



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 3rd February <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Terry Behau R.I.P. Patrick Farrel R.I.P. (Ieuan & Susan Evans)
Monday 4th February	NO MASS	
Tuesday 5th February	6.30 pm Neath 7.15 Neath	Mass of the Holy Spirit Faith & Fellowship
Wednesday 6th February <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	MICF R.I.P. Fr Owen Hardwicke R.I.P. (SpCD)
Thursday 7th February	9.45 am Neath 6.30 pm Neath	Fr. Edmund Motherway R.I.P. (SPCD) Coffin received into Church
Friday 8th February	9.45 am Neath	Funeral Mass Rosa Tristram R.I.P.
Sunday 10th February <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Rose & Francis (Spec. Int.) John Hickey R.I.P. (C.Curnow & Family)

Confessions

Neath & Glynneath: on request

Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: 2nd/3rd February *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday Evening: Adrian MacPherson Jones, Paula MacPherson Jones

Sunday Morning: Desiree Nicholls, Berni Payne

Readers for next week: 9th/10th February *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday Evening: Ceri McAteer, Patrick McAteer

Sunday Morning: Elizabeth Fluck, Isabel Buckingham



Church Cleaning

Team: 2



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

Neath: 27.1.2019: £451.44, Levy: £73.20

Glynneath: 26.01.2019: £48.64



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

Kath Wellington, Benitia Whittington, Peter Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones, Anita Gore, Nicky Walsh, Ann Moruzzi, Kath Woolley, Roger Fluck, and Lorna O'Brien .



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

Josephine May, Elizabeth Ley, Antoinette Bester, Ann Cuddy, Iain Davies, William Jelley, Joan Thomas, Mabel Carroll, Kathleen Pugsley 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:

Peter Healey RIP



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Emily Vaudin



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

George & Bridie

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!"

Rosa Tristram R.I.P.: Rosa's Funeral Mass will take place in St Joseph's this Friday at 9.45 am. Please remember and her family in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual life shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

The Directory and Year Book 2019: with full details of the Catholic Diocese in Wales, names, addresses, news items, calendar of the year etc. is now available at the back of the Church. (£4).

Parish Renewal (1): Beginning on Tuesday 1st January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we shall regularly recite one decade of the Rosary before each weekday Mass, praying for renewal and a new Pentecost.

Parish Renewal (2): Bishop Tom has recently appointed Fr Michael Akpoghiran as Diocesan Director of Catechesis. It is hoped to renew the important ministry of Parish Catechist in every parish. If you have been involved in the work of parish catechesis (in preparing candidates for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage) in the past or would prayerfully consider helping in this important parish ministry, please have a word with Fr. Neil. Fr Michael hopes to meet with all those interested in the ministry of Catechist in local Deanery meetings in the next six months.

Parish Renewal (3): "Faith & Fellowship Meetings": It is hoped that in an informal gathering of prayer and reflection upon the central teachings of the Church we may strengthen and deepen our understanding of the Faith. Everyone and all ages are welcome. Along with our St Vincent de Paul Parish Group and the Legion of Mary, these three groups (which hopefully will overlap and strengthen each other) offer all members of the congregation the opportunity to contribute towards, to participate in and to strengthen our spiritual communion and commitment to the Lord and to each other in a way that supplements and strengthens our communion with one another which is centred in the celebration of Mass. Please continue to pray for a deepening of our spiritual life and prayer life as a parish as we pray for anew pentecost and a time of spiritual renewal.

"Lourdes Weekend": at Sacred Heart, Morrision 9th- 12th February—Sacrament of the Sick, Holy Rosary, Veneration of Relic of St. Bernadette. See poster for further details.

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. Canon Jason Jones is Chaplain for Morrision 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.

Churches Together in Neath: Women's World of Prayer will take place at St Joseph's on Friday March 1st at 2.00 pm. Mary Jenkins, who is coordinating the service has asked for volunteers who would like to participate in the service. If you are interested please contact Deacon Jim in the first instance.

Diary Date: SVP afternoon armchair cinema in the Parish Hall on Thursday 7th February 1.30 for 2.00 pm. No charge. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits. Transport provided for those in need. See poster at rear of Church for further information.

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 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

Karol a Chinese exchange student who joins us each Tuesday helped our Reception class learn about how the Chinese New Year is celebrated. Miss Beesley and Mr Anthony's children welcomed Callum from NPT Trade waste. During their PSE lesson he spoke to them about the importance of Reducing, Reusing and Recycling our waste. The children each had a canvas bag to decorate and a water

The Parish Hall: Is available for hire at very reasonable rates. To book, please contact Angela Healey on 01792 424168/07708105147.



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 donations can help raise funds for our Church. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.