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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 |
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| Sunday 16th August <i>The Assumption</i> | 4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10:30 am Sunday Neath | Parish & People Peter Healey (Spec. Int.) Pam McKeever (Spec. Int.) |
| Monday 17th August | <i>NO MASS</i> | |
| Tuesday 18th August | 6.30 pm Neath | Paddy O'Malley (R.I.P.) (Brendan O'Grady) |
| Wednesday 19th August | 9.30 Neath 11.00 Glynneath | Sr. Rose Butler (R.I.P.) Private Intention |
| Thursday 20th August <i>St Bernard</i> | 9.30 Neath | Owen David Evans (Spec. Int>) |
| Friday 21st August | 9.30 Neath Followed by Exposition until 10.30 6.00 pm Glynneath | Fr Piet Winjaard (Spec. Int.) (P.M.) Moses Nolan (R.I.P.) PATRONAL FESTIVAL - St John Kemble Followed by refreshments |
| Saturday 22nd August | | |
| Sunday 23rd August <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary time</i> | 4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10:30 am Sunday Neath 3:00 pm Sunday Welsh Newton | Parish & People Nash Family (Spec. Int.) (Mark & Nuala Rees) Doris & Nennie Jones (70th Ann) (Kevin & Lorna) Pilgrimage to grave of St. John Kemble |



Neath : on request

Confessions

Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



Readers for this week: 15th/16th August The Assumption

Saturday Evening: Sue Koziel, Gill Boland

Sunday Morning: John Hickey, Berni Payne

Readers for next week: 22nd/23rd 21st Sunday in Ordinary time

Saturday Evening: Paula Macpherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones

Sunday Morning: Elizabeth Fluck, Volunteer required



Church Cleaning

Team 1

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection

09.08: £471.22, Levy: £101.75



Glynneath: 1.08: £52.50 8.08: £51.50



Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for:

P.M.H.



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

*Barbara Townend
(Speedy Recovery)*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*Deceased family Members
(S.M.)*



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

Kath Wellington, Eileen Williams,
Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram,

Audrey Gammon, Peter and Hazel Huxtable,
Marjorie Grant, Olive Davies, Leo Linney,
Mike O'Hea,

Gladys Gallagher, Tony & Gaynor Pickrell,
Lilian Lowry, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick,
Mary Holmes, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans,
Bernard Madden, Harper Marie Beasley and
Anita Gore.



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

Elizabeth Scully, Olive Price,
John O'Sullivan, Timothy Lewis, David
Nicholas 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.*

CROESO—WELCOME! If you are visiting the parish or you are returning home to be with family and friends, or you have returned to Church after being away for some time—welcome! Its good to have you here.

Exposition: Friday morning after Mass.

EXAMS: Our prayers and all good wishes to those receiving exam results at this time. May God bless and guide our young people into the future He is preparing for them.

St John Kemble: a) Note for the diary! Patronal Festival, Friday 21st August 6 p.m., followed by refreshments. b) Pilgrimage to the grave of St John Kemble, to arrive at 3.00 at Welsh Newton on Sunday 23rd August. Names of those interested in going as soon as possible so that transport can be arranged. A deposit of £5 by 9th August. Thank you.

Diocesan Jubilee Newsletter 6: please pick up a copy from the back of church.

Proclaim the Good News Renewal Conference: Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd August 2015 at University College of Wales, Trinity Saint David, College Road Carmarthen. Cost: weekend full board £125, day visitors £25 including lunch. For further details, including how to book, see the poster on the notice board.

Assisted Suicide Bill - Message from Bishop Tom: On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging him/her to attend the debate and to vote against the Bill. You can send an email to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the church. Postcards are now available at the back of Church to send to our M.P. , Christina Rees.

Catholic Bible School: Scripture Saturday at St David's, Swansea on 26th September. See notice board for further details.

Seminarian: Bishop Tom has accepted Robert Davies (St. Joseph's Parish, Port Talbot) for priestly formation in Menevia. Initially, he will go to Valladolid for the Propaedeutic Year, and has been accepted by the Rector. Please keep Robert in your prayers.

Message from Bishop Tom: I have received the following message from the Vatican for Menevia's contribution of £4,051.60 to the Peter's Pence collection.

"His Holiness wishes me to thank you for this gift, which will help him in the exercise of his universal ministry. He is aware of the devotion which motivated this contribution from the faithful, and he is deeply appreciative of this testimony to the bond of love uniting the local Churches with the See of St. Peter.

Commending you and the clergy, religious and laity of the Diocese to the loving protection of Mary, Mother of the Church, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing".

Bishop's Diocesan Tour Reflections: Over the coming few weeks the newsletter will contain a selection of Bishop Tom's reflections resulting from his grand tour of the Diocese earlier this year.

Bishop's Diocesan Tour Reflections

- i It was clear that some parishioners were unable to attend the "Gandhi" gathering held in their parish. Many would have done so if the meetings had not been held during the working day. Even if they had been held in the evening they acknowledge there is nearly always someone who would be unable to come. The exercise could be repeated in a year or two, perhaps inviting people to stay for an hour after a weekend Mass, or to attend an evening session. Also, each of the 19 schools in the Diocese merits a visit. As these require considerable time, they were omitted on this occasion. The purpose of the present tour was to get a quick glimpse of what was happening around the parishes.
- j The smaller parish communities in the Diocese attended the meetings with a higher proportionate number of participants than the bigger parish communities. There was an extraordinary vibrancy about them, as though Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor's prophecy was already coming true: viz the future of the Church lies in small communities.
- k On the October Synod, parishioners everywhere gave a very positive welcome to the request that they should express their views in writing in response to the 6 Quotations from Pope Francis. They accepted that their thoughts were sincerely invited on this occasion and that they would be taken into account by our delegates to the October Synod. They expressed determination to respond as best they could. Where guidance is already being given by clergy, e.g. in newsletters and homilies, this has been valued.

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.