



# 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
<b>Sunday 1st 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 Josie Downes R.I.P. (Gerrard Family) Mary Pearce R.I.P. (Kevin & Lorna) Parish & People Baptism of Olivia Aldridge
<b>Monday 2nd March</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 3rd March</b>	6.30 pm Neath	Fr. Peter Kelly R.I.P. (SPCD)
<b>Wednesday 4th March</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Tom Evans R.I.P. (Clare, Staff & Pupils) Private Intention
<b>Thursday 5th March</b>	No Mass	
<b>Friday 6th March</b>	9.30 am Neath 2.00 pm Neath 7.00 pm Neath	Annie & William Cochrane R.I.P. World Day of Prayer Service Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 7th March</b>		
<b>Sunday 8th March</b> <i>Second 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 William John Sullivan R.I.P. (Pauline, Margaret & Families) Susan Cavalli R.I.P. (Ann, Des & Family)



**Readers for this week:** 29th February/1st March *First Sunday of Lent*  
Saturday Evening: Paula MacPherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones  
Sunday Morning: Berni Payne, Bethan Lee

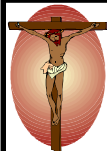
**Readers for next week:** 7th March/8th March *Second Sunday of Lent*  
Saturday Evening: Patrick McAteer, Ceri McAteer  
Sunday Morning: Babs Hunt, Sheila Williams



**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, Marie Blanche, 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:**


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.*



**Church Cleaning**

**Team: 1**

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

Neath: 23.02.20: £572.16 Levy: £77.00

Glynneath: 22.02.20: £52.00



Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for:

*Mary Woolcock*



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

*Marie Blanche*



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.

**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.

**St Joseph's Parish Guild:** will meet on Monday 9th March at 2.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

**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 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:** Classes resume this Sunday at 9.30 am in the Parish Hall before Mass. (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 this 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.

**Madjugore Irish Centre Pilgrimages April-October**

**2020:** From £245 for 7 night stay. See poster for details.

**Lourdes: 1st—8th July:** We are now able to book trains for July so we need confirmation of your booking and a deposit of £50. See Deacon Jim.

School News

Mrs Edwards' and Miss Beesley's classes welcomed Rebecca, a Chinese language assistant. She shared aspects of her culture with the children. Callum spoke to Mrs Stephens' class on the importance of recycling. PC Harris came in to educate Year 5 on the consequences of Anti-Social Behaviour.

Staff and pupils joined together to celebrate Welsh Week in honour of our patron saint. It was a fantastic celebration of our Welsh language and culture. On Friday we started the day by attending mass.

All classes shared the work they have been doing throughout the week. Mrs James joined us in the afternoon accompanying us on the piano for a medley of Welsh songs.

**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.