



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 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)
Monday 16th December	6.00 Neath	School Christmas Concert
Tuesday 17th December	6.30 pm Neath	Cyril & Delia Lewis R.I.P. (Pat Donie 7 Family)
Wednesday 18th December	11.00 am Glynneath 6.30 pm Neath	Harry & Margaret Owen + Anita (Diamond Anniversaries) Kath Sheehan R.I.P. (Anick & Family)
Thursday 19th December	6.30 am Neath	Holy Souls (Alex Miles)
Friday 20th December	9.30 Neath	Desmond Comerford R.I.P. (The Family)
Saturday 21st December		
Sunday 22nd December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People James O'Donnell R.I.P. (Anne-Marie O'Donnell) Sr. Josephine Brady R.I.P. (Kasia)

Confessions

On request or before or after any Mass

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: 14th/15th December Third
Sunday Morning: Sandra Davies, Roger Fluck

Readers for next week: 21st/22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday Evening: Nora Reynolds, Anne Bromage
Sunday Morning: Peter Buckingham, Desiree Nicholas



Church Cleaning

Team: 3

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 08.12.19: £470.13 Levy: £80.70

Glynneath: 07.11: £36



Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for:

Peter Healey R.I.P.



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Gerry Chetty (Health)



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Carwyn Powell Williams



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:

Michael McAteer, Madeleine Lewis, Kevin O'Brien, John Turner, Elsie Farrell, Desmond Comerford, Tom Thomas, Gladys Gallagher 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.

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!"

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!

The Sanctuary: The painter, David Jones & Son, will finish painting behind the altar from Tuesday-Thursday this week.

School Christmas Concert: This Monday at 6.00 pm - arrive early for a seat. All welcome.

Second Collection: next weekend is for our own Parish SVP Group for their work with homeless and those in need over the Christmas/New Year period.

Congratulations: to Harry and Margaret and to Owen and Anita celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversaries on the same day (19th)

Fr. Peter Kelly R.I.P.: Fr. Kelly died peacefully the day before his 98th Birthday. Funeral arrangements: **RECEPTION OF BODY - MONDAY 06 JANUARY 2020 @ 16:15, St. Joachim & St. Anne's Church, DUNVANT, Swansea. SA2 7QQ.**

FUNERAL MASS - TUESDAY 07 JANUARY 2020 @ 10:45, St. Joachim & St. Anne's Church, DUNVANT, Swansea. SA2 7QQ.

CREMATION - TUESDAY 07 JANUARY 2020 @ 12:30, Swansea Crematorium, Heol Pentre Felen, Swansea SA6 6BY

Crib Collection: for the Mikey Cura Foundation. Mikey attended Bishop Vaughn School and was an Altar Server in Morriston. He died suddenly (aged 16) on pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in 2016. The Foundation supports research in the detection and prevention of early cardiac problems in young children

'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)'

Diocesan Yearbooks for 2020: are now available.

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)

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

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.

Messages for the Brave: There will be a last opportunity after 10.30 Mass 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.

SVP: Circumstances prevent us from holding our Winter Warmer with Bill Bennett. In January. We will inform you of revised date when our next programme of events is established.

Thank you for your generosity. Many children will receive a gift at Christmas as the response to the appeal was overwhelming.

Primary School News

The Infant children entertained families and friends with performances of Higgledy Piggledy Nativity. As always they rose to the occasion and were all amazing. The school was a sea of colour on Friday as everyone put on their Christmas Jumpers. The money raised will be donated to the Neath Town Mayoress's Appeal for disadvantaged children in our local area. Our Nursery and Reception Class visited Abbots kitchen to meet Father and Mother Christmas. It was a magical experience. Please join us on Monday at 6pm in the church for an Evening of Carols with the Junior children.

Friday 20th End Of Term

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.