



Eglwys Gatholig Sant Joseff, Castellnedd. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Neath.

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Times of Holy Mass for the coming week

Day	Time and Place	Intention
Sunday 26th February <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Peter Derrick R.I.P. (Brenise, Mary & Ross)Henry Hoare) Margaret & Donald Bevan R.I.P. (Peter Gough)
Monday 27th February	NO MASS	
Tuesday 28th February <i>St David's Day</i>	6.30 pm Neath	Gordan Gwynn R.I.P. (Sina Gwyn & Family)
Wednesday 1st March <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	9.30 am Neath 11.30 am Glynneath	The Carmelites (Spec Int) (PM) SCHOOL MASS Sheila Nolan R.I.P. (June, John & Family)
Thursday 2nd March	9.30 am Neath	Hector & Nancy Scotson R.I.P. (PM)
Friday 3rd March	9.30 am Neath	Pam McKeever (Spec. Int.)
Saturday 4th March		
Sunday 5th March <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Sarah May R.I.P. (Nancy) William John Sullivan R.I.P. (Pauline, Margaret & Families) Parish & People


Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass


 **Readers for this week: 25th/26th February**
Saturday Evening:
Sunday Morning:
Readers for next week: 4th/5th March
Saturday Evening:
Sunday Morning :

 **Church Cleaning Team: 3**

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath:19.02.17: £493.61 Levy: £77.20
Glynneath: 18.02.17:£52.50

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

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Audrey Gammon, Peter & Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, 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:

Lillian Foundy, Julia McGrath, Lynda Bennett, 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:



Peter Healey

Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:



Lorenzo Linciano R.I.P.

St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:



Kathleen Morgan R.I.P.

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.

First Holy Communion: There will be no classes on Sunday 19th and Sunday 26th February due to the half term holiday.

Lenten Devotions: This Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) marks the beginning of Lent and our 40 day pilgrimage to Holy Week and Easter. Please take a FREE copy of the "Walk with the Lenten Journey of Prayer" with readings and devotions for the whole of Lent we shall follow the Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's on Friday at 7.00 pm and at St John Kemble on Saturday at 3.30 pm

Ash Wednesday: please note the school will be joining us for the 9.30 Mass and the Mass at St John Kemble is at the later time of 11.30 am.

Deanery Lenten Stations Mass: Bishop Tom will be the chief celebrant at our Lenten Stations mass on Thursday 30th March 7.00 here in St. Joseph's.

St Joseph's Parish Guild: are holding a Tea and Welsh Cakes on Monday 6th March in the Parish Hall at 7.00 for 7.30. Tickets £2 are now available. Proceeds to Church Funds.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 15th June 2017. Flying from Bristol. There are a few places left. Please contact Sr. Margaret Firzgerald, Stella Maris, 01792 473453

Lourdes: there are still a small number of places on this year's pilgrimage from 4th to 13th July. For further details see Sue Woods, Nora Reynolds or Deacon Jim

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.

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 23rd to 28th July this year. Please see poster for details.

Parish Dinner: there will be a Parish Dinner on Wednesday 22nd March at Remo's in Windsor Road. Tickets are, as usual, £12 and are now available from Sue Woods or Deacon Jim. Proceeds to Parish Funds.

Churches Together Lenten Talks: This year the title is - "Receiving Christ in five different ways". Talks will commence on Monday 6th March at Bethel Elim Church, 43 Briton Ferry Road Melin, Neath SA11 1AR with the theme being: "Receiving Christ as the Children of God"

Churches Together: The Women's World Day of Prayer service is to be held in Orchard Place Baptist Church at 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 3rd March. We have been asked to provide a reader at the service. Anyone willing and able to volunteer please speak to Deacon Jim.

Vocations Prayer

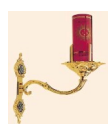
Lord, make me a better person,
More considerate towards others,
More honest with myself,
more faithful to you.
Make me generous enough
to want sincerely
to do your will whatever it may be.
Help me find my true vocation in life
and grant that through it
I may find happiness in myself
and bring happiness to others.
Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to
enter the priesthood, diaconate,
or religious life,
may have the generosity to answer your call,
so that those who need your help may find it.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

School News

There is be no school news this week as the school is closed for Half Term. We resume the term on Monday 27th February. On Tuesday 28th of February we celebrate St. David's Day with our traditional concert. Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st this year and we will be joining the Parish for Mass..

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 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.