



# 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
<b>Sunday 26th January</b> <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Christian Unity Martin Joseph Mead R.I.P. (Michael Mead)
<b>Monday 27th January</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 28th January</b> <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	6.30 pm Neath	Pat Morse (Spec. Int.) (Helen Williams)
<b>Wednesday 29th January</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Rosie (Spec. Int.) (Francis & Rose) Special Intention (Terry)
<b>Thursday 30th January</b>	9.30 am Neath	Susan Cavelli R.I.P. (Mary, Clare & Daniel Addis)
<b>Friday 31st January</b>	9.30 am Neath	Stan May R.I.P. (The Michael Family)
<b>Saturday 1st February</b>		
<b>Sunday 2nd February</b> <i>Candlemas</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Gill Ward (Spec int.) (Jim) Parish & People Liam Barry R.I.P. (James & Glenda)

### Confessions

On request or before or after any Mass

### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass

**Readers for this week:** 24th/25th January *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Saturday Evening: Adrian MacPherson Jones, Paula MacPherson Jones

Sunday Morning: Bethan Lee, Berni Payne

**Readers for next week:** 1st/2nd February *Presentation of the Lord*

Saturday Evening: Ceri McAteer, Patrick McAteer

Sunday Morning: Sheila Williams, Babs Hunt

### Church Cleaning

Team: 2



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



Neath: 19.01.20: £466.80 Levy: £81.50

Sick & Retired Clergy: £223.82

Glynneath: 18.01.20: £34.20 Sick & Retired Clergy: £34.00



**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:**

Rose Jones, Morgan Turner, Kathleen Morgan, Edwina Hinnigan, Audrey Herley 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:

*Paddy Clifford R.I.P.*



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

*Sister Clare R.I.P.*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*Joseph O'Leary 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.

**DOMSEC (The Diocese of Menevia School of Evangelisation and Catechetics):** Explore the Catholic faith! See the excellent website [www.domsec.org.uk](http://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!"

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Sunday 28th June ( St Peter & St Paul) and Archbishop George will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Saturday Vigil Mass on July 11th. Regular attendance at Mass is an essential requirement of preparation for both of these sacraments. Application forms available at the back of Church.


**Sunday of the Word of God:** "In this "Year of the God Who Speaks" Pope Francis has established the Sunday of the Word of God (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time). After the homily there will be a special Blessing of Bibles. Please also take a free copy of St Matthew's Gospel and the Year of the Word which can also be used in the Blessing after the Homily.

**Faith & Fellowship Meetings:** We shall continue to participate in the DOMSEC Deanery Courses. The next course is led by Fr. Jerome Huah on "Scripture, Spirituality and Evangelisation". I suggest we join the meetings at the Sacred Heart, Morrison on Saturdays from 11.30-2.00pm on 14th March, 28th March, 25th April, 16th May, 30th May (Alternatively, there are also meetings at St Joseph's, Port Talbot on Fridays from 7.00 - 8.45 pm on 13th March, 27th March, 24th April, 15th May, 29th May). ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS COURSE. Please take an application form from the back of the Church.

**Next Sunday is the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas):** Please arrive early for the distribution and blessing of candles. Next Sunday is also 02.02.2020 (!). The next time will be 3rd March 3030 (the last time was 1st January 1010)!

**Used Postage Stamps:** Many thanks to all who have brought their stamps for sale on behalf of the Helen Keller School for Visually-Impaired Children in Jerusalem. All stamps are welcome, but must have a margin of envelope around them (unless they are in an album)

**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

**St Joseph's Parish Guild:** The Guild are looking to hold an International Food Festival in May/June on a Saturday afternoon in aid of Parish funds. They are looking for different nationalities/cultures to provide a taste of their cuisine. Please contact Nora on 07816 315897 or Sheila on 07913 663586 as soon as possible.

**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.

**Lourdes:** There is a small group travelling by train in 2020. Dates: 1st – 8th July. If you are interested please contact Deacon Jim.


**Bingo and Batter:** Many thanks to those who supported the evening. Thanks to some very generous donations the evening raised the magnificent total of £570!

**Pilgrimages:** (1) to Medjugorje May 4 –11th  
2) Fatima & Santiago Compostella Oct 9th for 7 nights. Please contact Sr. Margaret Fitzgerald, Stella Maris Convent. 01792 473457.

**SVP Diary of Events:**  
February 13th: Valentine cinema showing of "Shall We Dance". Tea/Coffee and raffle  
March 26th: to be confirmed. Pilgrimage to Abercynon shrine/Stations of the Cross.  
May 7th: V.E. Day Celebration Party with entertainment artist. More details to follow shortly.

**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

 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.