



Eglwys Gatholig Sant Joseff, Castellnedd. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Neath.

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Times of Holy Mass for the coming week

Day	Time and Place	Intention
Sunday 5th February <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Patrick McNally (R.I.P.) (John & Jane Smith) Andrew Vicari R.I.P. (Marjorie Grant & Family)
Monday 6th February	NO MASS	
Tuesday 7th February	6.30 pm Neath	Olive & Lyn Price R.I.P., Edith & Florence Delve R.I.P.
Wednesday 8th February	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Mary Woolcock R.I.P. (Pat & Donie) Fr. Liam Reilly R.I.P. (SPCD)
Thursday 9th February <i>St Teilo</i>	9.30 am Neath	Private Intention
Friday 10th February	10.00 am Neath	Funeral Service Edwina Hinnigan R.I.P.
Saturday 11th February		
Sunday 12th February <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Rita Meads (Spec Int) (John & Jane Smith) Deta May (Spec Int) (Family)


Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass

 **Readers for this week: 4th/5th February**
Saturday Evening: Lorna Halloran, Sue Koziel
Sunday Morning: Sheila Williams Peter Buckingham
Readers for next week: 11th/12th February
Saturday Evening: Nora Reynolds, Laurence MacPherson Jones
Sunday Morning : John Hickey, Berni Payne


 **Church Cleaning Team: 3**

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 29.01.17: £534.83 Levy: £81.00

Glynneath: 28.01.17: £69.85.

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

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Audrey Gammon, Peter & Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, David Jukes, Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones, Joan Thomas and Anita Gore.



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

Antonietta Bester, Ann Cuddy, Iain Davies, William Jelley, Mabel Carroll, Kathleen Pughsley, Catherine Davies 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:



Williams Family



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Peter Healey



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Alice Francis 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.

Olive Davies R.I.P.: Please remember Olive in your prayers and the family at this time. Olive's funeral service will be at Margam Crematorium on Wednesday 8th February at 1.30 pm. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her May she rest in peace.*

Edwina Hinnigan R.I.P.: Please remember Edwina in your prayers and the family at this time. Edwina's funeral service will be here in St Joseph's on Friday 10th February at 10.00 am. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her May she rest in peace.*

First Holy Communion: Classes take place at 9.30 am in the Parish Hall before the 10.30 Mass. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday 18th June.

Our SVP Group: support Mission 25:35 in helping the homeless in Neath (see handout). As well as asking for donations of food and other items we will hold a special second collection next Sunday to support the great work of our SVP.

Mass for the Sick (Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes): at Our lady of Margam on Sunday 19th February at 3.00pm. Everyone welcome.

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.

Tanzanian Ambulance Fund: In 2016, through the monthly tea and coffee gathering, our parish was able to support the Rosminian clinic at Kwalukonge, Tanzania with £458.47. Fr. Ambrose Chuwa, the clinic's director, sends his greetings and thanks. Our donation was used for various purposes including medicines, tyres for the ambulance and care for patients far from home and family.

Pilgrimages: to Medugorje, 15th –22nd June 2017 (£589) and to Fatima, 10th-15th October 2017 (£678) - a few places left. Contact Sr. Margaret on 01792 473453.

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 23rd to 28th July this year. Please see poster for details.

Walk humbly with your God - The prophet Micah for today: Led by David Beresford, Director of the Catholic Bible School. David will creatively and imaginatively help us to dig deep into the message of the prophet Micah and help us to see why his message is still relevant to Christians today. On Saturday 25th February at 10am to 3pm in St David Lewis RC Church, Monnow Way, Bettws, Newport,

NP20 7DX.

This day is part of the Burning Within Bible Course. Burning Within is our Six Month Bible Course running from January to June 2017 held on the fourth Saturday of each month at various locations across South Wales. If you can't make all six Saturdays, each one also stands alone so don't worry if you miss some! This is a free course but all donations are gratefully received. Tea, Coffee and biscuits are provided but you will need to bring your own packed lunch.

CAFOD overseas speaker at Nazareth House: Sr Yvonne, a CAFOD partner from Zambia, will be visiting Wales and will be sharing her inspiring and life-transforming stories about helping families to turn tiny fish into a thriving business. Her talk is called 'The Cry of the Earth and Cry of the Poor'. We are delighted to have her visit, please do come along to help support her work and hear the amazing story behind CAFOD's Lent Fast Day appeal this year. The event will be on Monday 13 February at 3:00pm at Nazareth House, Colum Rd, Cardiff. Contact CAFOD for further details on 029 20344 882 or email southwales@cafod.org.uk

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

This week we have been learning about how the Chinese New Year is celebrated. The children have made drums, money wallets, dragons and hand print roosters.

The Reception and Year Six children welcomed Jack, a Chinese exchange student. He told the children about school life in China and how the Chinese New Year is celebrated by his family.

Mrs Brooks' class 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.

Tuesday 7th February: Safer Internet Day.

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 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.