



# 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
<b>Sunday 6th May</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath  10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Mary Sullivan R.I.P. (Pauline, Margaret & Family) Ken Hopkins R.I.P (Lorna & Joe O'Brian)
<b>Monday 7th May</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 8th May</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Wednesday 9th May</b>	9.30 am Neath 7.00 pm Glynneath	Kim Jenkins (Spec Int) Vigil Mass of the Ascension John & Sheila Scotson R.I.P. (P.M.)
<b>Thursday 10th May</b> <i>Ascension Day</i>	9.30 am Neath 6.30 pm Neath	M.I.C.F. R.I.P. Sophia (Spec Int) (The Family)
<b>Friday 11th May</b>	9.30 am Neath 2.00 pm Neath	"Strength for Eva" May Procession - Crowning of Our Lady
<b>Sunday 13th May</b> <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath SCHOOL MASS	Parish & People Sean Drennan R.I.P. (Brendon O'Grady) Albert O'Callaghan R.I.P. (John Wellington & Family)

### Confessions

**Neath** : on request  
**Glynneath**: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



**Readers for this week**: : 5th May/6th May 6th Sunday of Easter

**Saturday Evening**: Nora Reynolds, Lawrence MacPherson Jones

**Sunday Morning**: Berni Payne, John Hickey

**Readers for next week**: 12th May/13h May 6th Sunday of Easter

**Saturday Evening**: Adrian MacPherson Jones, Paula MacPherson Jones

**Sunday Morning**: Isabel Buckingham, Elizabeth Fluck



### Church Cleaning

**Team: 2**

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



Neath: 29.04.18: £529.75 Levy: £82.00

Glynneath: 21.04.18: £78.00



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

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 and Kath Woolley.



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

Kenneth Hopkins, Mary Gorman, Mary Turner, Constance Edwards, Elsie Thomas, Albert O'Callaghan, Norma Rees, Olive Edwards 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:

*Teresa & Hanne Short R.I.P.*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*Aldridge Family*

**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!"

**Ascension Day:** has been restored to its Thursday celebration (40 days after Easter) and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Gwyneth Larcombe RIP:** Please remember in your prayers Gwyneth Larcombe nee Davies, formerly of this Parish who has died at Llanelli. Her funeral will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Llanelli followed by internment at Llantwit Cemetery, Neath. *Eternal rest grant unto her o Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

**Welcome:** we welcome the School three times this week! On Thursday morning (Ascension Day), for the Crowning of Our Lady on Friday and next Sunday morning.

**Mary's Month:** During May we shall begin each weekday celebration of the Mass with one decade of the Rosary.

**Belmont Abbey Torchlight Procession:** Wednesday 16th May at 9.00 pm. See poster for details.

**Cardigan Pilgrimage:** Sunday, 20th May 1.30 pm. Those interested in going, it is hoped to run a minibus. Margam Church has a bus leaving at 11.30, as Fr. Watson has been asked to hear confession before the 3.00 Mass, but parishioners would have to make their own way to Margam. If we have enough names from Neath we can order a minibus for ourselves, to leave at 12 noon. Please let Fr. Neil, Angela Healey or Pat O'Connell know by Tuesday. Approximate price £10, according to the cost of the bus. Thank you.

**Coffee Morning:** Parent and Toddler Group are holding a Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall on Friday 25th May 10.30-12.30. Proceeds to Church funds.

**Catholic Bible School:** The next event for the Catholic Bible School in Wales is on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May in St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Usk. How were God's promises in the Old Testament fulfilled in the New Testament? - Did Jesus really tell the Jews to drink his blood? - And where do we get all those symbols at Mass?

Alan de Ste Croix will be exploring these and other questions as we take a look at the scriptural basis for our belief as Catholics that the Blessed Sacrament is Jesus, the Lamb of God.

**GIFT AID Envelopes:** for 2018/2019 are now available at the back of Church. If you pay tax and would like to gift aid your weekly collection please have a word with Robert Grant.

**First Holy Communion Class:** Please remember these children in your prayers.: Carys Smitham, Joseph Payne, Klara Hikary, Logan Davies, Maja Ignaczak, Thomas Parel, Gryffydd Lee, Scarlet Marie Hutchings, Alexandra Harris, Joshua Zambrano and Sophia Hikary.

**Lourdes:** There are still 3 places left. If you are interested please contact Deacon Jim or Sue Woods. Our annual wheelchair push will take place on Monday 7th May at 10.30 am at Aberavon..

**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. 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.

#### 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

#### School News

Please remember all our pupils in your prayers, especially those in Years 2 to Year 6 as they have undertaken Literacy and Numeracy Testing.

Our Nursery have been hunting for Minibeasts in the Nature Reserve. During PSE Mrs Stephens' class talked about healthy foods with our school nurse Elaine. While Mrs Brooks' Class planted seeds which will hopefully sprout into various herbs.

#### Diary Dates

Every Friday from April 20th: Premier League Primary Stars Mrs Henwood's & Mrs Brook's Classes

#### May

Monday 7th Bank Holiday

Wednesday 2nd—9th National Testing Years 2-6

Friday 11th May Procession 2pm

Sunday 13th School Sunday Mass

Monday 21st Finesse Photography

**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.