



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 8th January <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Ann Hanford R.I.P. (Family) Jan Pojasek R.I.P. (S.V.P.)
Monday 9th January	NO MASS	
Tuesday 10th January	6.30 pm Neath	John Fleming R.I.P. (John & Linda Slattery)
Wednesday 11th January	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Peter & Margaret Thomas R.I.P. (Gill & Family) Lucinda Murphy (Sp. Int.) (L.M.)
Thursday 12th January	9.00 am Neath	Funeral Mass: Gladys Gallagher R.I.P.
Friday 13th January	9.30 am Neath	John & Mary Woolcock R.I.P. (Pat, Donie & Family)
Saturday 14th January		
Sunday 15th January <i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Thanksgiving (A.D.) Thomas Rees R.I.P. (John & Jane Smith) Parish & People

Confessions


Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



 **Readers for this week: 7th/8th January**
Saturday Evening: Sue Koziel, Lorna Halloran
Sunday Morning: Berni Payne, John Hickey
Readers for next week: 14th/15th January
Saturday Evening: Maureen McAteer, Laurence McPherson-Jones
Sunday Morning : Elizabeth Fluck, Isabel Buckingham

Church Cleaning Team: 2




Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



03.01.17: £526.00 Levy: £81.80

Glynneath: £17.00

 **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, Olive Davies, 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, Joan Thomas and Anita Gore.



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

Michael O'Connor, Richard Watkins, Walden Rees, Catherine 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:



Ann Hanford R.I.P. & Doreen Richards



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Private Intention



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Peter Healey

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.

Gladys Gallagher R.I.P.: Please remember Gladys and the family in your prayers. Funeral Mass this Thursday at 9.00 am in St Joseph's. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

Bridget Amos R.I.P.: Please remember Bridget and the family in your prayers. Her funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 17th January at 1.00pm in St. Joseph's. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

Madeleine Lewis R.I.P.: Please remember Madeleine and the family in your prayers. Funeral Service on Friday 20th January at 1.15 pm in St Joseph's. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

James Insole R.I.P.: Please remember Jim and Rosemary and the family in your prayers. Details of Jim's funeral arrangements are to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

Deacon Jim and I: thank you for the cards, presents and good wishes received over the Christmas period and for the generous Christmas collection.

Second Collection: this Sunday is the annual White Flower Appeal in support of SPUC. In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives as a result of abortion in the last 50 years. SPUC works tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life. Please give generously.

Second Collection: Next weekend we have our annual opportunity to contribute to the fund in support of our sick and retired priests.

Sanctuary Arch Appeal: Congratulations! We are pleased to announce that we have now raised the magnificent sum of £9,159 towards the Arch Appeal. Many thanks to all fund-raisers and for generous donations.

Church Repairs: Work will begin this month on renovating guttering and fascia boards around the church and presbytery.

Last Opportunity: to guess the amount of money in the bottle in support of parish funds.

First Holy Communion: Classes will begin soon. If you would like to enrol a child in the preparation classes please complete the form provided at the back of the Church and return it to Fr. Neil.

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.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! (proposed): For the Parishes of St Joseph's and St John Kemble, November 20th - 27th 2018 (next year!) Cost £1019 (half board). Memorable itinerary. Minimum number of 20 required for the pilgrimage to go ahead. If you are interested, please contact Paula on 636739.

Pilgrimages: to Medugorje, 15th -22nd June 2017 (£589) and to Fatima, 10th-15th October 2017 (£678) - a few places left. Contact Sr. Margaret on 01792 473453.

CAFOD Schools' Volunteer needed!: Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for more volunteers in the Menevia diocese to give a short presentation or talk about the work of CAFOD and inspire children and young people to make a difference. Full training and resources provided. If you are interested in learning more, please come along to our initial "taster day" on Friday 13 January at St David's Priory church, St David's Place, Swansea SA1 3NG (10 am - 2pm). Or contact Therese Warwick at CAFOD South Wales on 02920 344 882 or email southwales@cafod.org.uk

Catholic Bible School: Heroes of the Old Testament: Alan de Ste Croix is returning to Swansea this January to lead us through the entire Old Testament exploring the stories of the major characters and why they are still relevant to us today. The first of 6 meetings (January-June) will be on Saturday 28th January (10am - 3pm) at St David's Priory, St David's Place, Swansea, SA1 3NG.

This will be Part 1 of the Burning Within Bible Course. Burning Within will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month at various locations across South Wales. Each day stands alone so don't worry if you miss some! There is no charge for the course, but all donations are gratefully received. Tea, Coffee and biscuits are provided but you will need to bring your own packed lunch.

For more information see www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events or mail catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com.

School News

It's been a quieter week in school this week as staff and pupils settle into the new term. We welcome Tobias, Connor, Finn and Eoin to our school family.

Diary:

Monday 9th-Friday 13th January: Margam Residential Years 5 & 6

Friday 3rd February: Mrs. Brooks' class assembly.

Tuesday 7th February: Safer Internet Day.

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.