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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 24th April <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Mr & Mrs Iros Williams (Spec Int) (Bella) James "Bing" O'Donnell R.I.P. (Peg) Parish & People
Monday 25th April	NO MASS	
Tuesday 26th April	6.30 pm Neath	Bill Kelly R.I.P. (NPT Chaplaincy)
Wednesday 27th April	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Thanksgiving (D & N R) Joseph Doolin R.I.P.
Thursday 28th April	9.30 am Neath	Maggie O'Gara R.I.P. (P.M.)
Friday 29th April	9.30 am Neath	Dorothy Evans R.I.P.
Saturday 30th April		
Sunday 1st May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Mary Pauline Sullivan R.I.P. (Pauline, Margaret & families) Fred, Nan & Andrew Reynolds (David & Nora)

Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



Readers for this week: 23rd/24th April 5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday Evening: Sue Koziel, Lorna Halloran

Sunday Morning: Berni Payne, John Hickey

Readers for next week: 30th April/1st May 6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday Evening: Luke Murphy, Caoimhe Murphy

Sunday Morning: Isabelle Buckingham, Elizabeth Fluck

Church Cleaning

Team 1



Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: £509.16 Levy: £94.50
 Glynneath: £35.20



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, Mary Holmes, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, Bernard Madden, Harper Marie Beasley, David Jukes, Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones and Anita Gore.



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

Annette Powell 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:
 Angela & Peter Healey



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:
 Matilda Jones



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:
 First Communion
 and
 Confirmation Candidates

CROESO—WELCOME! To all visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay in the area.

Second Collection: TODAY, is Pope Francis' appeal to Catholics in Europe to support the victims of the war in Ukraine. Some 1.7 million people have been internally displaced. A million refugees have fled to neighbouring countries. Half a million do not have basic food and hundreds of thousands do not have access to safe drinking water.

Letter from the Bishops: please take a copy of "A letter to Catholics in Wales from their Bishops - National Assembly Elections"

Parish Archive appeal: Do you have items (photographs, booklets, etc.) which are part of our parish history? If so, please could we borrow them for copying to help with their preservation? If you enclose your item with as much information as possible about it – and your contact details – in an envelope marked 'Parish Archive', we promise a safe and swift return. Thank you (Sandra & Alan).

Many thanks: for the 2nd collection last weekend which raised £369.40 (St Joseph's) and £20.19 (St John Kemble) for the Priests Training Fund

Congratulations: to our St Joseph's CAFOD group for raising the magnificent sum of £2198.69 last year for the work of CAFOD (see CAFOD thank you letter on the notice board).

Belmont Abbey Retreat: Saturday 30th April. Please see notice board for further details.

Prolife: There will be a Swansea pro-life chain on Saturday 7th of May from 11.00 a.m. - 1.00p.m. The venue is on the Oystermouth Road across from the Tesco City Centre superstore. Young people are particularly welcome. Come along for 5 minutes, 10 minutes - or as long as you can manage. We will appreciate your presence in any shape or form. Please contact Sean Barr on 07599696489 if you have any queries.

Corpus Christi Mass in Neath Abbey: Sunday 29th May at 3.00 pm. Further information to follow - we shall need the help of stewards, musicians, chour etc.

St John Kemble 30th Anniversary: on Wednesday 8th June 2016. We are hoping to hold a special service and then celebrate at a local restaurant afterwards. Further details to follow for this joint parish event.

Belmont Abbey, May Procession: May 11th. A coach is

being organised by Fr. Mansel at Mumbles. This will start in Mumbles, pick up at Sacred Heart, Morriston and St Joseph's Neath. Further details to follow but we have a maximum of 15 seats so if you are interested please let Deacon Jim know.

Welsh National Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan on Pentecost Sunday, 15th May: Rosary Procession at 2.30 pm, Mass at 3.00 pm. See poster for further details.

Lourdes: the annual wheelchair push from Mumbles to Blackpill takes place on May 2nd. Sponsorship forms are available at the back of Church or from any member of the group.

First Holy Communion: Attendance of children and parents at Mass is an essential part of the preparation programme. The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on SUNDAY 17th July. 11 children have been enrolled—please remember them in your prayers: Bethany Tristram, Callum Lavin, Daniel Jones, Iori Davies, Bethany Clifford, Kieran Cameron, Eve Abell, Kyla Evans, Violette Orrin, Erin Greene, Brando Greene.

Confirmation: The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Tom on Sunday 11th September. Regular attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparing for the Confirmation. Twenty three names have been received for enrolment, please keep them in your prayers: Hannah Parel, Elma Parel, Emilia Evans, Patrick Comerford -Davies, Iori Comerford-Davies, Cabhan Comerford Davies, Niamh Bray, Ciara Bray, Mercedes Goldthrite, Abigail Goldthrite, Georgia Staddon, Emily Protheroe, Ryan Protheroe, Charlotte Humphries, Ryan Davies, Niamh McCarthy, Jessica Lloyd, Lauren Davies, Emily Syder, Alice Syder, Leon Finnegan, Dylan Tristram and Anastasia Lynch. Confirmation classes will begin after the Tuesday 6.30 pm Mass on April 26th and then 10th, 24th, 31st May, 14th June.

Sanctuary Arch Appeal: Many thanks for the anonymous gift of £100. We now have £1,144.46, including £144.46 through the Church Restoration Collection Box at the back of the Church.

School News

We welcomed John, a member of St. Johns Ambulance on Tuesday. He worked with KS2 children to train them in basic first aid. John demonstrated how to call the emergency services, carry out a Primary Survey, move an injured person into the Recovery position, carry out CPR and help a person who is choking.

We would like to congratulate Lauren Davies who is this year's May Queen. The May Procession will take place on Friday May 20th at 2pm. Please congregate in the infant yard of the school at 1.45pm.

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.