



# 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 24th February</b> <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Deceased Parish Priests R.I.P. (Nancy) Parish & People Rose & Francis (Spec. Int)
<b>Monday 25th February</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 26th February</b>	6.30 pm Neath	Dorothy Evans R.I.P.
<b>Wednesday 27th February</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	MICF R.I.P. Ann Cuddy R.I.P. (Nancy)
<b>Thursday 28th February</b>	No Mass 6.00 pm Neath	Reception of coffin into Church
<b>Friday 1st March</b> <i>St David</i>	10.00 am Neath 2.00 pm Neath 6.30 pm Neath	Funeral Service –Joan Linciano R.I.P. Women's World Day of Prayer St David's Day Mass (Vocations)
<b>Sunday 3rd March</b> <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People William John Sullivan R.I.P. (Pauline, Margaret & Families) Fr. Bill Lloyd R.I.P. (Elias Family)

### Confessions

Neath & Glynneath: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



**Readers for this week:** 23rd/24th February *7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday Evening: Sian Loynes, Lorna Halloran

Sunday Morning: Sandra Davies, Roger Fluck

**Readers for next week:** 2nd/3rd March *8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday Evening: Ann Bromage, Nora Reynolds

Sunday Morning: Peter Buckingham, Desiree Nicholls



### Church Cleaning

Team: 2



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

Neath: 17.02.2019: £550.50, Levy: £83.00

Glynneath: 16.02.2019: £80.00



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

Kath Wellington, Benitia Whittington, Peter Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Matilda Jones, Anita Gore, Nicky Walsh, Ann Moruzzi, Kath Woolley, Roger Fluck, and Lorna O'Brien .



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

Stanley May, Lillian Foundy, Julia McGrath, Lynda Bennett, Clive Roberts, Robert Turner, Harold Booth 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:

*Marie Galvin R.I.P.*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

**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!"

**Parish Hall Committee:** will meet on Tuesday 26th February at 7.15 pm in the Hall.

**Joan Linciano R.I.P.** Please remember Joan and her family in your prayers at this time. Joan's Funeral Service will take place this Friday at 10.00 at St Joseph's. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual life shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**Bishop Tom Pastoral Visit:** Bishop Tom will be the main celebrant at our School Mass on Sunday 24th March at 10.30.

**40 Days for Life 2019:** A Peaceful Prayerful Vigil

When? March 6<sup>th</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup> 11.00 a.m. -4.00 p.m.

Where? 20 St. Mary Street Cardiff, outside Ladbroke's

Why? 1. to pray for an end to abortion  
2. to offer help to pregnant women  
3. to offer counselling to those in mental anguish post abortion

Pray for justice for the weakest (the unborn), one day we too may be weak. For further details ring 07901713077 or email [jelthomas@btinternet.com](mailto:jelthomas@btinternet.com)

**Please remember:** Jack William Tregoning in your prayers who will be baptised into the Church this Sunday afternoon.

**Walk with Me Lent Booklet:** Please take a FREE copy of the Walk with Me Prayers and Readings for Lent.

**Parish Renewal (1):** Beginning on Tuesday 1st January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we shall regularly recite one decade of the Rosary before each weekday Mass, praying for renewal and a new Pentecost.

**Parish Renewal (2):** Bishop Tom has recently appointed Fr Michael Akpoghiran as Diocesan Director of Catechesis. It is hoped to renew the important ministry of Parish Catechist in every parish. If you have been involved in the work of parish catechesis (in preparing candidates for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage) in the past or would prayerfully consider helping in this important parish ministry, please have a word with Fr. Neil. Fr Michael hopes to meet with all those interested in the ministry of Catechist in local

Deanery meetings in the next six months. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIAL APPEAL to the teachers (and former teachers) in our congregation to offer yourself in this absolutely vital ministry if our parish community is going to flourish and to grow. The life of the Church, and especially of our young people, depends on your commitment to the teaching and proclamation of the Gospel and helping others to enter into a deeper experience of the Risen Jesus.

**Parish Renewal (3):** "Faith & Fellowship Meetings": It is hoped that in an informal gathering of prayer and reflection upon the central teachings of the Church we may strengthen and deepen our understanding of the Faith. Everyone and all ages are welcome. Along with our St Vincent de Paul Parish Group and the Legion of Mary, these three groups (which hopefully will overlap and strengthen each other) offer all members of the congregation the opportunity to contribute towards, to participate in and to strengthen our spiritual communion and commitment to the Lord and to each other in a way that supplements and strengthens our communion with one another which is centred in the celebration of Mass. Please continue to pray for a deepening of our spiritual life and prayer life as a parish as we pray for a new pentecost and a time of spiritual renewal. . Our next two meetings take place at 7.15 on the Tuesdays of 5th March and 19th March.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima:** October 10th-15th 2019. Spiritual Director - Canon Paul Watson. For further information see poster or contact Paula MacPherson Jones 01639 636739

**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. Canon 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.

### School News

Our Golden Star Assembly took place on Thursday. We celebrated the hard work, beautiful manners and improved skills of children in each class. Staff and pupils joined together to celebrate St. David's Day. We started the day at mass on Friday. It was a fantastic celebration of our Welsh language and culture with Mrs James accompanying us on the piano in the afternoon. All classes contributed a performance towards a fun filled day and we ate seasonal treats, such as welsh cakes.

There will be no school news next week as the school is closed for Half Term. We resume the term on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**The Parish Hall:** Is available for hire at very reasonable rates. To book, please contact Angela Healey on 01792 424168/07708105147.



### Parent & Toddler Group:

meet in the hall every Wednesday morning from 9:00 -11:00 and on Friday from 11.30 to 2.30.



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 donations can help raise funds for our Church. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.