



# 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 3rd March</b> <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People William John Sullivan R.I.P. (Pauline, Margaret & Families) Fr. Bill Lloyd R.I.P. (Elias Family)
<b>Monday 4th March</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 5th March</b>	6.30 pm Neath 7.15 Neath	Sally Hollingdale R.I.P. (Mary & Ross) Faith & Fellowship
<b>Wednesday 6th March</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30 am Neath 11.30 am Glynneath 6.30 pm Neath	School Mass Rita Thomas (Spec. Int.) James O'Donnell R.I.P. (James Cahill)
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	9.30 am Neath	James O'Connell & John Woolcock R.I.P. (Donnie & Pat)
<b>Friday 8th March</b>	9.30 am Neath 7.00 pm Neath	MICF R.I.P. Stations of the Cross
<b>Sunday 10th March</b> <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 Parish & People Kitty Williams R.I.P. Rita Newton R.I.P. (Ann & Vi)

### Confessions

Neath & Glynneath: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



**Readers for this week:** 2nd/3rd March *8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday Evening: Ann Bromage, Nora Reynolds

Sunday Morning: Peter Buckingham, Desiree Nicholls

**Readers for next week:** 9th/10th March *First Sunday of Lent*

Saturday Evening: Paula MacPherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones

Sunday Morning: Berni Payne, Bethan Lee



### Church Cleaning

**Team: 3**



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

Neath: 24.02.2019: £441.95, Levy: £71.00

Glynneath: 23.02.2019: £43.00



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

Kath Wellington, Benitia Whittington, Peter Huxtable, 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:**

Francis A|udiff, Kenneth Hill, Christine Gray 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:

*Fr. Bill Lloyd R.I.P.*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*Special Intentions M & R*

**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!"

**Bishop Tom Pastoral Visit:** Bishop Tom will be the main celebrant at our School Mass on Sunday 24th March at 10.30.

**Ash Wednesday & Lent: Ash Wednesday:** marks the beginning of Lent, a 40 day pilgrimage to Holy Week and Easter. We shall follow the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7.00 pm in St Joseph's and on Saturdays at 3.30 pm in St John Kemble. Our Deanery Lenten Station Mass with Bishop Tom takes place at St. Therese, Sandfields on Thursday 28th March at 7.00 pm.

**Please remember:** Eliza Rose Gray in your prayers who will be baptised into the Church next Sunday afternoon.

**St Joseph's Parish Guild:** Welsh cakes, tea, prize bingo on Tuesday 12th March at 7.15 pm. Tickets £2,50. Proceeds to Parish funds.

**The annual Day of Recollection and Prayer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word:** will be held at Holy Cross Church, Gendros on Saturday 16th March. See poster for further details.

**"Savoury" Sunday 17th March:** Pasties, sausage rolls, vol au vents etc in the Hall after Mass. Proceeds to Parish funds. Come along and celebrate St. Patrick.

**Accommodation Please:** a Sister of the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver would like to make a mission appeal at each Mass on the weekend of 27/28 April if accommodation is available on the Saturday evening. Please speak to Fr. Neil if you are able to offer accommodation. Thank you.

**40 Days for Life 2019:** 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](mailto:jelthomas@btinternet.com). See poster at back of Church.

**Walk with Me Lent Booklet:** Please take a FREE copy of the Walk with Me Prayers and Readings for Lent.

**Parish Renewal (1):** Beginning on Tuesday 1st January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we shall regularly recite one decade of the Rosary before each weekday Mass, praying for renewal and a new Pentecost.

**Parish Renewal (2):** Bishop Tom has recently appointed Fr Michael Akpoghiran as Diocesan Director of Catechesis. It is hoped to renew the important ministry of Parish Catechist in every parish. If you have been involved in the work of parish catechesis (in preparing candidates for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage) in the past or would prayerfully consider helping in this important parish ministry, please have a word with Fr. Neil. Fr Michael hopes to meet with all those interested in the ministry of Catechist in local Deanery meetings in the next six months. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIAL APPEAL to the teachers (and former

teachers) in our congregation to offer yourself in this absolutely vital ministry if our parish community is going to flourish and to grow. The life of the Church, and especially of our young people, depends on your commitment to the teaching and proclamation of the Gospel and helping others to enter into a deeper experience of the Risen Jesus.

**Parish Renewal (3):** "Faith & Fellowship Meetings": It is hoped that in an informal gathering of prayer and reflection upon the central teachings of the Church we may strengthen and deepen our understanding of the Faith. Everyone and all ages are welcome. Along with our St Vincent de Paul Parish Group and the Legion of Mary, these three groups (which hopefully will overlap and strengthen each other) offer all members of the congregation the opportunity to contribute towards, to participate in and to strengthen our spiritual communion and commitment to the Lord and to each other in a way that supplements and strengthens our communion with one another which is centred in the celebration of Mass. Please continue to pray for a deepening of our spiritual life and prayer life as a parish as we pray for a new pentecost and a time of spiritual renewal. . Our next two meetings take place at 7.15 on the Tuesdays of 5th March and 19th March.

**Churches Together in Neath:** This year's Lenten talks will commence on Monday 11th March at Bethel Elim

**Pilgrimage to Fatima:** October 10th-15th 2019. Spiritual Director - Canon Paul Watson. For further information see poster or contact Paula MacPherson Jones 01639 636739

**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.

### St Michael the Archangel

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.*

*Amen.*

**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.