



# 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
<b>Sunday 5th March</b> <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Sarah May R.I.P. (Nancy) William John Sullivan R.I.P. (Pauline, Margaret & Families) Parish & People
<b>Monday 6th March</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 7th March</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Wednesday 8th March</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Edgar, Elizabeth & Daniel Andrews R.I.P. Scotson Family (Spec Int.) (PM)
<b>Thursday 9th March</b>	9.30 am Neath	Sheila Humphrey & Dorothy Solomon R.I.P.
<b>Friday 10th March</b>	9.30 am Neath	Vocations (The Catenians)
<b>Saturday 11th March</b>		
<b>Sunday 12th March</b> <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Fr. Bill Lloyd R.I.P. (Elias Family) John Howells R.I.P. (M.A. Howells)


### Confessions

Neath : on request  
Glynneath: on request

### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass

 **Readers for this week: 4th/5th March**  
**Saturday Evening:**  
**Sunday Morning:**  
**Readers for next week: 11th/12th March**  
**Saturday Evening:**  
**Sunday Morning :**



### Church Cleaning Team: 1

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



Neath:26.02.17: £ 527.04 Levy: £92.71  
Glynneath: 25.02.17: £33.20



**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:**

Lillian Foundy, Julia McGrath, Lynda Bennett, Clive Roberts, Robert Turner, Harold Booth 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:



*Rhys Thomas R.I.P.*



**Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:**

*Terry Isaac R.I.P.*



**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.

**Lenten Devotions:** We shall follow the Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's on Friday at 7.00 pm and at St John Kemble on Saturday at 3.30 pm

**Deanery Lenten Stations Mass:** Bishop Tom will be the chief celebrant at our Lenten Stations mass on Thursday 30th March 7.00 here in St. Joseph's.

**St Joseph's Parish Guild:** are holding a Tea and Welsh Cakes on Monday 6th March in the Parish Hall at 7.00 for 7.30. Tickets £2 are now available. Proceeds to Church Funds.

**Sr. Clare (Bothwell):** will be celebrating her 60th Anniversary on Saturday 27th May. Flights and hotel have been booked for a small group to travel on the evening of Thursday 25th May and return on the evening of Sunday 28th. For further details please see Deacon Jim.

**The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from 23rd to 28th July this year. Please see poster for details.

**"Brains and Batter":** the Catenians are holding a Quiz Night with Fish and Chips (from Hikary's, of course.) this Wednesday at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10 which includes the fish and chips. There will also be a FREE bar! There are still a few tickets available. Please see Dr. Page or Deacon Jim.

**Parish Dinner:** there will be a Parish Dinner on Wednesday 22nd March at Remo's in Windsor Road. Tickets are, as usual, £12 and are now available from Sue Woods or Deacon Jim. Proceeds to Parish Funds.

**Churches Together Lenten Talks:** This year the title is - "Receiving Christ in five different ways". Talks will commence tomorrow (Monday 6th March) at 7.00 pm at Bethel Elim Church, 43 Briton Ferry Road Melin, Neath SA11 1AR with the theme being: "Receiving Christ as the Children of God" The 2nd talk will be on Monday 13th in St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

**Catholic Bible School: THE BIRTH OF JESUS TO THE LAST AMEN:** What is actually in the New Testament, besides the stories of Jesus we find in the Gospels, and how does it all fit together? Why should we be concerned with these ancient letters and stories? What can they possibly have to do with us as modern people?  
On **Saturday 25th March** Alan de Ste Croix will lead us

through the entire New Testament exploring the stories of the major characters and why they are still relevant to us today. We will meet in St Dyfrig's Church Hall, Broadway, Treforest, Pontypridd, CF37 1DB at 10am until 3pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own packed lunch. For more information visit [www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/mar17](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/mar17) or email [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com).

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day is Friday, 10 March 2017:**

Florence is a hard-working mother who is devoted to her family. A few years ago, she was only just making enough to feed her family. However, CAFOD's partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, recognised how determined Florence was to stand on her own two feet and so they gave her 500 tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond and farm fish. By selling some of the fish at market, Florence was able to give her children a future – she was able to send them to school.

Please support this Lent Fast Day, to ensure more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing.

The Second Collection next weekend will be in aid of Cafod.

**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. All welcome.

**"Road to Calvary":** Our Lady of the Assumption, Briton Ferry. Sunday 19th March at 7.00 pm. £5. (See poster for details.)

#### School News

We have had a wonderful week. Our ECO club has launched a Fruit Tuck shop for KS2 children.

Staff and pupils joined together to celebrate St. David's Day. It was a fantastic celebration of our Welsh language and culture. All classes contributed a performance towards a fun filled day and we ate seasonal treats, such as welsh cakes and pancakes. On Thursday our school was transformed into a magical realm. We were able to bring our favourite literary characters to life and spread the joy they bring to us with our friends and staff. With a visit from the Laura and her star, Red Riding Hood the BFG and Harry Potter, Saint Joseph's was destined to have a stupendous World Book Day! And finally on Friday morning we were joined by a member of CAFOD who spoke to us about Florence from Zambia and one little fish in the pond that she set up with support from CAFOD.

**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.