



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 22nd April <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Cyril Garde R.I.P. (Henry) Parish & People Myra Woodland R.I.P. (Tom Hanson)
Monday 23rd April	NO MASS	
Tuesday 24th April	6.30 pm Neath	Anne Jones (Spec. Int.) (Annick)
Wednesday 25th April <i>St Mark</i>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Brian Jones R.I.P. (Karen Hardy) Dilys Thomas R.I.P. (Barrie)
Thursday 26th April	9.30 am Neath	Jimmy McGurron R.I.P. (Caroline Thomas)
Friday 27th April	9.30 am Neath	Rita Newton R.I.P. (Parish Guild)
Saturday 28th April	NO MASS	
Sunday 29th April <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Peter Healey R.I.P. (Angela) Dorothy Evans R.I.P.

Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: : 21st April/22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter

Saturday Evening: Maureen McAteer, David Reynolds

Sunday Morning: Sandra Davies, Roger Fluck

Readers for next week: 28th April/29th April 5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday Evening: Lorna Halloran, Sian Loynes

Sunday Morning: Peter Buckingham, Sheila Williams



Church Cleaning

Team: 3

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



Neath: !5.04.18: £585.60 Levy: £94.00

Glynneath: £88.90



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

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:**

Gwyneth Evans, Mary Adams, Annette Powell 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 R.I.P.



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Kathleen Jarrett R.I.P.

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!"

Today: is Vocations Sunday. The second collection is the annual collection in support of the Priests' Training Fund.

Thank you: for the "house event" which raised £160 for parish funds. Thank you.

Please: remember in your prayers Harrison Richard Curtis who will be baptised into the Church next Sunday afternoon.

Rosary on the Coast: 3.00 pm Sunday 29th April. Prayer for the re-flourishing of the Faith, for the grace to build a culture of life and for a New Spring Time in the life of the Church. Meet on the Esplanade at Aberavon, opposite the Aberavon Beach Hotel, at 2.45 pm.

The Abortion Act 1968: This Friday marks the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into effect in law. In these 50 years over nine million unborn children have been killed in the womb. On Saturday 5th May there is a March for Life in London and a coach is travelling from Tenby/Swansea. For further information see poster or for coach details contact jenniferwordley@gmail.com or phone 01834 849163.

Dementia Project: A Diocesan bid to the Bishops' Conference for funding towards an introductory training programme was successful. There will be a session at Neath Port Talbot Hospital on 17th May, 5.00 – 8.00 pm which will be delivered by a member of the ABM Hospital Trust Dementia Training team. In addition to clergy the project is geared to any parishioner who might have contact with a dementia sufferer as a result of their parish voluntary work eg: SVP, Legion of Mary, Extraordinary Ministers, Safeguarding Officers. Please contact Fr. Neil or Deacon Jim if you wish to attend.

GIFT AID Envelopes: for 2018/2019 are now available at the back of Church. If you pay tax and would like to gift aid your weekly collection please have a word with Robert Grant.

First Holy Communion Class: Please remember these

children in your prayers.: Carys Smitham, Joseph Payne, Klara Hikary, Logan Davies, Maja Ignaczak, Thomas Parel, Gryffydd Lee, Scarlet Marie Hutchings, Alexandra Harris, Joshua Zambrano and Sophia Hikary.

Catholic Bible School: OUR LADY IN THE BIBLE. What role does Our Lady play in our salvation? Why does she have such a special and unique place in the Catholic church? And how do we explain to our non-Catholic friends and family why we revere Mary? On Saturday 28th April Alan de Ste Croix will take us on a tour of Mary's role in sacred scripture and give us a greater understanding of why we, as Catholics, hold her in such reverence. We will meet in St David's Priory, St David's Place, Swansea, SA1 3NG at 10am until 3pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own packed lunch. For more information visit catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events

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.

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 in 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

Everyone has returned refreshed after the Easter Break. We would like to congratulate Mariaya who is this year's May Queen. The May Procession will take place on Friday 11th May at 2pm in the church. The Premier League Primary Stars came in on Friday to work with Mrs Henwood's & Mrs Brooks' Classes.

Diary Dates

Every Friday from April 20th: Premier League Primary Stars Mrs Henwood's & Mrs Brook's Classes

May

Monday 7th Bank Holiday

Wednesday 2nd—9th National Testing Years 2-6

Friday 11th May Procession 2pm

Sunday 13th School Sunday Mass

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.