



# 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
Sunday 9th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Jim Insole R.I.P. (Paula & Adrian) Will David R.I.P. (June & David)
Monday 10th April	6.30 pm Neath	Kitty Williams R.I.P.
Tuesday 11th April	6.30 pm Neath	Adrian & Paula (Spec Int>)
Wednesday 12th April	11.30 am St Joseph's Cathedral	Chrism Mass
Thursday 13th April <i>Holy Thursday</i>	7.00 pm Neath Mass of the Lord's Supper	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00 pm
Friday 14th April <i>Good Friday</i>	3.00 pm Neath 7.00 pm Neath 7.00 pm Glynneath	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross Veneration and Stations of the Cross
Saturday 15th April	8.00 pm Neath	Easter Vigil (First Mass of Easter)
Sunday 16th April <i>Easter Day</i>	9.00 am Glynneath 10.30 am Neath	Mass of Easter Day Agnes (Spec Int) (Peggy) Mass of Easter Day Adrian & Paula (Spec. Int.)

### Confessions

Neath : on request  
Glynneath: on request

### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass

 **Readers for this week: 8th/9th April Palm Sunday**  
Saturday Evening:  
Sunday Morning:  
**Readers for next week: 15th/16th April Easter Sunday**  
Saturday Evening: See lists  
Sunday Morning: See Lists

### Church Cleaning Team: 3




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



Neath: 26.03.17: £492.74 Levy: £86.30  
 Glynneath: 25.03.17: £52.90

### 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, Peggy Evans, 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:

John Campbell, Edna Roche, Edward Davies, Bridget Davies, Jimmy Peoples, Leonardo Gottuso 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:



S C Evans

Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:



Peter Healey

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.

**EASTER MESSAGE:** The Ministry of Jesus reaches its climax and consummation in the self offering of Jesus on the Cross. That same Body which the Eternal Word took to Himself in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered up in sacrifice at Calvary for the sins of the whole world. In death Jesus destroyed death when He rose from the tomb on the third day. Risen, ascended and glorified, we now feed on Him by faith until He returns on the clouds of Heaven. "Christ has risen! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! Alleluia!" Deacon Jim and I wish you all a holy week and a happy Easter.

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR READINGS AND WASHING OF FEET FOR HOLY WEEK. THANK YOU.**

**The Easter Collection:** next weekend is a gift to the Parish Priest.

**Donations:** towards the cost of the Easter flowers would be most welcome. Thank you.

**One hundred years ago:** this week, on Good Friday 6th April 1917, a monk's crucifix was discovered in an old wall on the Gnoll Estate. Please pay your respects and veneration to this crucifix and read the full story at the entrance to the Lady Chapel. Thank you to Sandra for the text and to Kevin for repairing and varnishing the cabinet.

**There will** be no First Holy Communion classes for the next three Sundays (next class 30th April).

**St Joseph's Parish Guild:** will meet on Monday 10th April at 2.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

**Parent and Toddler Group:** will meet as usual next Wednesday, 12th April.

**Envelopes:** the new boxes of Parish Gift Aid Envelopes for 2017-2018 are now available at the back of Church. There are extra boxes if you pay tax and would like to gift aid your donation. Thank you.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Exposition, Confession and Benediction at Our Lady of Margam on Sunday 23rd April from 2.00 pm. Mass at 3.30 pm. (see poster)

**Mass Requests:** please note that all weekend Masses are already reserved until the middle of June. If you would like loved ones remembered at Mass on particular dates please advise several months in advance. Thank you.

**Our Lord's Housekeepers:** if you are able to spend a couple of hours every 3/4 weeks helping to clean the Church, please contact Pat O'Connell.

**Guidance for planning funeral liturgies:** the leaflet has been reprinted and copies are available at the back of church.

**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.

**Belmont Abbey:** 9.00 pm Wednesday 10th May: Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady and visit of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima + Relics of Blessed Jacinta & Blessed Francisco. Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima. Visiting Preacher - Fr. Jason Jones. As last year transport has been arranged with Fr. Mansel and Fr. Jason. Coach will start at Mumbles, pick up at Morriston and then Neath. If you would like to join us, please contact Deacon Jim.

**Please:** take a copy of the Menevian on leaving Church.

**Catholic Bible School:** Life, the Universe and Catholicism: The Word of God and the origins of humanity led by Fr Gareth Leyshon, Cardiff Diocese. We will meet on Saturday 22nd April from 10am to 3pm in St David's Priory, St David's Place, Swansea, SA1 3NG. at 10am until 3pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own packed lunch.

### 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

We welcomed the family and friends of our Nursery and Reception class to share their assembly. They have been learning about new life and how they can grow closer to God during the season of Lent. The Lenten Lunch raised £115.00 for CAFOD. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event. Everyone hunted for Easter eggs on Wednesday. On Friday we celebrated our achievements in our Golden Star assembly. And finally we are delighted to announce that Rosie Protheroe will perform the role of May Queen this year.

**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.