



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 |
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| Sunday 18th December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> | 4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath | Parish & People Graham Newton R.I.P. (Ann & Vi) Desmond Comerford R.I.P. (Family) |
| Monday 19th December | 12.30 pm Neath | Wedding of Rachel Williams and James Stanton |
| Tuesday 20th December | 9.30 am Neath | Robert Perisse R.I.P. (Family) |
| Wednesday 21st December | 9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath | Margaret Allen R.I.P. (Family) Mary Fletcher R.I.P. |
| Thursday 22nd December | 9.30 am Neath | James O'Donnell R.I.P. (Anne-Marie) |
| Friday 23rd December | 9.30 am Neath | Bryan, Joan, Harry R.I.P. (B.H.) |
| Saturday 24h December | | |
| Sunday 25th December <i>Christmas Day</i> | 4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 11.30 pm Neath 12.00 Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath | Parish & People Annie Halloran R.I.P. (Kevin & Lorna) Carols Midnight Mass Bernard Allen R.I.P. (Family) |

Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for next week: 17th/18th December 4th Sunday of Advent
Saturday Evening: Paula MacPherson Jones. Adrian MacPherson Jones
Sunday Morning: Ann Bromage, Roger Fluck

Readers for next week: 24th/25th December Christmas

Saturday Evening:

Sunday Morning :



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

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Audrey Gammon, Peter and Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Olive Davies, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gladys Gallagher, 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:

John Turner, Elsie Farrell, Desmond Comerford, Tom Thomas, Jacqueline, Ena Hynes, Grace Phillips, Paddy O'Reilly, Rose Hoptroff 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.

Church Cleaning Team: 2



Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



11.12.16: Neath: £475.95 Levy: £76.10
Glynneath: 10.12.16 £66.00



Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for:
Peter Healey



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:
Thanksgiving –Annette



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:
Mending a Relationship

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.

Christmas Message: with great joy we celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and we pray that Jesus will make Himself present at the centre of our Christmas celebrations - in our homes and in our hearts. Let us, with the Wise Men, follow the star (Mary, Stella Maris, Star of the Sea) to worship at the crib of our Infant Saviour. Deacon Jim and I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. Nadolig Llawen!

A beautiful talk on Mary our Mother: please google: "Kimberly Hahn - Sunday morning Session 2 - Defending the Faith" - for other talks on the Faith as well.

The Year Books (2016-2017) are now available at the back of Church, £3 each).

The Offertory: next weekend will be your customary Christmas offering to the Parish Priest.

Christmas Crib Collection: this year is divided between the Missio/Mission Together's Project in Kenya (see www.missio.org.uk) and the Diocesan Refugee Fund.

Donations: towards the cost of Christmas Flowers gratefully received. Please see Chris or Babs.

Wedding Bells: Please remember in your prayers Rachel Williams and James Stanton who will be married here in St Joseph's on Monday 19th December.

Readers for 24th/25th December: please sign up on the proforma in the Church Porch.

Sanctuary Arch Appeal: Earlier in the year we set ourselves the target to raise £9,000 (50% of the total cost). We are very grateful to the Parish Hall Committee for the £725 raised at the Autumn Fayre which brings the Sanctuary Arch Appeal to £8138.39. A magnificent effort by all. Many thanks.

First Holy Communion: Classes will begin after Christmas. If you would like to enrol a child in the preparation classes please complete the form provided at the back of the Church and return it to Fr. Neil.

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.

Win £10! A fun way to raise funds for the Sanctuary Arch. Guess the amount in the jar—20p or 5 guesses for a pound.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! (proposed): For the Parishes of St Joseph's and St John Kemble, November 20th - 27th 2018 (NOT NEXT YEAR). Cost £1019 (half board). Memorable itinerary. Minimum number of 20 required for the pilgrimage to go ahead. If you are interested, please contact Paula on 636739.

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

Well what a fantastic end of term we have had!! The children entertained families and friends with performances of Woops A Daisy and Primary School Christmas Musical. 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 to raise money for Save the Children. We feasted on a delicious Christmas Dinner prepared by Mrs Baker and Mrs Jones.

Mrs. Dineen and all the Staff would like to thank you for your support. We wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas. Nadolig Llawen

Diary: January 2017

Tuesday January 3rd INSET Day

The Parish Hall: Is available for hire at very reasonable rates. If you would like 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.