



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 19th November <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath 3.00 – 4.00 pm Neath 5.30 pm Neath	Parish & People Pat Harrington R.I.P. (John & Linda Slattery) Joan & Paddy McGinty R.I.P. (Elias Family) Holy Hour Coffin received into Church
Monday 20th November	10.30 am Neath	Funeral Mass: Margaret (Peggy) Evans R.I.P.
Tuesday 21st November	6.30 pm Neath	Michel Sommerville R.I.P. (Joe & Lorna)
Wednesday 22nd November	10.30 am St Benedict's Sketty	Funeral Mass: Canon Michael Griffiths
Thursday 23rd November	9.30 am Neath	Rachael Hogg (Spec. Int.) (Lorraine & Mike)
Friday 24th November	9.30 am Neath	Peter Healey R.I.P. (Donie, Pat & Family)
Saturday 25th November	NO MASS	
Sunday 26th November <i>Christ the King</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Francis & Rose (Spec. Int.) Peter Healey R.I.P. (Annette, Phillip & Paul) Parish & People

Confessions

Neath : on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: : 18th/19th November

Saturday Evening: Maureen McAteer, David Reynolds

Sunday Morning: Roger Fluck, Sandra Davies

Readers for next week: 25th/26th November

Saturday Evening: Lorna Halloran, Sue Koziel

Sunday Morning: Sheila Williams, Peter Buckinham



Church Cleaning

Team: 2

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 12.11.17: £500.19 Levy: £85.30
Autumn Fayre: £655.69

Glynneath 11.11.17: £72.86



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

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Audrey Gammon, Peter & Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick, Yolanda Jones, David Jukes, 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:

Kitty Griffiths, Kathleen Lee, Guiseppina Lewis, Mervyn Mayers, Dennis Underwood 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:

John Burke



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Nicky Walsh



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Aldridge Family.

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.

Canon Michael Griffiths R.I.P.: Canon's Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 22nd November at 10.30 am at St Benedict's, Sketty. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him*

Peggy Evans R.I.P.: Peggy's Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 20th November at 10.30 am. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Many thanks: to all those who worked hard to organise the Parish Autumn Fayre and for those who supported on the day. £654.69 was raised towards Parish funds. Thank you.

Eve of Christ the King: Youth Prayer and Social Gathering, St Joseph's Cathedral Hall, Swansea, Sat. 25th Nov. Age guide: Confirmation + (14+) from 1.00 pm until 4.30 pm. Being organised by parishioners of the Diocese.

St Joseph's Parish Finances: Apart from funds set aside to pay for the new boiler and restoring the Sanctuary Arch we now have only £1,970.62 in the Parish General Fund (including the £654.69 from the Autumn Fayre). Donations, gifts and fund-raising events would be warmly welcomed.

Donations: towards the Christmas Flower decorations would be warmly welcomed. Thank you.

Our Second Collection: on the First Sunday of Advent (3rd December) will be in support of our own SVP Group and their work with the homeless and needy locally over the Christmas period.

Month of Holy Souls: please note envelopes are now available in which to place the names of those you would like to be remembered in our Book of Remembrance at every Mass during November. **PLEASE NOTE that no stipend is requested.** (individual intentions and stipends will continue to be received during November if so desired).

Christmas Draw Tickets: are available at the back of Church, priced at £2.50 per book. Please take as many as you are able to sell to family and friends. Please return counterfoils and money by 10th December at the latest. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Holy Hour: today from 3.00 - 4.00 pm. Pope Francis has asked us to remember the poor, our responsibilities for, and response to their needs.

An elderly lady: in Caerwern is seeking to find a lift to

Church at weekends. If anyone in the area can kindly offer transport it would be most appreciated. Please contact an SVP member. Thank you.

Catholic Bible School: Saturday 25th November, Alan de Ste Croix will be helping us to explore some of the tricky bits of the Old Testament. How do we make sense of this for modern times? We will meet in St David's Priory, St David's Place, Swansea, SA1 3NG at 10am until 3pm. 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/nov17

Parish Archive: Coming soon – a chance for parishioners to come together and share their stories on 'tape': memories of First Holy Communion, May Procession, Corpus Christi, trip to Cardiff for the papal visit, anything you feel would be of interest to parishioners now and in the future. Have a think. More news soon.

"Photographs may illustrate what we have seen, but it is the stories we share which enable us to connect with others." (John Bell of the Iona Community).

A retreat day: in preparation for Advent and Christmas will take place at Blessed sacrament Church Gorseinon on Saturday 25th November. Canon Pius Augustine is the speaker. All are welcome to attend. See notice board for further details.

Victorian Christmas Markets, Worcester: Sat. 2nd December. £16. Please contact Karen Clifford on 07840 189308.

Advent Booklet: please take a FREE copy of the Day to Day Advent Prayers and reflections.

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 Morrison Hospital on 07792 003905.

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

Guidance for planning funeral liturgies: Copies of this leaflet are available at the back of church.

School News

On Thursday evening our school was full of children in PJs and Onesies. Why? The teachers entertained the children to give their parents an extra opportunity for a spot of Christmas Shopping. We welcomed parents, grandparents and guardians to Mrs Brooks' Class Assembly on Friday. The performance relayed their RE topic of Life Choices. The children enacted the sacrament of marriage and talked to us about the importance of letting Jesus guide us when making important choices.

Website

<http://www.npted.org/schools/primary/stjosephsprimary>
Please use our school website for any information you may need.

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 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.