult to negotiate are invited to use the side entrance at the Lady Chapel.

**Fire risks** usually emanate from naked flame. We ask that great care be taken when lighting votive candles, ensuring that young children are supervised by an adult at all times, especially near the votive candle stands. There are a number of fire extinguishers around the church for use in an emergency. Provision has been made for orderly evacuation should the need arise. There are three exits: the main doors, the Lady Chapel and the Sacristy.

**40 Days For Life: Where? St Mary Street, Cardiff,** opposite Elgin House, outside Howell's/Ladbroke's, facing the abortion facility across the street. **When?** February 15th (Ash Wednesday) until 25<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday) **EVERY DAY.** I am asking for volunteers for the hours **between 11.00 a.m. to 4.00p.m.** **Why?** To pray for an end to abortion and help especially for women who may be going into the building to seek an abortion. Contact Janet Thomas on: [jelthomas@btinternet.com](mailto:jelthomas@btinternet.com) or 07901713077.

**Pope Francis:**

- Fast from hurting words ...*and say kind words*
- Fast from sadness ...*and be filled with gratitude*
- Fast from anger ...*and be filled with patience*
- Fast from pessimism ...*and be filled with hope*
- Fast from worries ...*and have trust in God*
- Fast from complaints ...*and contemplate simplicity*
- Fast from pressures ...*and be prayerful*
- Fast from bitterness ...*and fill your hearts with joy*
- Fast from selfishness ...*and be compassionate to others*
- Fast from grudges ...*and be reconciled*
- Fast from words ...*and be silent so you can listen*

**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 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. Church.