



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 31st March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> CLOCKS CHANGE	3.30 pm (Sat) Glynneath 4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Stations of the Cross Parish & People Ira Thomas R.I.P. (Peter Thomas) Teresa Diez R.I.P. (Isabel & Peter)
Monday 1st April	No Mass	
Tuesday 2nd April	6.30 pm Neath	Helen Culpen (Ireland) R.I.P. (George & Bridie)
Wednesday 3rd April	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Alec Somerville R.I.P. (Joe & Lorna) Pat & Fred (Spec. Int.) (Bella)
Thursday 4th April	9.30 am Neath	MICF R.I.P.
Friday 5th April	9.30 am Neath 7.00 pm Neath	Vocations Stations of the Cross
Sunday 6th April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> CLOCKS CHANGE	3.30 pm (Sat) Glynneath 4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Stations of the Cross Parish & People Ann Gough R.I.P. (Philip & Family) Claire & Robert Pirisse R.I.P (Annicke & Family)

Confessions

Neath & Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: 30th/31st March *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Saturday Evening: Lorna Halloran, Sian Loynes

Sunday Morning: Roger Fluck, Sandra Davies

Readers for next week: 5th/6th April *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Saturday Evening:

Sunday Morning:



Church Cleaning

Team: 3

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 24.03.2019: £525.45 Levy: £81.00

Cyclone Appeal: £306.64

Glynneath: 23.03.2019: £67.00

Cyclone Appeal: 37.70



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

Kath Wellington, Benitia Whittington, Marjorie Grant, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Matilda Jones, Anita Gore, Nicky Walsh, Ann Moruzzi, Kath Woolley, Roger Fluck, and Lorna O'Brien .



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

Margaret Jenkins, John Campbell, Mary Protheroe, Maureen Maher, Ann Gough 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:

Peter Healey R.I.P.



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Mr & Mrs G D O'Leary R.I.P.



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Mareshall Abell 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.

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!"

Bishop's Pastoral Visit: Deacon Jim and I echo the thanks of Pat below to the Parish Guild, to the School and to everyone who who helped to make the occasion such a memorable event.

Many thanks: to all involved in last Sunday's Mass and celebration, from Bishop Tom, Fr. Neil, Deacon Jim, altar servers, school children and teaching staff, not forgetting the ladies of S.J.P.G. And friends who put on a lovely buffet and for all those who gave cards and flowers. I was quite humbled by the kindness shown to me on receiving the St. David's Medal. May God bless you all. PAT.

National Welsh Pilgrimage: to our Lady of the Tapir, Cardigan will take place on Sunday 19th May. A mini-bus will leave St Joseph's at 11.30. A limited number of seats. Please bring packed lunch. Contact Angela on 01792 424168/ 07708 105147.

The Gift Aid weekly Envelope Boxes are now available at the back of the Church.

Two Lunchtime Supervisors: are required at the School. Monday-Friday 12.00 -12.25. If interested, please contact the School.

Many thanks: for the generous response to the CAFOD and East Africa Cyclone appeals over the last two weekends.

Thank you to the Parish Guild: for £200 raised at the Bingo and Welsh Cake Evening and to Karen and Anne for the £100 raised at the Savoury Sunday. All donations and gifts to Parish funds gratefully received.

School Accounts: Are you qualified to volunteer to audit the school accounts? Please contact school on 01639 635099.

Lenten Alms: this year to the work of Missio anticipating the Extraordinary Month of Mission propose3d by Pope Francis for October this year.

Music-Singing at Mass (and in Holy Week): An appeal to choristers and musicians! Are you able to help sustain and enhance our worship at Mass? Sadly, in the absence of this greater involvement and volunteers to lead the singing in the celebration of Mass, a "said Mass" (without hymns or music) will become a more regular part of our worship and our Holy Week Services may have to be greatly simplified.

40 Days for Life Cardiff: A Peaceful Prayerful Vigil. Pray

for justice for the weakest (the unborn), one day we too may be weak. For further details ring 07901713077 or email jelthomas@btinternet.com. See poster in porch.

Parish Renewal: Bishop Tom has recently appointed Fr Michael Akpoghiran as Diocesan Director of Catechesis. It is hoped to renew the important ministry of Parish Catechist in every parish. If you have been involved in the work of parish catechesis (in preparing candidates for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage) in the past or would prayerfully consider helping in this important parish ministry, please have a word with Fr. Neil. Fr Michael hopes to meet with all those interested in the ministry of Catechist in local Deanery meetings in the next six months. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIAL APPEAL to the teachers (and former teachers) in our congregation to offer yourself in this absolutely vital ministry if our parish community is going to flourish and to grow. The life of the Church, and especially of our young people, depends on your commitment to the teaching and proclamation of the Gospel and helping others to enter into a deeper experience of the Risen Jesus.

Churches Together in Neath Lenten Talks: This year's talks continue on Monday 1st April, at Neath Methodist at 7.30 pm.

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. Canon Jason Jones is Chaplain for Morriston Hospital on 07792 003905. If staying in hospital remember to advise staff you are happy to receive a visit from the Chaplain—otherwise your religious affiliation remains confidential to the staff.

St Michael the Archangel

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

School News

Miss Beesley's class have been focusing on dance from the 1960's creating different dance moves. On Tuesday Dr Guest joined Mrs Adams during PSE to help us understand how and why members of our community become homeless.

Our Key Stage Two Fruit Tuck Shop as popular as ever with strawberries being the current favourite fruit.

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.