



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 28th January <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Martin Joseph Mead R.I.P. (Michael Mead & Family) Rhys Thoma R.I.P. (C.T.)
Monday 29th January	NO MASS	
Tuesday 30th January	6.30 pm Neath	Kasia and Ouday (Spec. Int)
Wednesday 31st January <i>St John Bosco</i>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Catherine Murphy (Spec. Int.) (E & M) Margaret Thomas R.I.P. (All at St John Kemble)
Thursday 1st February	9.30 am Neath	Fr. Harry Stratton R.I.P. (SPCD)
Friday 2nd February <i>Candlemass</i>	9.30 am Neath	Vocations
Saturday 3rd February	NO MASS	
Sunday 5th February <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Brian Hudson R.I.P. (John & Jane Smith) Larry Kiely R.I.P. (K. Sheehan)

Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: : 27th/28th January

Saturday Evening: Maureen McAteer, David Reynolds

Sunday Morning: Roger Fluck, Sandra Davies

Readers for next week: 3rd/4th February

Saturday Evening: Lorna Halloran, Sian Loynes

Sunday Morning: Sheila Williams, Peter Buckingham



Church Cleaning

Team: 3

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



Neath: 21.01.18: £474.26 Levy: £85.00
SPUC: £156.64

Glynneath: 20.01.18: £55.65
SPUC: £28.83



**Please pray for those in
our parish who are sick
and housebound, especial-
ly:**

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Peter & Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones, Anita Gore, Nicky Walsh, Kath Wooley and Rita Newton.



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

Audrey Hurley, Luisa Sami, 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 RIP



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Patricia Lloyd RIP



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Terry Woodland RIP

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!"

Please remember in your prayers: Patricia Greg who died this week. Funeral details to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto her o Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Please remember in your prayers: Lowri Hughes who will be baptised into the Church next Saturday.

First Holy Communion Classes: We still need two volunteers to help this happen. Please have a word with Carolyn. The following applications have been received: Carys Smitham, Joseph Payne, Klara Hikary, Logan Davies, Maja Ignaczak, Thomas Parel, Gryffydd Lee, Scarlet Marie Hutchings and Sophia Hikary. Please remember these children in your prayers. The First Holy Communion Mass will be held on Sunday 24th June.

Concert: Today (Sunday 28th January) at 4.00 pm at St James' Church, Walter Road Uplands Swansea by7 the Cambrian Concert of Violas, led by Fr. Paul Brophy. Tickets £6 (including refreshments) at the door..

Fr. John Patrick Thomas: Silver Jubilee at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Gorseinon on Thursday 15th February at 7.00 pm. All welcome. Fr. John Patrick's first appointment was to Neath and Glynneath in 1993.

Savouries: (pasties, quiche, vol-au vent) after Mass on Sunday 4th February to raise Parish funds. All welcome.

Vacancy: St. Joseph's Junior School, Port Talbot: TEMPORARY KS2 CLASS TEACHER. Required for Monday 16th April 2018. CES Application Forms may be

downloaded from www.cesew.org.uk or www.eteach.com. and returned to: The Chair of Governors c/o St. Joseph's Catholic Junior School, Nobel Avenue, Port Talbot, SA12 6YN. Closing date for applications is Noon on 26th February, 2018. For full Advertisement please notice board.

Churches Together in Neath: This year's Lenten Studies programme will commence on Monday 19th February at St Peter & St Paul's, Cimla at 7.30.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick for the 160th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes: Sunday 11th February at Sacred Heart, Morriston. 6.00 pm Holy Rosary, 6.30 pm Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom. (see poster).

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. Fr. Jason Jones is Chaplain for Morriston Hospital on 07792 003905.

Health & Safety: We have been asked to remind everyone who enters and exits the Church to take extra care at this time of year. Please use the handrail provided and watch for any icy conditions - this applies to elderly and young people alike. Be ready to assist those in need of help and supervise children as necessary. Those who find the front steps difficult to negotiate are invited to use the side entrance at the Lady Chapel.

Fire risks usually emanate from naked flame. We ask that great care be taken when lighting votive candles, ensuring that young children are supervised by an adult at all times, especially near the votive candle stands. There are a number of fire extinguishers around the church for use in an emergency. Provision has been made for orderly evacuation should the need arise. There are three exits: the main doors, the Lady Chapel and the Sacristy.

School News

It was strangely quite last week in school. Why?? Years Five and Six have been staying at Margam Park. "This week has been a awesome. I wish I could come again next year!" Year 6 : "I can't wait to come back to Margam next year. It's been so much fun!" Year 5" Our Nursery children went on a hunt for a princess in the Nature Reserve. We have been learning about survivors of the Holocaust during PSE especially the children who escaped by Kindertransport. Past pupil Emily Adams came in to Year Six to talk to them about how many people of the Jewish faith settled in Wales.

Diary: February

Friday 2nd Miss Pryse's Class Assembly
Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday
Thursday 15th Valentines Disco
Friday 16th INSET

Half Term Monday 19th–Friday 23rd

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 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. Church.