



# 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  |
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| <b>Sunday 14th January</b><br><i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath<br>6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath<br><br>10.30 am Neath | Parish & People<br>John & Mary Woolcock RIP<br>(Pat, Donie & Family)<br>Thanksgiving (Robert, Brenda & Family) |
| <b>Monday 15th January</b>                                       | NO MASS  |  |
| <b>Tuesday 16th January</b>                                      | 6.30 pm Neath  | John Cahill RIP (James)  |
| <b>Wednesday 17th January</b><br><i>St. Anthony</i>              | 9.30 am Neath<br>11.00 am Glynneath  | Marshall & Christopher Abell RIP (The Family)<br>MICF RIP  |
| <b>Thursday 18th January</b>                                     | 9.30 am Neath  | Paul Woodland RIP (Tom Hanson)   |
| <b>Friday 19th January</b>                                       | 9.30 am Neath  | Ruel Perera (Special Intention)  |
| <b>Saturday 20th January</b>                                     | NO MASS  |  |
| <b>Sunday 21st January</b><br><i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath<br>6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath<br>10.30 am Neath     | Parish & People<br>Brian Hudson RIP (Brigid & Family)<br>Elaine Clement (Special Intention)                    |

### Confessions

Neath : on request  
Glynneath: on request

### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass



**Readers for this week: : 13th/14th January**

**Saturday Evening:** Paula MacPherson-Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones

**Sunday Morning:** Elizabeth Fluck, Isabel Buckingham

**Readers for next week: 20th/21st January**

**Saturday Evening:** Ceri McAteer, Patrick McAteer

**Sunday Morning:** Babs Hunt, Caroline Thomas



**Church Cleaning**

**Team: 1**

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



Neath: 06.01.18: £463.75 Levy: £83.40

Glynneath: 05.01.18: £115.00



**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 Rita Newton.



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

Hilary Bell, Gladys Gallagher, Peter Flynn, Valerie Rees, Fr. Eugene Monaghan, Jim Insole 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:

*David Barry RIP*



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

*Lisa*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*Peter Burgess RIP*

**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.

**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!"

**The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins this Thursday, 18th January. We pray that we may all come to the fullness of truth in Christ.

**Visit of Papal Nuncio:** There will be a buffet reception for Archbishop Edward Adams at the Marriot Hotel on Tuesday 13th February from 7.00 - 9.00 pm. There are two tickets available for each parish. If you would like the opportunity to attend please submit TWO names to Fr. Neil. Names will be drawn out of the hat next Sunday.

**The Second Collection:** this weekend is the Diocesan Collection for Sick and Retired Clergy in the Diocese. There are eleven priests and two housekeepers in retirement, at a cost to the Diocese of approx. £73,000 /year.

**Next Sunday's second collection** will be the annual White Flower Appeal in support of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

**First Holy Communion Classes:** will begin next Sunday, 21st January at 9.30 in the Parish Hall, before the 10.30 Mass. We still need two volunteers to help this happen. Please have a word with Carolynn. The following applications have been received: Carys Smitham, Joseph Payne, Klara Hikary, Logan Davies, Maja Ignaczak and Sophia Hikary. Please remember these children in your prayers. The First Holy Communion Mass will be held on Sunday 24th June.

**Christmas Crib collection:** Many thanks for the generous crib collections which raised £178 at St. Joseph's and £38.87 at St. John Kemble, in support of the Mother Teresa Sisters of Charity in Swansea and work with refugees.

**Sr. Gabriel** wishes to thank her many friends in Neath for their greetings cards and gifts on the occasion of her 100th birthday last month.

**Many thanks:** for the further anonymous donation of £100 to the Parish Fund.

**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 Morriston Hospital on 07792 003905.

**Health & Safety:** We have been asked to remind everyone who enters and exits the Church to take extra care at this time of year. Please use the handrail provided and watch for any icy conditions - this applies to elderly and young people alike. Be ready to assist those in need of help and supervise children as necessary. Those who find the front steps difficult to negotiate are invited to use the side entrance at the Lady Chapel.

**Fire risks** usually emanate from naked flame. We ask that great care be taken when lighting votive candles, ensuring that young children are supervised by an adult at all times, especially near the votive candle stands. There are a number of fire extinguishers around the church for use in an emergency. Provision has been made for orderly evacuation should the need arise. There are three exits: the main doors, the Lady Chapel and the Sacristy.

**Catholic Bible School:** The first event for the Catholic Bible School in Wales this year is on Saturday 27th January in St Helen's RC Church, Court Road Barry, CF63 4ET at 10am until 3pm. All our Scripture Saturdays are free and there is no need to book, if you are able to make a donation to help cover our costs it will be gratefully received. 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/jan18](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/jan18)

#### **Prayer of St. Bede the Venerable**

**O Christ, our Morning Star,  
Splendour of Light Eternal,  
Shining with the glory of the rainbow,  
Come and waken us  
From the greyness of our apathy  
And renew in us your gift of hope. Amen.**

### **School News**

It's been a quieter week in school this week as staff and pupils settle into the new term. On Friday everybody thoroughly enjoyed their visit to watch Cinderella at the Gwyn Hall. We welcome Jake and Carys- Mai to our school family.

Diary Dates: January

Monday 15th-Friday 18th Margam Residential: Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 30th Fire Fighter Years 2 and 5

**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.