



# 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 7th January</b> <i>The Epiphany of The Lord</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Janet Jones RIP (Babs) Ann Hanford RIP (Richard & Family)
<b>Monday 8th January</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 9th January</b>	6.30 pm Neath	Sr. Gabriel (Spec Int.) (Ieuan & Susan Evans)
<b>Wednesday 10th January</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Denis & Peggy Watkins (Elizabeth & Roger Fluck) Mary Fletcher R.I.P.
<b>Thursday 11th January</b>	9.30 am Neath	Fr. Patrick O'Sullivan RIP (SPCD)
<b>Friday 12th January</b>	9.30 am Neath	John O'Brien R.I.P. (Joan O'Brian)
<b>Saturday 13th January</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Sunday 14th January</b> <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 0.30 am Neath	Parish & People John & Maryu Woolcock RIP (Pat, Donie & Family) Thanksgiving (Robert, Brenda & Family)

### Confessions

Neath : on request  
Glynneath: on request

### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass



**Readers for this week:** : 6th/7th January

**Saturday Evening:** Laurence MacPherson-Jones, Nora Reynolds

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

**Readers for next week:** 13th/14th January

**Saturday Evening:** PaulaMacPherson-Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones

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



### Church Cleaning

**Team: 3**

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



Neath: 31.12.17: £461.22 Levy: £83.90

Glynneath: 3012.17: £62.00



**Please pray for those in  
our parish who are sick  
and housebound, especial-  
ly:**

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 Rita Newton.



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

Philip Hoptroff, Michael O'Connor, Richard Watkins, Walden Rees, Catherine Smith, Alice Francis, Betty Palfrey 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:

*Barry Lloyd*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*Alma Elias 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.

**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!"

**Visit of Papal Nuncio:** There will be a buffet reception for Archbishop Edward Adams at the Marriot Hotel on Tuesday 13th February from 7.00 - 9.00 pm. There are two tickets available for each parish. If you would like the opportunity to attend please submit TWO names to Fr. Neil. Names will be drawn out of the hat.

**The Second Collection:** next weekend is the Diocesan Collection for Sick and Retired Clergy in the Diocese. There are eleven priests and two housekeepers in retirement, at a cost to the Diocese of approx. £73,000 /year.

**Many thanks:** to those who supported the Indian Food Taste (and thank you to Leena, Luke and Family) which raised the grand sum of £70.90. Thank you.

**Congratulations** to our Altar Servers - Ioan (who became a member of the Guild of St. Stephen) and Elma, Hannah and Ryan (who were awarded long service certificates). We are grateful to all our servers for their ministry at the altar.

**First Holy Communion Classes:** will begin in the New Year every Sunday before the 10.30 Mass. Please note we need two volunteers to help Carolyn run these classes. Please fill in application form from the back of Church. First Holy Communion Mass will be held on Sunday 24th June 2018. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE .

**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 Morrison Hospital on 07792 003905.

**Health & Safety:** We have been asked to remind everyone who enters and exits the Church to take extra care at this time of year. Please use the handrail provided and watch for any icy conditions - this applies to elderly and young people alike. Be ready to assist those in need of help and supervise children as necessary. Those who find the front steps difficult to negotiate are invited to use the side entrance at the Lady Chapel.

**Fire risks** usually emanate from naked flame. We ask that great care be taken when lighting votive candles, ensuring that young children are supervised by an adult at all times,

especially near the votive candle stands. There are a number of fire extinguishers around the church for use in an emergency. Provision has been made for orderly evacuation should the need arise. There are three exits: the main doors, the Lady Chapel and the Sacristy.

**Greetings from Tanzania:** The following message has been received via email. "To the community of St Joseph Parish - Greetings from Kwalukonge Rosminian Health Centre. May your Christmas be a happy time, a hopeful time, a family time and may the greatest joy of the season be the joy of sharing it with one another. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018. God bless by Fr. Ambrose Chuwa." During 2017, through the monthly tea and coffee gathering, we have been able to support the clinic with six donations totalling £499.85 – or, in the local currency – 1,360,426.74 Tanzanian shillings! All has been used for medicines, care of patients and supplies for the ambulance. Thank you for your continued support.

**Catholic Bible School:** The first event for the Catholic Bible School in Wales this year is on Saturday 27th January in St Helen's RC Church, Court Road Barry, CF63 4ET at 10am until 3pm. All our Scripture Saturdays are free and there is no need to book, if you are able to make a donation to help cover our costs it will be gratefully received. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own packed lunch. For more information visit [www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/jan18](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/jan18)

### 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.

**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.