



# Eglwys Gatholig Sant Joseff, Castell-nedd. 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 29th December</b> <i>Holy Family</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Eileen Davis R.I.P. (John & Jane Smith) Helen Culpán (Ireland) (Bridie & George)
<b>Monday 30th December</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 31st December</b>	No Mass	
<b>Wednesday 1st January</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Holy Souls (Alex Miles) Joseph Nedza R.I.P. (Nancy)
<b>Thursday 2nd January</b>	No Mass	
<b>Friday 3rd January</b>	No Mass	
<b>Saturday 4th January</b>		
<b>Sunday 5th January</b>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Bernard Newcombe R.I.P. (Nancy) Fr. Peter Kelly R.I.P. (Kevin & Lorna) Parish & People

### Confessions

On request or before or after any Mass

### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass



**Readers for this week:** 28th/29th December Holy Family  
Saturday Evening: Patrick McAteer, Ceri McAteer  
Sunday Morning: Babs Hunt, Sheila Williams

**Readers for next week:** 4th/5th January  
Saturday Evening: David Reynolds, Maureen McAteer  
Sunday Morning: Maureen Pitt, Isabel Buckingham



### Church Cleaning

Team: 2

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



Neath: 22.12.19: £488.80 Levy: £82.00  
S.V.P.: £317.79  
Glynneath: 14.11: £73>50 S.V.P>: £92.50



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

**St Joseph's:** Kath Wellington, Mike O'Hea, Benitia Whittington, Marjorie Grant, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Matilda Jones, Nicky Walsh, Ann Moruzzi, Kath Woolley, Roger Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins.

**St John Kemble:** Maria, Harry, Peggy, Anita, Fred and Ann.



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

Arthur Wheatley, Lucy Wiltshire, Jim Insole, Mair Richards, Patrick Gallagher, Peter Navin, Bridget Amos, Vernon Tanner, Virginia Tanner, William Dooley, Sharon Bradsaw, Thomas Bernard Thomas 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:

*Michael McAteer R.I.P.*



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

*Alma Elias R.I.P.*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*Gladys Gallagher 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.

**DOMSEC (The Diocese of Menevia School of Evangelisation and Catechetics):** Explore the Catholic faith! See the excellent website [www.domsec.org.uk](http://www.domsec.org.uk)

**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!"

**Mass Intentions:** Please note that every Sunday until January already has a Mass Intention. Please think several months ahead if requesting a Sunday Mass Intention!

**Christmas Message:** As we celebrate with great joy the Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, we pray that He may find a home also in our hearts and lives and that we welcome the Christ Child to the centre of our festive celebrations. "O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee" Deacon Jim and I wish you all a holy, happy and blessed Christmas.

**Christmas Raffle:** Many thanks to Roger & Elizabeth for organising our Christmas Raffle which raised the magnificent sum of £739.50 for Parish funds. 1st Prize: Tich, 2nd Prize: Mrs. C. Williams, 3rd Prize: Elaine Anderson, 4th Prize: Jan Harvey, 5th Prize: Babs Hunt, 6th Prize: Tich

**Christmas Cake Sale:** Many thanks to Aimee and Olivia for organising the cake sale which raised £233.93 for Parish funds plus £47 for Des' cake and £25 for Des' pickled onions.

**Christmas Collection, Gifts and Cards:** grateful thanks for the very generous Christmas Collection and also for the gifts and cards received. All much appreciated.

**Christmas flowers and decorations:** Many thanks to Bella (St. John Kemble) and Chris and Babs for the flowers at Christmas and throughout the year. Thank you also to all those who have generously donated to the cost of flowers and to those who helped to decorate the two Churches and set up the crib and decorate the tree.

**Fr. Peter Kelly R.I.P.:** Fr. Kelly died peacefully the day before his 98th Birthday. Funeral arrangements: **RECEPTION OF BODY - MONDAY 06 JANUARY 2020 @ 16:15, St. Joachim & St. Anne's Church, DUNVANT, Swansea. SA2 7QQ.**

**FUNERAL MASS - TUESDAY 07 JANUARY 2020 @ 10:45, St. Joachim & St. Anne's Church, DUNVANT, Swansea. SA2 7QQ.**

**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.

**CREMATION - TUESDAY 07 JANUARY 2020 @ 12:30, Swansea Crematorium, Heol Pentre Felen, Swansea SA6 6BY**

**Crib Collection:** for the Mikey Cura Foundation. Mikey attended Bishop Vaughn School and was an Altar Server in Morriston. He died suddenly (aged 16) on pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in 2016. The Foundation supports research in the detection and prevention of early cardiac problems in young children

**Diocesan Yearbooks for 2020:** are now available.

**Catholic Papers:** In future we shall not be able to return unsold copies. Please, therefore, have a word with Sheila, David or Remo if you would like to order and receive (and commit to paying for) one of the Catholic papers every weekend. A good investment to keep up with the Catholic news.

**Our Lord's Housekeepers':** we would like to establish a fourth cleaning team on the Church rota. If you are able to give a little time once every four weeks please contact Pat O'Connell or Fr. Neil. Thank you.

**Message:** We would like to thank everybody for their prayers, messages of sympathy and for the Masses offered for our dear Sr. Clare. Clare was a @local, a one time parishioner of St Josephs and it always held a special place in her heart. May her love and prayer enfold each and everyone of you from above. With very great love, gratitude and fond memories, Sr. Carmel and Sr. Anthony. (Bothwell).

**Lourdes:** There is a small group travelling by train in 2020. Dates: 1st – 8th July. If you are interested please contact Deacon Jim.

**Bingo and Batter:** Wednesday 22nd January in the Parish Hall. Prize Bingo with Fish and Chips. Proceeds to Lourdes Group

**S.V.P. Collection:** Many thanks for the response last weekend. St Joseph's: £317.79 and St. John Kemble: £92.50.

**Thank you:** for your gifts and cards. They are greatly appreciated. Deacon Jim



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.