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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
Saturday 29th November <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Peter Healey (Thanksgiving) John Williams (R.I.P.)
Monday 30th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday 1st December	6.30 pm Neath	Deceased Members Of The Legion of Mary R.I.P.
Wednesday 2nd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	9.30 Neath 11.00 Glynneath	Aldo Sterlini R.I.P. Frank Hogg R.I.P.
Thursday 3rd December	9.30 Neath	Andrews Family (Deceased) R.I.P.
Friday 4th December	9.30 Neath	Mike Maloney (Special Intention)
Sunday 5th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	David Sherlock R.I.P. (J.S) Guido & Maria Spagna (R.I.P.) Parish & People



Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



Readers for this week: 28th/29th November 1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday Evening: Ceri McAteer, Patrick McAteer

Sunday Morning: School

Readers for next week: 28th/29th November 1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday Evening: David Reynolds, Maureen McAteer

Sunday Morning : Elizabeth Fluck, Isabelle Buckingham



Church Cleaning

Team 1

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 22.11: £618.88 Levy: £100.15
Glynneath: 21.11: £77.00



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, Gaynor Pickrell, Lilian Lowry, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick, Mary Holmes, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, Bernard Madden, Harper Marie Beasley, David Jukes and Anita Gove.



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

Antonietta Aprea, Baby Grace Mallaghan, David John, Colin Rees, Elizabeth Murphy, Leigh Davies 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:

Carwyn Williams



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Jones Pascoe Healey R.I.P.



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Bryn Fluck..

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

Exposition: Friday morning after Mass.

Advent Sunday: Today marks the beginning of a new Year in the Church Calendar. May the year ahead be a year of Divine Mercy and great blessing for us all.

Second Collection: next weekend is the SVP Christmas Collection to help local children and families in need, elderly parishioners with heating costs and the baby feeding programme in Sudan.

Christians against Torture: If you would like to send a card to a Prisoner of Conscience, please take a leaflet from the back of Church. Thank You.

Volunteers: to read at Mass, especially at the Saturday Vigil Mass. Please see David Reynolds. Thank you.

First Holy Communion: Names (with addresses, dates of birth and baptism) to Fr. Neil please of those hoping to make their first Holy Communion in June 2016. Without volunteers to take the First Holy Communion classes, the First Holy Communion Mass will be postponed until 2017.

St Joseph's Parish Guild: Monday 30th November, 7.30pm, Wine & Mince Pies with Prize Bingo. Proceeds to Ice Cool Kids.

Advent Confessions: We welcome Fr. Jason & Fr. Andrzej who will lead the Legion of Mary Holy Hour on Tuesday from 5.30, including confessions, and celebrate the 6.30 Mass.

"Come and Adore": Advent reflections at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 5th December. See poster for details.

Christmas Raffle Tickets: Please make sure that you return all of your counterfoils by the end of the week..

World Gifts: Catalogues are now available at the back of the church. World gifts may be bought at any time of year and enable CAFOD to support various global projects, as well as giving gifts with a difference to those who have all they need. Please take one and peruse at your leisure.

Organ Transplants: You must decide by THIS TUESDAY whether you are unwilling for your organs to be transplanted without your consent - otherwise your consent will be assumed. Fr. Neil has prepared a paper on this important matter which is available at the back of the Church and on

the parish website..

Confirmation: we hope to invite Bishop Tom to administer the sacrament of Confirmation in the summer of 2016. Names please to Fr. Neil. Candidates for Confirmation must be regular attendees at Mass.

Briton Ferry: Christmas Bazaar. Saturday 5th December 12.30-4.30 pm in the Church Hall. Father Christmas will make a 'flying' visit . Loads of fun for the youngsters and, of course, home made cakes!

Boiler Room: repairs to the boiler room and the cost of the new boiler will require an expenditure of about £10,000. Many thanks for the "anonymous" gift towards these costs of £200 and to the Parish Guild for a generous donation of £400. Only another £9400 to raise!!

Jubilee Year of Mercy: This special Holy Year begins on Tuesday 8th December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be a special Mass to mark the beginning of this, at 12 midday in St John Kemble and 6.30 in Joseph's, when free literature will be handed out to use in the year ahead.

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

This week Firefighters Gary and Kane visited Year Two and Five to give them fire safety advice

They told the children the Fire Service will supply and install free smoke alarms to keep them and their families safe. If you would like a free Home Fire Safety visit please call on 0800 169 1234 or alternatively please complete the online form at www.mawwfire.gov.uk.

Our Craft Fayre will take place on Wednesday 2nd December between 5pm and 7pm. Come along and pick up the latest must have Christmas gifts! Father Christmas will be calling in.

Diary Dates: December

Wednesday 2nd 4.30-6.30pm Christmas Craft Fayre

*Nursery and Reception visit Father Christmas

Tuesday 8th Christmas Concert 9.30am

Wednesday 9th Christmas Concert 1pm

Thursday 10th Christmas Concert 6pm

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.