



# Eglwys Gatholig Sant Joseff, Castell-nedd. 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 23rd February <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Peter Derrick R.I.P. Bishop Daniel Mullins R.I.P. (SPCD)
Monday 24th February	No Mass	
Tuesday 25th February	6.30 pm Neath	Tom Evans R.I.P. (Helen Williams)
Wednesday 26th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30 am Neath 11.30 am Glynneath 6.30 pm Neath	School Mass Fr4ank Skrzydlo R.I.P. (Nancy) Eileen McLaughlin R.I.P. (Ieuan & Susan Evans)
Thursday 27th February	10.15 am Neath	Funeral Service Terry Lloyd R.I.P.
Friday 28th February	9.30 am Neath 12.30 am Neath 7.00 pm Neath	St David's Day School Mass Tom Evans R.I.P. (Peter & Isabel) Funeral Mass Gerry Shillingford R.I.P. Stations of the Cross
Saturday 29th February		
Sunday 1st March <i>First 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 Josie Downes R.I.P. (Gerrard Family) Mary Pearce R.I.P. (Kevin & Lorna) Parish & People Baptism of Olivia Aldridge

**Readers for this week:** 22nd/23rd February *7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Saturday Evening: Nora Reynolds, Ann Bromage

Sunday Morning: Peter Buckingham, Desiree Nicholas

**Readers for next week:** 29th February/1st March *First Sunday of Lent*

Saturday Evening: Paula MacPherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jone

Sunday Morning: Berni Payne, Bethan Lee

### Church Cleaning

**Team: 3**



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



Neath: 16.02.20: £481.35 Levy: £71.00

Glynneath: 15.02.20: £18.10



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

**St Joseph's:** Kath Wellington, Mike O'Hea, Benitia Whittington, Marjorie Grant, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Matilda Jones, Nicky Walsh, Ann Moruzzi, Kath Woolley, Roger Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins.

**St John Kemble:** Maria, Harry, Peggy, Anita,



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

David Palfrey, Stanley May, Julia McGrath, Clive Roberts, Robert Turner, Harold Booth 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:

Annette Thomas  
(Better Health)



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Private Intention



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

John & Beverley

**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.

**DOMSEC (The Diocese of Menevia School of Evangelisation and Catechetics):** Explore the Catholic faith! See the excellent website [www.domsec.org.uk](http://www.domsec.org.uk)

**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!"

**Season of Lent:** During Lent we shall follow the Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7.00 pm at St Joseph's and on Saturday at 3.30 pm at St John Kemble. The Deanery Station Mass with Archbishop GEORGE Stack takes place on Monday 30th March at 7.00 pm at St Therese of Lisieux, Sandfields.

**Gerry Shillingford R.I.P.:** Please remember Gerry and his family at this time. Gerry's Funeral Mass takes place this Friday at 12.30 pm. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

**Anne Madden R.I.P.:** Anne was Headteacher at St Joseph's, Port Talbot for 20 years. Her Funeral will take place at St Joseph's, Port Talbot on Tuesday at 10.00 am. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**Olivia Jayne Aldridge:** will be baptised into the Church during the 10.30 Mass next Sunday. Please keep Olivia and her family in your prayers.

**Day of Prayer & Reflection:** Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word are invited to this event at Holy Cross, Gendros on Saturday 29th February between 11.00 and 2.30. Please see poster for details.

**"Walk With Me" Lenten booklets:** Please take a free copy from the back of the church. These booklets are full of prayers and readings to carry us through Lent.

**Terry Lloyd R.I.P.:** Please remember Terry in your prayers (brother of the late Fr. Bill Lloyd) and the family at this time. Terry's Funeral Service will take place here at St Joseph's on Thursday 27th February at 10.15 am. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

**Faith & Fellowship Meetings:** We shall continue to participate in the DOMSEC Deanery Courses. The next course is led by Fr. Jerome Ituah on "Scripture, Spirituality

and Evangelisation". I suggest we join the meetings at the Sacred Heart, Morriston on Saturdays from 11.30-2.00pm on 14th March, 28th March, 25th April, 16th May, 30th May (Alternatively, there are also meetings at St Joseph's, Port Talbot on Fridays from 7.00 - 8.45 pm on 13th March, 27th March, 24th April, 15th May, 29th May). ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS COURSE. Please take an application form from the back of the Church.

**40 Days for Life:** Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday run by BPAS abortion centre in Cardiff. See poster for details

**Food Bank:** Please remember to support the Food Bank which is well supported by St John Kemble and local churches/chapels but has very little support at St Joseph's. Non perishable foodstuffs are especially welcomed, even individual tins and boxes..

**Lenten Pilgrimage to Abercynon:** Friday 27th March leaving at 9.30 am. A parish trip to visit the restored shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes, rededicated by Archbishop George in October. Mass) and Stations of the Cross (also restored) leading down to the riverside Grotto followed by a meal together. Please sign up on list at the back of the Church where further details are available.

**First Holy Communion Classes:** No meeting this Sunday. Classes resume next Sunday at 9.30 am in the Parish Hall before Mass. Application forms must be returned to the Parish Priest BEFORE attending the classes. (First Holy Communion Mass - Sunday 28th June)

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Saturday 11th July at 6.00 Vigil Mass. Please return completed forms to Fr. NEIL.

**St Joseph's Parish Guild:** Tea and Welsh Cakes. Tuesday 3rd March 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets £2.50. Proceeds to Parish Funds.

**SVP Diary of Events:**

April 16th: Pontardulais Garden Centre/ lunch

May 7th: V.E. Day Celebration Party with entertainment artist. More details to follow shortly.

June 18th: Abbey-Cwm-Hir coach/entry costs

July 16th Cardiff Boat Ride/ Castle coach/entry costs

**Coronavirus:** Guidance to Catholics from the Bishops's Conference. Please see:

[www.cbcew.org.uk/guidance-to-catholics-on-coronavirus](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/guidance-to-catholics-on-coronavirus)

**Churches Together:** World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 6th March at 2.00 pm at St Joseph's.

**SVP Tents for the Homeless:** many thanks to those who have been so generous with donations.

**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. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.