



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 4th February <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Brian Hudson R.I.P. (John & Jane Smith) Larry Kiely R.I.P. (K. Sheehan)
Monday 5th February	NO MASS	
Tuesday 6th February <i>St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i>	6.30 pm Neath	Helen Culpan (Ireland) (George & Bridie)
Wednesday 7th February	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Hazel Lovering (Lorna & Kevin) Joseph Nedza R.I.P. (Nancy)
Thursday 8th February	9.30 am Neath	Fr. James Keegan R.I.P. (SPCD)
Friday 9th February <i>St. Teilo</i>	9.30 am Neath	Peter Healey R.I.P. (Angela)
Saturday 10th February	NO MASS	
Sunday 11th February <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Catherine Newcombe R.I.P. (June, John & family) Parish & People June Juanico R.I.P. (Joan & Eddy)

Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: : 3rd/4th February

Saturday Evening: Lorna Halloran, Sian Loynes

Sunday Morning: Sheila Williams, Peter Buckingham

Readers for next week: 10th/11th February

Saturday Evening: Nora Reynolds, Lawrence MacPherson Jones

Sunday Morning: John Hickey, Bernadette Payne.



Church Cleaning

Team: 1

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



Neath: 21.01.18: £465.60 Levy: £83.70

Glynneath: 27.01.18: £42.00



**Please pray for those in
our parish who are sick
and housebound, especial-
ly:**

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, Kath Wooley and Rita Newton.



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

Josephine May, Elizabeth Ley Antonietta Bester, Ann Cuddy Iain daves, William Jelley, Joan Thomas, Mabel Carroll, Kathleen Pugsley, Catherine Davies, Hugh Tanner 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:

Nicky Lloyd



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Will Roberts

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!"

Please remember in your prayers: Patricia Greg (aunt of Fr. Bill Lloyd) whose Funeral Service will take place at Margam Crematorium on Monday 12th February at 10.30. *Eternal rest grant unto her o Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Please remember in your prayers: Francesca Howells (R.I.P.), granddaughter of Joan Linciano, whose funeral takes place in St David's Church this week. *Eternal rest grant unto her o Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

First Holy Communion Classes: We still need two volunteers to help this happen. Please have a word with Carolynn. The following applications have been received: Carys Smitham, Joseph Payne, Klara Hikary, Logan Davies, Maja Ignaczak, Thomas Parel, Gryffydd Lee, Scarlet Marie Hutchings, Alexandra Harris, Joshua Zambrano and Sophia Hikary. Please remember these children in your prayers. The First Holy Communion Mass will be held on Sunday 24th June.

Fr. John Patrick Thomas: Silver Jubilee at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Gorseinon on Thursday 15th February at 7.00 pm. All welcome. Fr. John Patrick's first appointment was to Neath and Glynneath in 1993 - 1998.

Savouries: our "Savoury Sunday" has been moved from this Sunday to a later date.

Vacancy: St. Joseph's Junior School, Port Talbot: TEMPORARY KS2 CLASS TEACHER. Required for Monday 16th April 2018. CES Application Forms may be downloaded from www.cesew.org.uk or www.eteach.com. and returned to: The Chair of Governors c/o St. Joseph's Catholic Junior School, Nobel Avenue, Port Talbot, SA12 6YN. Closing date is Noon on 26th February, 2018. For full Advertisement please notice board.

Churches Together in Neath: This year's Lenten Studies programme will commence on Monday 19th February at St Peter & St Paul's, Cimla at 7.30.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick for the 160th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes: Sunday 11th February at Sacred Heart, Morriston. 6.00 pm Holy Rosary, 6.30 pm Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom. (see poster).

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.

Health & Safety: We have been asked to remind everyone who enters and exits the Church to take extra care at this time of year. Please use the handrail provided and watch for any icy conditions - this applies to elderly and young people alike. Be ready to assist those in need of help and supervise children as necessary. Those who find the front steps difficult to negotiate are invited to use the side entrance at the Lady Chapel.

Fire risks usually emanate from naked flame. We ask that great care be taken when lighting votive candles, ensuring that young children are supervised by an adult at all times, especially near the votive candle stands. There are a number of fire extinguishers around the church for use in an emergency. Provision has been made for orderly evacuation should the need arise. There are three exits: the main doors, the Lady Chapel and the Sacristy.

40 Days For Life: Where? St Mary Street, Cardiff, opposite Elgin House, outside Howell's/Ladbroke's, facing the abortion facility across the street.

When? February 15th (Ash Wednesday) until 25th March (Palm Sunday) **EVERY DAY.** I am asking for volunteers for the hours **between 11.00 a.m. to 4.00p.m.**

Why? To pray for an end to abortion and help especially for women who may be going into the building to seek an abortion. Contact Janet Thomas on: jelthomas@btinternet.com or 07901713077

School News

This week we have been learning about how the Chinese New Year is celebrated. The children have made puppets, painted plates and cut Chinese dragons and learned about the Chinese zodiac. The Reception and Year Six children welcomed Lu, a Chinese exchange student. She told the children about life in China and how the Chinese New Year is celebrated there. Mrs Pryse's class welcomed their family and friends on Friday morning for their class assembly. The theme of Books was demonstrated by enacting Goldilocks and the story of Noah.

Diary: February

Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday
Thursday 15th Valentines Disco
Friday 16th INSET

Half Term Monday 19th–Friday 23rd

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.