



# 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 18th March</b> <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	3.30 pm Glynneath 4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Stations of the Cross John Paul McKeever R.I.P. Helen Williams (Spec. Int.) Parish & People
<b>Monday 19th March</b> <i>St Joseph</i>	9.30 am Neath	Mary & Edward Rees R.I.P. (Nuala & Martin Rees)
<b>Tuesday 20th March</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Wednesday 21st March</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Lilian Jones R.I.P. (Ann, Des & Family) Niel Hipsley R.I.P. (Bella & Reg)
<b>Thursday 22nd March</b>	9.30 am Neath	Catherine Murphy (Spec. Int.)
<b>Friday 23rd March</b>	9.30 am Neath 7.00 pm Neath	Mary Fletcher R.I.P. Stations of the Cross
<b>Sunday 25th March</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	3.30 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Stations of the Cross Niel Hipsley R.I.P. (All at St John Kemble) Ira Thomas (Peter Thomas) Parish & People

### Confessions

**Neath** : on request  
**Glynneath**: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



**Readers for this week** : 17th/18th March

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

**Sunday Morning**:: Berni Payne, John Hickey

**Readers for next week**: 24th/25h March **Palm Sunday**

**Saturday Evening**: As Volunteer List

**Sunday Morning**: As Volunteer List

### Church Cleaning

**Team: 1**



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



Neath: 11.03 18: £491.04 Levy: £80.40

Glynneath: 10.02.18: £50.50



**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:**

John Howells, Margaret Harland, William Newton, Anne Morgan, Leonard Grey 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:

*Private Intention (E)*



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

*Margaret & Donald Bevan*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*Peter Healey 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.

**Thank you:** to all parishioners who have donated cakes and biscuits to our Sunday coffee mornings.

**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!"

**Lenten Devotions:** During the season of Lent we shall follow the Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7.00 pm in St Josephs and on Saturday at 3.30 pm in St John Kemble.

**Palm Sunday:** Please be in good time for the Blessing of Palms and the Palm Sunday Procession.

PLEASE REMEMBER: THE CLOCKS CHANGE ON SATURDAY Night, between the two Palm Sunday Masses!

### **Holy Week Services:**

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**11.30 am** Chrism Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral Swansea

#### **Holy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**7.00 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
*Followed by watching at the altar of repose until 10.00pm*

#### **Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**3.00 pm** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
Followed by the Sacrament of Confession  
**7.00 pm** Stations of the Cross  
**7.00 pm** **Veneration and Stations of the Cross (St John Kemble).**

#### **Holy Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**8.00 pm** Easter Vigil (First Mass of Easter)

#### **Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**9.00 Glynneath** - Mass of Easter Day

**10.30 am Neath** - Mass of Easter Day

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR READINGS AND WASHING OF FEET FOR HOLY WEEK. THANK YOU.**

**Churches Together in Neath:** This year's Lenten Studies programme concludes tomorrow, 19th March, at Bethel Elim at 7.30.

**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. The Feast of St Joseph, 19th March is an opportunity to mark 40 days of spiritual preparation ending on 27th April, the 50th Anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into effect.

**Adoremus 2018 Eucharistic Congress:** from Friday 7th-Sunday 9th September in Liverpool. Two tickets for each parish. Cost: £120to include Friday night accommodation, coach from Menevia, returning late Saturday night..If interested please take two booking forms THIS WEEKEND (available at the back of Church) applying for both tickets (paired names will be drawn out of a hat).

**Diamond Anniversary:** Kevin & Lorna would like to thank all their friends for the cards and best wisheson their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Parish Guild Thank you to all those who helped to arrange and who supported the Welsh Cakes and Bingo evening which raised £300 for Parish Funds. Many thanks.

**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

It's been a lovely week yet again at St Joseph's Spring is in the air!!

The children have been creative using recycled household waste to make musical instruments, puppet theatres and upcycling T-shirts.

And finally, on Friday, we had a "Onsie Day". Staff and pupils spent the day in their Onsies; the proceeds collected will be donated to CAFOD.

**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.