



Eglwys Gatholig Sant Joseff, Castellnedd. 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 April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Marion O'Grady R.I.P. (Brendon) Michelle O'Brien R.I.P. (Philip & Patrick O'Brien)
Monday 9th April <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.30 am Neath	Fr. Stephen Dwyer R.I.P. (SPCA)
Tuesday 10th April	NO MASS	
Wednesday 11th April	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Mary Dower R.I.P. (John & Linda Slattery) Mary Fletcher R.I.P.
Thursday 12th April	9.30 am Neath	Brian Jones R.I.P. (Karen Hardie)
Friday 13th April	NO MASS	
Saturday 14th April	NO MASS	
Sunday 15th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Eily Symonds R.I.P. (Paula & Adrian) Michelle O'Brien R.I.P. (Lorna & Joe O'Brien)

Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: : 7th April/8th April 2nd Sunday of Easter
Saturday Evening: Paula MacPherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones
Sunday Morning: Elizabeth Fluck, Isabel Buckingham

Readers for next week: 14th April/15th April 2nd Sunday of Easter
Saturday Evening: Patrick McAteer, Ceri McAteer
Sunday Morning: CVaroline Thomas, Babs Hunt



Church Cleaning

Team: 1

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath:

Glynneath:



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

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Peter & Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones, Anita Gore, Nicky Walsh and Kath Woolley.



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

Leonardo Gottuso, Dorothy Palfrey, Mario Berni, Raffaele Apria 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:

Peter Healey R.I.P.



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Kay Mead



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Patricia Heskins R.I.P.

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.

Thank you: to all parishioners who have donated cakes and biscuits to our Sunday coffee mornings.

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!"

Many Thanks: for the generous Easter Collection and for Easter cards and gifts. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Chris and Babs for the wonderful Easter flowers and to all who helped in preparing the services for Holy Week and Easter.

Maureen McCarthy R.I.P.: please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Hookway (formerly McCarthy), formerly of this Parish, who has died in Staffordshire

'Savoury Sunday': April 15th in the Parish Hall after Sunday Mass. All donations gratefully received. Please see Karen or Ann.

Please: take a free copy of the Eastertide "Walk With Me" booklet with readings, prayer and devotions.

Divine Mercy Sunday (8th April):

i) A celebration at Our Lady of Margam 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Exposition, Confessions and Benediction (please see poster)

ii) A celebration at the Sacred Heart Morrision 1.30 – 5.00 pm. Blessing of Images, Exposition, Confession, Rosary. (please see poster).

Dementia Project: A Diocesan bid to the Bishops' Conference for funding towards an introductory training programme was successful and the first three dates have been arranged. Each session will be approximately three hours and will be delivered by a member of the ABM Hospital Trust Dementia Training team. In addition to clergy the project is geared to any parishioner who might have contact with a dementia sufferer as a result of their parish voluntary work eg: SVP, Legion of Mary, Extraordinary Ministers, Safeguarding Officers. Please contact Fr. Neil or Deacon Jim if you wish to attend.

GIFT AID Envelopes: for 2018/2019 are now available at the back of Church. If you pay tax and would like to gift aid your weekly collection please have a word with Robert Grant.

First Holy Communion Class: there will be no class today (8th April). Classes will resume on 15th April.. Please remember these children in your prayers.: Carys Smitham, Joseph Payne, Klara Hikary, Logan Davies, Maja Ignaczak, Thomas Parel, Gryffydd Lee, Scarlet Marie Hutchings, Alexandra Harris, Joshua Zambrano and Sophia Hikary.

Rosary on the Coast: 3.00 pm Sunday 29th April. Prayer for the re-flourishing of the Faith, for the grace to build a culture of life and for a New Spring Time in the life of the Church. The Feast of St Joseph, 19th March is an opportunity to mark 40 days of spiritual preparation ending on 27th April, the 50th Anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into effect.

Mass Requests: If you would like loved ones remembered at Mass on particular dates please advise several months in advance. Thank you.

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 Morrision Hospital on 07792 003905. If staying in hospital remember to advise staff you are happy to receive a visit from the Chaplain—otherwise your religious affiliation remains confidential to the staff.

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

Easter Holidays

Friday 30th March –Friday 13th April
School reopens on Monday 16th April

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 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.