



Eglwys Gatholig Sant Joseff, Castellnedd. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Neath.

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Times of Holy Mass for the coming week

Day	Time and Place	Intention
Sunday 29th January <i>4th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Martin Joseph Mead R.I.P. (Michael & Fam.) Jack & Josie May R.I.P. (P. Phillips)
Monday 30th January	NO MASS	
Tuesday 31st January	NO MASS	
Wednesday 1st February	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Mary, Hendry and Joe Newbury R.I.P. Desmond Courtney R.I.P. (Elizabeth, Kevin & Family)
Thursday 2nd February <i>Candlemas</i>	9.30 am Neath	H.M. The Queen 65th Anniversary
Friday 3rd February <i>St Blaise</i>	9.30 am Neath	Fr. Peter Wilkie R.I.P. (SPCD)
Saturday 4th February		
Sunday 5th February <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Patrick McNally (R.I.P.) (John & Jane Smith) Andrew Vicari R.I.P. (Marjorie Grant & Family)

Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass

Readers for this week: 28th/29th January
Saturday Evening: P. McAteer, C. McAteer
Sunday Morning: R. Fluck, A. Bromage
Readers for next week: 4th/5th February
Saturday Evening: Lorna Halloran, Sue Koziel
Sunday Morning : Sheila Williams Peter Buckingham



Church Cleaning Team: 2



Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 22.01.17: £525.00 Levy: £90.00
Sick & Retired Clergy: £100
Glynneath: 21.01.17: £77.00

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, Peggy Evans, David Jukes, Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones, Joan Thomas and Anita Gore.



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

Audrey Hurley, Josephine May, Elizabeth Ley 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

Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:



Daryl Smith - Wellbeing

St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:



Stan May

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.

Olive Davies R.I.P.: Please remember Olive in your prayers and the family at this time. Olive's funeral service will be at Margam Crematorium on Wednesday 8th February at 1.30 pm. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her May she rest in peace.*

Edwina Hinnigan R.I.P.: Please remember Edwina in your prayers and the family at this time. Edwina's funeral service will be here in St Joseph's on Friday 10th February at 10.00 am. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her May she rest in peace.*

Please remember in your prayers: Alexander Yousif who will be baptised into the Church during 10.30 Mass this Sunday. Also remember his family Firaz, Janine, William and Oliver.

Altar Servers Cassocks/Cottas: Volunteers please! There are four bags of laundry at the back of church for washing and ironing. Help much appreciated!

First Holy Communion: Classes take place at 9.30 am in the Parish Hall before the 10.30 Mass. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday 18th June.

"Do you love me?": a guide to Catholic Prayer and Spirituality, Friday 3rd February 7.00 pm at Belmont Abbey (01432 374750)

Mass for the Sick (Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes): at Our lady of Margam on Sunday 19th February at 3.00pm. Everyone welcome.

Sanctuary Arch Appeal: Congratulations! We are pleased to announce that we have now raised the magnificent sum of £9,159 towards the Arch Appeal. Many thanks to all fund-raisers and for generous donations.

Church Repairs: Work will begin this month on renovating guttering and fascia boards around the church and presbytery.

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.

Pilgrimages: to Medugorje, 15th –22nd June 2017 (£589) and to Fatima, 10th-15th October 2017 (£678) - a few places left. Contact Sr. Margaret on 01792 473453.

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 23rd to 28th July this year. Please see poster for details.

Postage Stamps: Many thanks for continuing to pass on your used postage stamps. British and overseas stamps are used to raise funds for the Helen Keller School for Sight-impaired children in Jerusalem. Since September, the school has been placed under the guardianship of the Franciscan Order. A reminder to leave a good margin of envelope around the stamp(s) - those cut too closely will be of no value.

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.

School News

This week Firefighter Sharon visited Years Two and Five. She talked about her role and how to keep safe in the event of a fire. On Wednesday we celebrated the patron saint of people in love, St Dwynwen. We heard her story, decorated heart shaped biscuits, made love spoons and made cards to give people we love. Tomas from the URDD came in to work with KS2 teaching Welsh Yard games.

Diary:

Friday 3rd February: Mrs. Brooks' class assembly.
Tuesday 7th February: Safer Internet Day.

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.