



# 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
<b>Sunday 27th March</b> <i>Easter Day</i>	8.00 pm (Sat) Neath 9.00 am Glynneath 10.30am Neath	Easter Vigil Mass of Easter Day Parish & People Mass of Easter Day Marion O'Grady R.I.P. (Brendan)
<b>Monday 28th March</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 29th March</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Wednesday 30th March</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Ira Thomas R.I.P. Joseph Barry R.I.P. (Terry)
<b>Thursday 31st March</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Friday 1st April</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Saturday 2nd April</b>		
<b>Sunday 3rd April</b> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Andrew & Nora Solari R.I.P. (Paul) Zina (Spec. Int.)



### Confessions

Neath : on request  
Glynneath: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



**Readers for this week:** 26th/27th March Easter Vigil/Easter Day

**Saturday Evening:** Volunteers—please see sheet in porch

**Sunday Morning:** Jack Stadden, Paddy Clifford

**Readers for next week:** 2nd/3rd April Divine Mercy Sunday

**Saturday Evening:** Paula MacPherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones

**Sunday Morning:** Alice Williams, Babs Hunt



### Church Cleaning

Team 3

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

Neath: 20.03.16: £543.83  
Levy: £117.50



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

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Audrey Gammon, Peter and Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Olive Davies, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gladys Gallagher, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick, Mary Holmes, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, Bernard Madden, Harper Marie Beasley, 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:

Maisie Reilly, Andrew Solari, Domenica Fecci, David Collier, Margaret Jenkins, John Campbell 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.*



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

*Mavis Lydia Jones R.I.P.*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*First Communion & Confirmation Candidates*

**CROESO—WELCOME!** To all visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay in the area.

**Easter Message:** The Death and Resurrection of Jesus are the cornerstones of our Christian faith. All the fullness of the Catholic Faith rests upon the foundation of the truth of the Resurrection. As St. Paul writes, if Christ is not risen then (i) our preaching is in vain, (ii) our faith is futile, (iii) we are still lost in sin and (iv) all who have died have truly perished. (1Corinthians 15 vv 14-19). But, in fact, Christ is truly risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! May the risen Christ bless us all with His Resurrection presence! Deacon Jim and I wish you all a holy week and a happy Easter.

**Many thanks:** for the generous Good Friday collection for the Holy Places in Jerusalem. The second collection this weekend will be the Easter Offering to the Parish Priest.

**Many thanks:** for all donations received towards the cost of the Easter flowers.

**Divine Mercy Sunday (the Second Sunday of Easter):** There will be a Deanery divine Mercy Mass at our Lady of Margam NEXT SUNDAY at 3.30 pm. Devotions start at 2.00 pm with the blessings of Divine Mercy images, silent adoration and confessions and the Chaplet at 3.00 pm.

**Divine Mercy literature:** is now available at the back of the Church (The Divine Mercy literature and pictures are free.)

**Welsh National Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan on Pentecost Sunday, 15th May:** Rosary Procession at 2.30 pm, Mass at 3.00 pm. See poster for further details.

**The new Gift Aid boxes and envelopes:** for 2016-2017 are now available at the back of Church.

**Please remember:** in your prayers the twins Florence and Elizabeth McCutcheon who will be baptised next Sunday afternoon here in St Joseph's.

**Easter 'Day by Day' booklets:** for Infants and for Juniors are now available at the back of Church - £1.

**First Holy Communion:** Classes begin next Sunday (14th February) at 9.30 (before Mass) in the Parish Hall. Attendance of children and parents at Mass is an essential part of the preparation programme. The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on SUNDAY 17th July. Would those who have kindly offered to help please contact Carolyn to discuss details (01639 767901) Many thanks. 11 children have been enrolled—please remember them in your prayers: Bethany Tristram, Callum Lavin, Daniel Jones, Iori Davies, Bethany Clifford, Kieran Cameron, Eve Abell, Kyla

Evans, Violette Orrin, Erin Greene, Brando Greene.

**Confirmation:** The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Tom on Sunday 11th September. Regular attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparing for the Confirmation. Details of classes to follow. Twenty one names have been received for enrolment, please keep them in your prayers: Hannah Parel, Elma Parel, Emilia Evans, Patrick Comerford-Davies, Iori Comerford-Davies, Cabhan Comerford Davies, Niamh Bray, Ciara Bray, Mercedes Goldthrite, Abigail Goldthrite, Georgia Staddon, Emily Protheroe, Ryan Protheroe, Charlotte Humphries, Ryan Davies, Niamh McCarthy, Jessica Lloyd, Lauren Davies, Emily Syder, Alice Syder, Leon Finnegan and Anastasia Lynch.

**For sale!** The Parish has two desks and two four drawer filing cabinets which are surplus to requirements. They are available to purchase for sensible offers. Please speak to Deacon Jim in the first instance.

### 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

School is now closed for the Easter holiday. We wish all staff and pupils a restful break and hope and pray that they come back refreshed for the Summer Term.

**The Parish Hall:** Is available for hire at very reasonable rates. If you would like 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.