



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 19th March <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Helen Williams (Spec. Int.) Rees Family R.I.P. (Nuala & Martin)
Monday 20th March <i>St Joseph</i>	6.30 pm Neath	Patronal Festival (Parish & People)
Tuesday 21st March	NO MASS	Jim Insole R.I.P. (John Hickey)
Wednesday 22nd March	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Peter McKeever (Spec. Int) (PM) Sheila Nolan R.I.P.(Gerrard Family)
Thursday 23rd March	9.30 am Neath	Mary Hatton R.I.P. (J & M. C.)
Friday 24h March	9.30 am Neath	Jim Insole R.I.P. (Rosemary)
Saturday 25h March	9.30 Neath	Beryl Angove R.I.P. (Swansea Catenians)
Sunday 26th March <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Laetare/Mothering Sunday</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Joe Doolin R.I.P. (Ann) Parish & People Louie Bacchetta and our deceased families R.I.P. (M. Bacchetta) Helen Williams (Spec. Int.)

Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: 18th/19th March

Saturday Evening:

Sunday Morning:

Readers for next week: 25th/26th March

Saturday Evening:

Sunday Morning :

Church Cleaning Team: 2



Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath:121.03.17: £564.70 Levy: £92.00
Cafod: £247.16
Glynneath: 11.03.17: £52.50 Cafod:£37.60



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

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Audrey Gammon, Peter & Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, 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, and Anita Gore.



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

William Newton, Ann Morgan, Leonard Grey 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:



Helena Jarvis

Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:



Rev. Fr. Bill Lloyd

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.

CLOCKS CHANGE! Next Sunday morning (26th) at 2.00 a.m.. Forward one hour or arrive late for Mass!

Lenten Devotions: We shall follow the Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's on Friday at 7.00 pm and at St John Kemble on Saturday at 3.30 pm

Deanery Lenten Stations Mass: Bishop Tom will be the chief celebrant at our Lenten Stations mass on Thursday 30th March 7.00 here in St. Joseph's.

Please: keep in your prayers Sr. Collette after her emergency appendix operation and Sr. Clare who has broken 4 ribs in a fall.

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 23rd to 28th July this year. Please see poster for details.

Parish Dinner: there will be a Parish Dinner this Wednesday 22nd March at Remo's in Windsor Road. Tickets are, as usual, £12 and are now available from Sue Woods or Deacon Jim. Proceeds to Parish Funds.

Parish Finances: Unfortunately, our general parish fund is severely depleted. Having spent nearly £8000 on removing the asbestos from the boiler room, we now have only £22,253.13 in the parish account. Of this, £19,494.94 is set aside (and can only be used for) the new boiler, taking down the chimney and repairing the sanctuary arch. This means we have only £2,758.19 in the general parish account. Please keep our parish in your prayers! Many thanks for the very generous donation of £500 last Sunday taking our general parish account to £3,258.19 (less payment of March bills and invoices).

Many thanks: for the Cafod collection: £247.16 St Joseph's and £37.60 St John Kemble.

Catholic Bible School: THE BIRTH OF JESUS TO THE LAST AMEN: What is actually in the New Testament, besides the stories of Jesus we find in the Gospels, and how does it all fit together? Why should we be concerned with these ancient letters and stories? What can they possibly have to do with us as modern people?

On **Saturday 25th March** Alan de Ste Croix will lead us through the entire New Testament exploring the stories of the major characters and why they are still relevant to us today. We will meet in St Dyfrig's Church Hall, Broadway, Treforest, Pontypridd, CF37 1DB at 10am until 3pm. Tea,

coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own packed lunch. For more information visit www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/mar17 or email catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com.

Guidance for planning funeral liturgies: the leaflet has been reprinted and copies are available at the back of church.

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 Murryston Hospital on 07792 003905.

Belmont Abbey: 9.00 pm Wednesday 10th May: Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady and visit of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima + Relics of Blessed Jacinta & Blessed Francisco. Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima. Visiting Preacher - Fr. Jason Jones. All welcome.

"Road to Calvary": Our Lady of the Assumption, Briton Ferry. Sunday 19th March at 7.00 pm. £5. (See poster for details.)

Soup + Roll Lunch: Following the tea and coffee gathering on Sunday 2nd April, there is an invitation to a soup + roll lunch in aid of the work of Cafod. If you would make a tally mark on the sheet near the newsletters next weekend, it will give us some idea of numbers expected Thank you.

CAFOD's East Africa crisis appeal: The United Nations is warning that the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis in more than 70 years. Severe drought, lack of food, and civil war, mean that now over 16 million people across East Africa are facing starvation.

Please support our parish collection, on weekend of April 2nd, for CAFOD's appeal. Your donation will get food, clean water and healthcare to people in desperate need. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/eastafrica.

Legion of Mary: will hold their Acies celebration at which they renew their promise to Our Blessed Lady on Thursday next, 23rd March, at St Joseph's, Port Talbot. Prayers and Rosary at 6.00 pm followed by Mass at 6.30 pm followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Auxiliaries and any parishioners warmly welcomed.

School News

Staff met with parents this week to discuss how their children are progressing. PC Norris came in to speak to Year Four pupils about who they can and cannot trust. He also spoke to our Year Six pupils regarding the issue of Cyber Bullying and the harm it causes. Our Reception pupils explored the school grounds in search of signs of Spring!!

Year 6 will host a Lenten Lunch on Friday 24th March at 1.15pm. All welcome (Please let Mrs Adams know if you are able to come) School number 01639 635099

Our next School mass is on Sunday 2nd April.

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.