



# 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
<b>Sunday 25th December</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 11.30 pm Neath 12.00 Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Annie Halloran R.I.P. (Kevin & Lorna) Carols Midnight Mass Bernard Allen R.I.P. (Family)
<b>Monday 26th December</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 27th December</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Wednesday 28th December</b> <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Howell Gordon Gwyn R.I.P. (Family) Anita & Alex Noolgar R.I.P. (Terri & David)
<b>Thursday 29th December</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Friday 30th December</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Saturday 31st December</b>		
<b>Sunday 1st January</b>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Eileen Brown R.I.P. Owen & Anita O'Donnell ) Parish & People Francizek & Teresa Pokoyowski R.I.P. (Francis, Diane & Family)

### Confessions

Neath : on request  
Glynneath: on request

### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



 **Readers for next week: 17th/18th December 4th Sunday of Advent**  
**Saturday Evening:** Paula MacPherson Jones. Adrian MacPherson Jones  
**Sunday Morning:** Ann Bromage, Roger Fluck  
**Readers for next week: 24th/25th December Christmas**  
**Saturday Evening:**  
**Sunday Morning :**


### Church Cleaning Team: 3



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



18.12.16: Neath: £501.97 Levy: £85.41  
 Glynneath: 17.12.16 £

 **Please pray for those in our parish who are sick and housebound, especially:**  
 Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Audrey Gammon, Peter and Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Olive Davies, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gladys Gallagher, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, David Jukes, Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones Joan Thomas and Anita Gore.



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

Bernard Allen, Patricia Winter, Desmond Comerford, Arthur Wheatley, Lucy Wiltshire 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:  
*Bernard Allen R.I.P.*



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:  
*Teresa Pokoyowski*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:  
*Shaun & Evan Elias*

**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.

**Christmas Message:** with great joy we celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and we pray that Jesus will make Himself present at the centre of our Christmas celebrations - in our homes and in our hearts. Let us, with the Wise Men, follow the star (Mary, Stella Maris, Star of the Sea) to worship at the crib of our Infant Saviour. Deacon Jim and I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. Nadolig Llawen!

**Gladys Gallagher R.I.P.:** Please remember Gladys and the family in your prayers. Funeral details to be announced. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

**Madeleine Lewis R.I.P.:** Please remember Madeleine and the family in your prayers. Funeral details to be announced. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

**Thank you:** for further donations of £100 and £80 to the Sanctuary Appeal which now stands at £8,408.39. A magnificent effort - only £591.61 to go!!

**A beautiful talk on Mary our Mother:** please google: "Kimberly Hahn - Sunday morning Session 2 - Defending the Faith" - for other talks on the Faith as well.

**The Year Books (2016-2017)** are now available at the back of Church, £3 each).

**The Offertory:** this weekend is your customary Christmas offering to the Parish Priest.

**Christmas Crib Collection:** this year is divided between the Missio/Mission Together's Project in Kenya (see [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)) and the Diocesan Refugee Fund.

**Donations:** towards the cost of Christmas Flowers gratefully received. Please see Chris or Babs.

**Sanctuary Arch Appeal:** Earlier in the year we set ourselves the target to raise £9,000 (50% of the total cost). We are very grateful to the Parish Hall Committee for the £725 raised at the Autumn Fayre which brings the Sanctuary Arch Appeal to £8138.39. A magnificent effort by all. Many thanks.

**First Holy Communion:** Classes will begin after Christmas. If you would like to enrol a child in the preparation classes please complete the form provided at the back of the Church and return it to Fr. Neil.

**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.

**Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! (proposed):** For the Parishes of St Joseph's and St John Kemble, November 20th - 27th 2018 (NOT NEXT YEAR). Cost £1019 (half board). Memorable itinerary. Minimum number of 20 required for the pilgrimage to go ahead. If you are interested, please contact Paula on 636739.

**Christmas Draw Results:**

1st Prize	£100 Tesco Voucher	1587	M.Pitt
2nd Prize	Lunch for 4 at Moruzzi's	1060	Hazel Francia
3rd Prize	Christmas Cake	0538	David Morgan
4th Prize	Whisky	1552	Betty Horton
5th Prize	Gin	0851	Brenda Grant
6th Prize	Sherry	0578	A. Healey

**Parent & Toddler Group:** A reminder that there will be no Parent and Toddler Group this Wednesday. We will meet again on WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY.

**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**

Mrs. Dineen and all the Staff would like to thank you for your support. We wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas. Nadolig Llawen

**Diary: January 2017**

**The Parish Hall:** Is available for hire at very reasonable rates. If you would like 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.