



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 6th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Guido & Maria Spagna (R.I.P.) Dennis Grant & Raymond Gibbons R.I.P. (M.Grant & Family)
Monday 7th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday 8th December <i>Immaculate Conception</i> JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY	12.00 Glynneath 6.30 pm Neath	Scotson Family R.I.P. Helen Culpan R.I.P. (Sheila Penry & Family)
Wednesday 9th December	9.30 Neath 11.00 Glynneath	David Sherlock R.I.P. (J.S.) Frank Nedza R.I.P. (N.N.)
Thursday 10th December <i>St John Roberts</i>	9.30 Neath	Nancy & Hector Scotson R.I.P. (P.M.)
Friday 11th December	9.30 Neath	Tillet Family R.I.P. (P.M.)
Saturday 12th December		
Sunday 13th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Thanksgiving (P.T.) Ouday Hikary (Sp. Int)



Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



Readers for this week: 5th/6th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday Evening: David Reynolds, Maureen McAteer

Sunday Morning: Elizabeth Fluck, Isabelle Buckingham

Readers for next week: 11th/12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday Evening: Sue Koziel, Lorna Halloran

Sunday Morning : Peter Thomas, Cath Sheehan



Church Cleaning

Team 2

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 28.11: £511.00 Levy: £97.00
Glynneath: 28.11: £54.21



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,
Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill and Anita Gove.



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

Denis Protheroe, Patrick

O'Connell, Kathleen Mahoney, Clare Pike
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:

Victims of Hatred



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Special Intention

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

Exposition: Friday morning after Mass.

Second Collection: this 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.

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

Christmas Raffle Tickets: Should be returned TODAY

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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy: on Tuesday, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St Peter's in Rome and begin the Holy Year of Mercy. We have two special Masses on Tuesday preceded by Confession and followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. St John Kemble: 11.30 Confession, 12.00 Mass followed by Exposition until 1.00 pm. St Joseph's: 6.00 Confession, 6.30 Mass followed by Exposition until 7.00. when free literature will be handed out to use in the year ahead.

Cafod: is currently looking for a Community Participation Coordinator based from our volunteer centre in Cardiff to cover CAFOD's work in the dioceses of Cardiff and Menevia. This is part time (17.5 hours per week), fixed term contract to 31 July 2017. To read more and to apply please visit cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/UK-Jobs/CPC-South-Wales and complete our online application form by the closing date of 3 Jan 2016. Contact CAFOD South Wales for further details on 029 20 344 882 or email southwales@cafod.org.uk

First Holy Communion: Four names have been received. Please keep Eve Abell, Bethany Clifford, Daniel Jones and Bethany Tristram in your prayers. Classes will begin in the New Year.

Confirmation: Three names have been received; Elma Parel, Hannah Parel and Emelia Evans. Further names should be submitted before classes begin.

St Joseph's Parish Finances: The funds in our bank account have dropped this month to £1650.17 plus £600 set aside for work on the boiler room. Many thanks for the very generous anonymous donation of £500 that we only have £8900 to raise—or have no heating in the Church! Every month we give £763.02 to the Diocese and last month our annual insurance bill was £1826.35. Please keep our perilous financial situation in your prayers.

Directory and Year Book 2016: for the Province of Cardiff, Wales and Herefordshire are now available from the piety Shop at a price of £3.

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

Our Craft Fayre took place on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many of our pupils, past pupils and their families, parishioners and old friends. We raised near £700 thanks to the small, yet hardworking PTA who organised the evening. Also a special thanks to our School Council members who raised £70 for a Friendship Stop which will be placed in the Junior Yard.

Diary Dates: December

Tuesday 8th Christmas Concert 9.30am
Wednesday 9th Christmas Concert 1pm
Thursday 10th Christmas Concert 6pm

Friday 11th Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 15th Christmas Dinner

Friday 18th @ 1.15pm End Of Term

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.