



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
Sunday 13th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>(Gaudete Sunday)</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Thanksgiving (PT) Ouday Hikary (Sp. Int)
Monday 14th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday 15th December	6.30 pm Neath	Bryan, Joan, Harry RIP (BH)
Wednesday 16th December	9.30 Neath 11.00 Glynneath	Michael McAteer RIP (Family) Leila Scotson RIP (PM)
Thursday 17th December	9.30 Neath	Cyril & Delia Lewis RIP (D&P)
Friday 18th December	9.30 Neath	Nancy & Hector Scotson R.I.P. (PM)
Saturday 19th December		
Sunday 20th December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Desmond Comerford RIP (Family) Margaret Allen RIP (Family)



Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



Readers for this week: 12th/13th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday Evening: Sue Koziel, Lorna Halloran

Sunday Morning: Peter Thomas, Cath Sheehan

Readers for next week: 19th/20th December 4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday Evening: Luke Murphy, Caoimhe Murphy

Sunday Morning : Paddy Clifford, Jack Staddon



Church Cleaning

Team 3

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 6.12.15: £537.00 Levy: £91.30
Glynneath: 5.12.15: £51.72



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

Kath Wellington, Eileen Williams,
Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram,

Audrey Gammon, Peter and Hazel Huxtable,
Marjorie Grant, Olive Davies, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea,

Gladys Gallagher, Gaynor Pickrell, Lilian Lowry,
Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick, Mary Holmes,
Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans,
Bernard Madden, Harper Marie Beasley, David Jukes,
Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill and Anita Gore.



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

Deta May, Vincenzo DiDio,

Michael McAteer, John Turner, Elsie Farrell 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:

Jack



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Baby Josie Rose Protheroe
R.I.P.



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Hikary Family

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

Exposition: Friday morning after Mass.

St. Joseph's Sixth Form Senior Citizens' Christmas

Party: This will be held this Thursday, 17th between 2.00 and 4.00pm. Transport is available—please contact the School. See poster for details.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve:

4.00pm - St. John Kemble

6.00pm - St. Joseph's

Midnight - St. Joseph's (11.30pm - Carols)

Christmas Day:

10.30am - St. Joseph's

Volunteers: please to read at Mass, especially at the Saturday Vigil Mass. Please see David Reynolds. Thank you.

First Holy Communion: New names have been added to our list. They are, in reverse alphabetical order, Bethany Tristram, Callum Lavin, Daniel Jones, Iori Davies, Bethany Clifford, Kieran Cameron, Eve Abell. Please keep them all in your prayers. Classes will begin in the New Year.

Confirmation: Similarly, please keep each of the following in your prayers: Hannah Parel, Elma Parel, Emelia Evans, Patrick Comerford-Davies, Iori Comerford-Davies, Niamh Bray, Ciara Bray.

Adult Confirmation and Reception into the Catholic

Church: If any adult is hoping to become a Catholic, or to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please have a word with Fr. Neil.

Year of Mercy Booklets: "Preparing for the Journey" (CTS) and "A Pilgrimage Companion" (Alive Pub.) are available at the back of the church at a cost of £1. The "Walk With Me" Advent booklet is free.

Directory and Year Book 2016: for the Province of Cardiff, Wales and Herefordshire are now available from the piety shop at a price of £3.

St Joseph's Parish Finances: Many thanks for two further "anonymous" donations of £1,000 to the Parish Fund and £6,000 to the Boiler Room Fund. The £7,100 thus far

received will be ring-fenced. We need to raise a further £2,900 to reach our target of a £10,000 reserved fund for the boiler room. Many, many thanks for all donations received.

School News

Diary Dates: December

Tuesday 15th - Christmas Dinner Friday 18th @ 1.15pm End Of Term

Climate Change Petition: Thank you to all who signed CAFOD's petition recently. Representatives took the 40,000 strong petition to 10 Downing Street, calling on David Cameron to show leadership at the Paris Conference. Every diocese and constituency across England and Wales was represented in the petition. We pray that the decisions made in Paris will have (in the words of the Bishops' prayer) 'heeded the cry of the earth and of the poor, sought the common good and acted to protect the beautiful earthly garden which God has created for us, for all our brothers and sisters, and for all generations to come.'

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.