



# 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
<b>Sunday 21st May</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Wendy Baker R.I.P (Lorna & Kevin) Kay Jones R.I.P. ( Mary Addis)
<b>Monday 22nd May</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 23rd May</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Wednesday 24th May</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	James O'Donnell (Bing) R.I.P. (Peg) John Scotson R.I.P.
<b>Thursday 25th May</b> <i>Ascension Thursday</i>	9.30 am Neath	John Paul McKeever R.I.P
<b>Friday 26th May</b>	9.30 am Neath	David Chadwick (Spec Int) (M&L)
<b>Saturday 27th May</b>		
<b>Sunday 28th May</b> <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Gerard McMahon R.I.P. (B. O'Grady) Donald & Sharon Burke R.I.P. (John Hickey)

### Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request

### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass

**Readers for this week: 20th/21st May *Sixth Sunday of Easter***

**Saturday Evening:** Ceri McAteer, Patrick McAteer

**Sunday Morning:** Babs Hunt

**Readers for next week: 27th/28th May *Ascension of the Lord***

**Saturday Evening:** David Reynolds, Maureen McAteer

**Sunday Morning :** Roger Fluck

### Church Cleaning



**Team: 3**

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



Neath: 14.05.17: £476.09 Levy: £85.40  
Glynneath: 13.05.17 £37.50



**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, and Anita Gore.



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

Brigid Mahoney, Evan Elias, Sydney Parsons 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:



*Cerys Preston  
For GCSE success*



**Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:**

*Peter Healey*



**St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:**

*Ist Communion Candidates*

**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.

**Fatima Centenary:** This is the Centenary year of the Fatima apparitions, and the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) England and Wales National Pilgrim Virgin statue, and relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto, will be visiting Cathedrals and churches, including St Joseph's Cathedral in Swansea from 27-28 May 2017.

**Sat 27th May at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper at Cardigan** - The programme starts at 10 am to include Rosary and mass and presentations, confession etc

**Sunday 28th St Josephs Cathedral** -The Cathedral Hall will be open from 2.30pm for prayer and private devotion prior to the procession. **At 15:00 , the Bishop will preside over a Marian celebration which will include a procession and rosary and crowning. This will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relics of the new saints. The statue will arrive in time for the 5.30pm Vigil Mass followed by devotions** There will also be devotions after the usual 8am and 10.30 am Sunday Masses.

You can see more details here: <http://www.meneviacathedral.org/statue-of-our-lady-of-fatima/4593825810>

**Vocations Weekend:** 26th-28th May for young women considering the vocation to religious life. See poster for details.

**Mass Requests:** please note that all weekend Masses are already reserved until the middle of June. If you would like loved ones remembered at Mass on particular dates please advise several months in advance. Thank you.

**Our Lord's Housekeepers:** if you are able to spend a couple of hours every 3/4 weeks helping to clean the Church, please contact Pat O'Connell.

**Guidance for planning funeral liturgies:** the leaflet has been reprinted and copies are available at the back of church.

**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 Morrison Hospital on 07792 003905.

**Piety Shop:** Gifts and cards are available for purchase and can also be ordered for you for special occasions. Please

see Sheila.

**Kwalukonge Clinic, Tanzania:** Fr. Ambrose Chuwa, the clinic director, was in touch last week to thank us for our latest donation of 206,328.31 Tanzanian shillings (£77) raised in our monthly tea and coffee gatherings. The support is greatly appreciated. He also asks our prayers - the region has been hit by floods. At least ten people have died and houses and cars were carried towards mountains where they were smashed on huge boulders. The clinic continues to provide a service, but staff are 'locked in' - the roads are impassable meaning that the ambulance cannot pick up either patients or medicines. And, of course, crops will have been affected.

**Hall Committee:** There will be a meeting of the Hall Committee on Tuesday (23rd) at 7.00 pm.

### 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

**Week commencing 08.05:** It has been an extremely busy week at school. Councillor Bob Price came in to Mrs Brooks' class during their PSE lesson to talk about his role as town councillor. He explained the responsibilities of Neath Town council and that of the Mayor. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a Q and A session. On Friday Swansea City Superstars worked with Mr Anthony's and Miss Beesley's classes on communication and team work skills.

**Week commencing 15.05:** Urdd Rygbi Tots came in to teach rugby skills to Mrs Stephens' class via the Welsh Language. Years 4,5 and 6 are continuing to enjoy working with Swansea City Superstars.

**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.