



Eglwys Gatholig Sant Joseff, Castell-nedd. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Neath.

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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
Sunday 8th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Frank Nedza R.I.P> (Nancy) Parish & People Annie & William Cochrane R.I.P. (Jean Evans)
Monday 9nd December <i>The Immaculate Conception</i>	6.30 pm Neath	The Hikary Family (Spec. Int.)
Tuesday 10th December	No Mass	
Wednesday 11h December	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Andrew Miles R.I.P. (Elias Family) Bernard Newcombe R.I.P. (Terry)
Thursday 12th December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9.30 am Neath	Hikary Family (Spec. Int.)
Friday 13th December	No Mass	
Saturday 14th December		
Sunday 15th December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Michael McAteer R.I.P. (The Family) Patricia Farrell/Thompson R.I.P. (ann & Des Mathews & Family)

Confessions



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Readers for this week: 7th/8th December Second Sunday of Advent
Saturday Evening: Maureen McAteer, David Reynolds
Sunday Morning: Maureen Pitt, Isabel Buckingham

Readers for next week: 14th/15th December Third Sunday of Advent
Saturday Evening: Lorna Hallorna, Sian Loynes



Church Cleaning

Team: 1

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 1.12.19: £506.56 Levy: £90.90
Glynneath: 23.11: £42.254 30.11: £75.00



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

St Joseph's: Kath Wellington, Mike O'Hea, Benitia Whittington, Marjorie Grant, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Matilda Jones, Nicky Walsh, Ann Moruzzi, Kath Woolley, Roger Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins.

St John Kemble: Maria, Harry, Peggy, Anita,



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

Denis Protheroe, Patrick O'Connell, Kathleen Mahoney, Regina Pearl, Clare Pike, Deta May, Vincenzo DiDio, Audrey Gammon 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:
Annie & William Cochrane



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:
Be3than Abell



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.

DOMSEC (The Diocese of Menevia School of Evangelisation and Catechetics): Explore the Catholic faith! See the excellent website www.domsec.org.uk

Silence and Prayer before Mass: In both churches there has been a request to observe silence and prayer before Mass. "Before Mass we can speak with God. During Mass God can speak to us. After Mass we can speak to each other!"

Toys in Mass: It is lovely to have toddlers in our Mass. Please ensure that all toys are soft-edged. It is distracting to the celebration of Mass to have toys banged, dropped on the floor.

Mass Intentions: Please note that every Sunday until January already has a Mass Intention. Please think several months ahead if requesting a Sunday Mass Intention!

Advent Booklets: The Advent "Walk With Me" booklets of prayers and readings are now available. Please take your FREE copy from the back of the Church

Piety Shop: Christmas Cards and Calendars now available

'Festive Cake Sale': after Mass on Sunday 22nd December. Join us for a slice of cake in the hall and monies raised will be donated to Parish Funds. If you are able to donate cakes on the day, please contact Aimee Wellington on [07860550281](tel:07860550281)

Senior Citizens Christmas Party: at St Joseph's Sixth Form Centre, Wednesday 18th December 2.00 pm – 4.00pm. Please contact the school on 01639 884305 (see poster)

Baptism: Please remember in your prayers Ollie William Curtis who will be baptised into the Church on Sunday afternoon.

Catholic Papers: In future we shall not be able to return unsold copies. Please, therefore, have a word with Sheila, David or Remo if you would like to order and receive (and commit to paying for) one of the Catholic papers every weekend. A good investment to keep up with the Catholic news.

Health & Safety: Do we have qualified First Aiders in the

congregation if someone is taken ill in Mass? Please give your name to Fr. Neil for a list to be placed on the noticeboard. Many thanks.

Christmas Mass Times: Christmas Eve 24th December
Glynneath 4.00 pm Vigil Mass
Neath 6.00 pm Vigil Mass
Neath 11.00 pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 25th December
10.30 am Mass of Christmas Day

Canon Edmond ("Eddie") Mullins R.I.P. : please pray the happy repose of the soul of Canon Eddie. Funeral Mass on Monday at Holy Name Church, Fishguard. Cremation 1.45 at Narberth Crematorium.

'Our Lord's Housekeepers': we would like to establish a fourth cleaning team on the Church rota. If you are able to give a little time once every four weeks please contact Pat O'Connell or Fr. Neil. Thank you.

Job Vacancy: The Governing Body of St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School, Port Talbot is looking to employ a temporary Teaching Assistant Grade 3, Point 3 who is sympathetic to the Catholic Ethos of the school. The successful applicant must be qualified NVQ level 2 – Early Years Childcare and Education, or equivalent. The job will commence on 6th January 2020 until 31st August 2020 or a staffing review, whichever is the sooner. See noticeboard for further details.

Messages for the Brave: There will be an opportunity today to sign a Christmas card for an individual or a group who heroically defend the rights of people and planet against wealthy exploiters, putting their own safety and lives at risk. If you wish to find out more and send your own card(s), please pick up a handout from the back of the church (double-sided A4 sheet) and follow the instructions. Thank you.

Thank you: for two further donations of £500 to the church funds. All donations gratefully received.

SVP Diary of Future Events in the Hall:

December 11th Christmas Cracker Party with singer Christine Lee Jones. Please Note Change of Date
Transport provided if required. Tea. Coffee & Biscuits provided on cinema afternoons. FREE ENTRY Please support us.

January 9th 2020 Sing a Long Tea Party with Bill Bennet.

Primary School News

Wow what a busy week!!!!Mrs Edwards' class visited Cantref Farm to see Father Christmas. Years Five and Six joined a debate at the Senedd. They met our AM Jeremy Miles, Dr David Lloyd the [Plaid Cymru National Assembly for Wales](http://www.plaidcymru.org) and Mr Jamie Evans Plaid Cymru Councillor Neath South. Infant and Junior rehearsals are well under way for our Christmas celebrations.

December Diary Dates

Wednesday 11th 1pm & 6pm Infants Christmas Concert
Friday 13th Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16th Junior Carol Service 6pm (Church)

The Parish Hall: Is available for hire at very reasonable rates. To book, please contact Angela Healey on 01792 424168/07708105147.



Parent & Toddler Group:

meet in the hall every Wednesday morning from 9:00 -11:00 and on Friday from 11.30 to 2.30.



Would you like to have a 7 day candle burn for an intention in the Church? We 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 donations can help raise funds for our Church. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.