



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 6th January <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Margaret McNicholas RIP (Jane & John Smith) Ann Hanford RIP (The Family)
Monday 7th January	NO MASS	
Tuesday 8th January	NO MASS	
Wednesday 9th January	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Florence & Edith Delve, Olive & Lyn Price RIP (Linda, John & Matthew) Rose Christine (Sp. Int.)
Thursday 10th January	9.30 am Neath	MICF (RIP)
Friday 11th January	9.30 am Neath	Edgar, Elizabeth & Daniel Andrews RIP (Linda, John & Matthew)
Sunday 13th January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People John & Mary Woolcock RIP (Pat, Donie & Family) Angela DiMaio (Thanksgiving) (Paula, Adrian & Laurence)

Confessions
Neath & Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: 5th/6th January *The Epiphany*

Saturday Evening: Patrick McAteer, Ceri McAteer

Sunday Morning: Isabel Buckingham, Elizabeth Fluck

Readers for next week: 12th/13th January *The Baptism of the Lord*

Saturday Evening: Maureen McAteer, David Reynolds

Sunday Morning: Babs Hunt + Volunteer required



Church Cleaning

Team: 1



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

Neath: 23.12.18: £530.88 Levy: £83.00
30.12.18: £528.42 Levy: £83.46
Glynneath: 22.12.18: £40.78
29.12.18: £51.00



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

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



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

Kimberly O'Neill, Philip Hoptroff, Michael O'Connor, Eileen Williams, Richard Watkins, Walden Rees, Jenny Smith, Alice Francis, Betty Palfrey 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:

Gladys Gallagher R.I.P..



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Sylvia Harwood R.I.P.



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

The O'Brien 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.

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!"

Good Counsel Network: On Saturday 12th January, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. This is the day before the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the Good Counsel Network, for details of our life-saving work see: www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

St Joseph's Parish Guild: will meet on Monday 14th January at 2.00 pm in the Parish Hall. New members welcome.

Parent & Toddler Group: There will be a meeting in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 15th January at 2.00 pm to discuss the future of the Parent and Toddler Group. Any one interested is welcome to attend.

The Directory and Year Book 2019: with full details of the Catholic Diocese in Wales, names, addresses, news items, calendar of the year etc. is now available at the back of the Church. (£4).

Church Restoration: The chimney has been removed and the roof repaired. Many thanks to Gavin for his generous and efficient work. We hope to rub down the Sanctuary Arch wall and repaint in the New Year.

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.

Parish Renewal (3): "Faith & Fellowship Meetings": Informal get together in the Parish Hall to learn more about our Catholic Faith - prayer, questions, discussion (dvds -if someone knows how to connect player and tv), refreshments. Every fortnight after the Tuesday evening Mass on 22nd January, 5th February, 19th February, 5th March, 19th 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 9:30 -11:30. New members welcome!



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.

First Holy Communion 2019: First Holy Communion this year and in future years will only be offered to those children who already regularly attend the celebration of Mass as this is an essential part of preparation for First Holy Communion. If you believe your child is thus properly prepared, please have a word with Fr. Neil.

Candle stands: Please begin by lighting votive candles at the highest level on the stand so that arms and sleeves are not brushing against candles lower down. **Children should be accompanied at all times when lighting candles.**

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. Fr. 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: School resumes on Monday 7th January.

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 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.