



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 6th April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	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 Perisse R.I.P (Annick & Family)
Monday 7th April	No Mass	
Tuesday 8th April	6.30 pm Neath	John Cutter R.I.P.
Wednesday 9th April	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	School End Of Term Mass Pat & Fred (Spec. Int.) (Bella)
Thursday 10th April	9.30 am Neath	Catherine Murphy (Spec. Int.)
Friday 11th April	9.30 am Neath 7.00 pm Neath	Kath Cutter (Spec. Int.) Stations of the Cross
Sunday 13th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	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 Patrick Lynch R.I.P. (John & Jane Smith) Michelle O'Brien R.I.P. (Philip & Patrick O'Brien)

Confessions

Neath & Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



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

Saturday Evening: Nora Reynolds, Anne Bromage

Sunday Morning: Sheila Williams, Peter Buckingham

Readers for next week: 13th/14th April *Palm Sunday*

Saturday Evening:

Sunday Morning:



Church Cleaning

Team: 1

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



Neath: 31.03.2019: £568.52 Levy: £82.70

Glynneath. 30.03.2019: £73.45



**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:**

Edward Davies, Bridget Davies, Jimmy Peoples, Leonardo Gottuso, Dorothy Palfrey, Mario Berni 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:

Ann Codd



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Special Intention

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!"

Palm Sunday: Please be in good time for the Blessing of Palms and the Palm Sunday Procession.

Holy Week Services:

Wednesday 17th April

11.30 am Chrism Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral Swansea

Holy Thursday 18th April

7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by watching at the altar of repose until 10.00pm

Good Friday 19th April

3.00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Followed by the Sacrament of Confession

7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

7.00 pm Veneration and Stations of the Cross (St John Kemble).

Holy Saturday 20th April

8.00 pm Easter Vigil (First Mass of Easter)

Easter Sunday 21st April

9.00 am Glynneath - Mass of Easter Day

10.30 am Neath - Mass of Easter Day

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR READINGS AND WASHING OF FEET FOR HOLY WEEK. THANK YOU.

Easter Flowers: Donations to the cost of the Easter Flowers are much appreciated. Please see Chris Evans

Real Easter Eggs: There will be some fairtrade Easter eggs on sale in the hall after Mass on Palm Sunday. Accompanying each egg is a copy of the story of the first Easter.

Anonymous Gift: Many thanks for the anonymous gift of £500 towards the parish Funds. All gifts and donations gratefully received.

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 –12.45. If interested, please contact the School.

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 proposed 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.

Churches Together in Neath Lenten Talks: The final talk this year takes place at St Peter and St Paul on Monday 8th April, 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.

School News

Eco School have arranged for Dragon Bags to have a fund raising collection box in school. They aim to help every single school throughout Wales achieve their fundraising goals as well as stopping textiles from ending up at a landfill at the same time. Our school will get paid for the clothes donated. If we recycle one ton, which is about 150 bags we will be paid **£500**. One thing all the clothes do have in common is that they are going to a place where they will provide affordable clothing to people who need it.

Please donate only good quality, clean clothing.

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.