



# 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 31st January</b> <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People David Chadwick (Spec Int) (L & M) Jack & Josie May (R.I.P.) (P. Phillips)
<b>Monday 1st February</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 2nd February</b> <i>Candlemas</i>	6.30 pm Neath	Joseph Jelley (Sian, Rob & Lorraine)
<b>Wednesday 3rd February</b> <i>St Blaise</i>	9.30 Neath 11.00 Glynneath	Kevin Fitzpatrick R.I.P. (Karen & Doug) Mary Martin R.I.P.
<b>Thursday 4th February</b>	9.30 Neath	Michael Scotson (Spec Int) (P.M.)
<b>Friday 5th February</b> <i>St Agatha</i>	9.30 Neath	Patrick Gallagher (R.I.P.) (GG)
<b>Saturday 6th February</b>		
<b>Sunday 7th February</b> <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Special Intention (S.E.) Private Intention (M.A.)



### Confessions

Neath : on request  
Glynneath: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



**Readers for this week: 30th/31st January 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday Evening:** Caoimhe Murphy, Luke Murphy

**Sunday Morning:** Cath Sheehan, Peter Thomas

**Readers for next week: 6th/7th February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday Evening:** Nora Reynolds, Laurence MacPherson Jones

**Sunday Morning** : Jack Staddon, Paddy Clifford



### Church Cleaning

Team 1

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

Neath: 24.01.16: £529.40

Levy: £108.10

SPUC £170.04



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

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Audrey Gammon, Peter and Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Olive Davies, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gladys Gallagher, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick, Mary Holmes, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, Bernard Madden, Harper Marie Beasley, David Jukes, Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill, Joan Linciano and Anita Gore.



### 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 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:

*Stan May*



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

*Carwyn Williams*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*P.M.H...*

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

**Tea and Coffee:** is served in the Hall after Mass on Sunday. Why not join us for a cuppa and a chat!

**Exposition:** Friday morning after Mass.

**The Lent “Walk with Me”** readings are now available at the back of the Church. Please take a FREE copy.

**Mass for the Sick:** Sunday 21st February in Our Lady of Margam at 3.00 pm.

**Boiler Room Appeal:** The Parish Social on Tuesday raised a further £560 toward the Boiler Room Fund. Many thanks to all who contributed. An update on Parish Finances will be in the next newsletter.

**Liturgical Guidelines:** please would all readers take the opportunity before Mass to come up to the lectern and prepare the reading - those difficult words and to capture the sense of the reading!

**Many thanks** for last week’s collection for SPUC. St Joseph’s: £170.04, St John Kemble: £19.40.

**Lenten Retreat Day:** 6th February 2016 10.30 am—3.30 pm at St Joseph’s Cathedral Hall, Greenhill, Swansea. See notice board for further details.

**Day of Prayer and Reflection:** for Extraordinary Ministers and Ministers of the Word. At Holy Cross, Gendros on 27th February. See notice board for details.

**Catholic Bible School:** The next Scripture Saturday of 2016 will be on Saturday 20th February at St David’s Priory in Swansea. The day will be led by David Beresford, Director of the Catholic Bible School. The day is entitled ‘Looking with Luke: a Gospel of Mercy and Joy.’

**First Holy Communion:** The following names have been received for First Holy Communion: Bethany Tristram, Callum Lavin, Daniel Jones, Iori Davies, Bethany Clifford, Kieran Cameron, Eve Abell, Kyla Evans, Violette Orrin. 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, Cabhan Comerford Davies, Niamh Bray, Ciara Bray, Mercedes Goldthrite, Abigail Goldthrite, Georgia Staddon, Emily Protheroe, Ryan Protheroe, Charlotte Humphries, Ryan

Davies, Niamh McCarthy, Jessica Lloyd, Lauren Davies and Anastasia Lynch.

**Please take a free copy** of the new Diocesan Newsletter, “The Menevian”, available at the back of the Church.

**PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY\***

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!” You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

**School News**

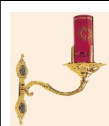
On Monday we celebrated the patron saint of people in love, St Dwynwen. We heard her story, wrote poems and gave cards to people we love.

Year Four welcomed their family and friends on Friday morning for their class assembly. The theme of Communities was demonstrated by telling us the groups they belong to. The children told us how through various groups in the parish we give each other support.

Finally, our next Sunday School Mass will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, please make every effort to join us.

**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.