



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 26th November <i>Christ the King</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Francis & Rose (Spec. Int.) Peter Healey R.I.P. (Annette, Phillip & Paul) Parish & People
Monday 27th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday 28th November	NO MASS	
Wednesday 29th November	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Ann Margaret Brown R.I.P. (Barbara Brown) John Williams R.I.P.
Thursday 30th November <i>St Andrew</i>	9.30 am Neath	Andy Latchem (Spec. Int.) (Lorraine & Mike)
Friday 1st December	12.30 am Neath	Funeral Mass Brian Hudson R.I.P.
Saturday 2nd December	NO MASS	
Sunday 3rd December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Betty Hopkins (Spec Int) Domingo Juanico (Snr) & Domingo Juanico (Jnr) R.I.P. (Joan & Family)

Confessions

Neath : on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week : 25th/26th November
Saturday Evening: Lorna Halloran, Sue Koziel
Sunday Morning: Sheila Williams, Peter Buckinham

Readers for next week: 25th/26th November
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: 19.11.17: £551.42 Levy: £84.50
Autumn Fayre: £655.69

Glynneath 18.11.17: £34.20



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, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones, Anita Gore, Nicky Walsh and Rita Newton.



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

Andrew Saunders, George Duncan, Edward Mulreany, Antonietta Aprea, Baby Grace Mallaghan, David John, Colin Rees, Elizabeth Murphy 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:

John Burke



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Nicky Walsh



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Aldridge Family.

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.

Brian Hudson R.I.P.: Please remember Brian in your prayers and Brigid, Michelle, Craig and all the family at this time. Brian's Funeral Mass will be this Friday at 12.30. The coffin will be received into Church at 6.00 pm on Thursday evening. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Parish Fundraising after Mass in December: If you feel able to organise a parish fund raising event after the 10.30 Mass in December please speak to Fr. Neil. Please support the '**Festive Cake Sale**'; after Mass on Sunday 17th December. All monies raised will be donated to Parish Funds. If you are able to donate cakes on the day, please contact Aimee Wellington on 07860550281' Thank you.

Congratulations! Warmest good wishes to Betty Hopkins celebrating her 90th Birthday this weekend. A very happy birthday.

Free Christmas Day Dinner! The Griddle in Clydach. Deliveries and lifts available. Please see poster at back of Church for further details.

St. Joseph's Sixth Form College: Annual Christmas Party: Wednesday 20th December from 2.00-400 pm. Transport available. Contact School to confirm- 01639 884345 (see poster)

St Joseph's Parish Finances: Apart from funds set aside to pay for the new boiler and restoring the Sanctuary Arch we now have only £1,970.62 in the Parish General Fund (including the £654.69 from the Autumn Fayre). Donations, gifts and fund-raising events would be warmly welcomed.

Donations: towards the Christmas Flower decorations would be warmly welcomed. Thank you.

Second Collection: on the First Sunday of Advent (3rd Dec) will be in support of our SVP Group and their work with the homeless and needy locally over the Christmas period.

SHOW YOU CARE THIS CHRISTMAS: In 1988 the Jesuits in Mexico started a Human Rights Group to help free " Prisoners of Conscience", protect people from torture and ensure people had fair trials. They also help vulnerable communities to defend their land rights. Members of the group receive constant death threats.

Please show your support by adding them to your Christmas Card List. A simple message of support and good wishes will lift their spirits. The address is " Centro de Derechos Humanos Miguel Agustin Pro Juarez" [Serapio Rendon 57-B, Col.San Rafael, Mexico D.F. Mexico.](http://SerapioRendon57-B.Col.SanRafael.MexicoD.F.Mexico)

Christmas Draw Tickets: are available at the back of Church, priced at £2.50 per book. Please take as many as you are able to sell to family and friends. Please return counterfoils and money by 10th December at the latest. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Parish Archive: Coming soon – a chance for parishioners to come together and share their stories on 'tape': memories of First Holy Communion, May Procession, Corpus Christi, trip to Cardiff for the papal visit, anything you feel would be of interest to parishioners now and in the future. Have a think. More news soon. "Photographs may illustrate what we have seen, but it is the stories we share which enable us to connect with others." (John Bell of the Iona Community).

Victorian Christmas Markets, Worcester: Sat. 2nd December. £16. Please contact Karen Clifford on 07840 189308.

Advent Booklet: please take a FREE copy of the Day to Day Advent Prayers and reflections.

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.

Mass Requests: If you would like loved ones remembered at Mass on particular dates please advise several months in advance. Thank you.

ACT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

School News

Rehearsals for the Christmas concerts are well under way. The Foundation Phase auditions for "Prickly Hay" have been held, parts have been cast. This year our Key Stage Two children are presenting a Carol Service in the Church, singing traditional and modern carols. Please join us on Monday 11th December at 6pm.

Next Sunday we will lead the liturgy at mass celebrating the beginning of Advent. Please join us at 10.30am.

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.