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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
Sunday 3rd April <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Andrew & Nora Solari R.I.P. (Paul) Zina (Spec. Int.)
Monday 4th April <i>The Annunciation</i>	6.30 Neath	James & Johanna O'Connell R.I.P. (Donie, Pat, & family)
Tuesday 5th April	NO MASS	
Wednesday 6th April	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Louisa Salmi R.I.P. (R & E Fluck) MICF R.I.P.
Thursday 7th April	9.30 am Neath 6.00 pm Swansea University	Michael Ruane R.I.P. (K & SD) Archbishop Paul Gallagher (see overleaf)
Friday 8th April	4.00 pm St Joseph's Cathedral	Mass Archbishop Paul Gallagher
Saturday 9th April		
Sunday 10th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Meary Meaney R.I.P. (Brendon) Fr. Eddie Murphy R.I.P. (HHAPY)



Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



Readers for this week: 2nd/3rd April Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday Evening: Paula MacPherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones

Sunday Morning: Alice Williams, Babs Huntrd

Readers for next week: 9th/10th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

Saturday Evening: Ceri McAteer, Patrick McAteer

Sunday Morning: Ann Bromage, Roger Fluck



Church Cleaning

Team 1

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath:
Glynneath:



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, Mary Holmes, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, Bernard Madden, Harper Marie Beasley, 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:

Edna Roche, Edward Davies, Bridget Davies, Jimmy Peoples, Leonardo Gottuso 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:

Private Intention
Annette



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

First Communion
& Confirmation Candidates

CROESO—WELCOME! To all visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay in the area.

Easter Message: The Death and Resurrection of Jesus are the cornerstones of our Christian faith. All the fullness of the Catholic Faith rests upon the foundation of the truth of the Resurrection. As St. Paul writes, if Christ is not risen then (i) our preaching is in vain, (ii) our faith is futile, (iii) we are still lost in sin and (iv) all who have died have truly perished. (1 Corinthians 15 vv 14-19). But, in fact, Christ is truly risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! May the risen Christ bless us all with His Resurrection presence! Deacon Jim and I wish you all a holy week and a happy Easter.

Many thanks: for the generous Easter Collection and for cards and good wishes received.

Many thanks: for all donations received towards the cost of the Easter flowers and to Chris and Babs for the wonderful displays of flowers.

Divine Mercy Sunday (the Second Sunday of Easter): There will be a Deanery divine Mercy Mass at our Lady of Margam TODAY at 3.30 pm. Devotions start at 2.00 pm with the blessings of Divine Mercy images, silent adoration and confessions and the Chaplet at 3.00 pm.

Divine Mercy literature: is now available at the back of the Church (The Divine Mercy literature and pictures are free.).

Belmont Abbey, May Procession: May 11th. A coach is being organised by Fr. Mansel at Mumbles. This will start in Mumbles, pick up at Sacred Heart, Morrision and St Joseph's Neath. Further details to follow but we have a maximum of 15 seats so if you are interested please let Deacon Jim know.

Welsh National Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan on Pentecost Sunday, 15th May: Rosary Procession at 2.30 pm, Mass at 3.00 pm. See poster for further details.

The new Gift Aid boxes and envelopes: for 2016-2017 are now available at the back of Church.

Please remember: in your prayers the twins Florence and Elizabeth McCutcheon who will be baptised today here in St Joseph's.

Easter 'Day by Day' booklets: for Infants and for Juniors are now available at the back of Church - £1.

Lourdes: as a result of a cancellation there are 2 places available for this July. Contact Deacon Jim as soon as possible.

First Holy Communion: Attendance of children and parents at Mass is an essential part of the preparation programme.

The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on SUNDAY 17th July. 11 children have been enrolled— please remember them in your prayers: Bethany Tristram, Callum Lavin, Daniel Jones, Iori Davies, Bethany Clifford, Kieran Cameron, Eve Abell, Kyla Evans, Violette Orrin, Erin Greene, Brando Greene.

Confirmation: The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Tom on Sunday 11th September. Regular attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparing for the Confirmation. Twenty one names have been received for enrolment, please keep them in your prayers: Hannah Parel, Elma Parel, Emilia Evans, Patrick Comerford-Davies, Iori Comerford-Davies, Cabhan Comerford Davies, Niamh Bray, Ciara Bray, Mercedes Goldthrite, Abigail Goldthrite, Georgia Staddon, Emily Protheroe, Ryan Protheroe, Charlotte Humphries, Ryan Davies, Niamh McCarthy, Jessica Lloyd, Lauren Davies, Emily Syder, Alice Syder, Leon Finnegan and Anastasia Lynch. Confirmation classes will begin after the Tuesday 6.30 pm Mass on April 26th and then 10th, 24th, 31st May, 14th June.

Parish Finances, St Josephs: I am pleased to announce that in the last 12 months our parish finances have improved from £11,921.69 overdrawn to a new parish balance of £13,292.61, plus £10,000 set aside for work on the boiler room and £872 towards work on the Sanctuary Arch. This means that in 12 months we have raised through generous one-off donations, gift aid returns, parish fund-raising events, the magnificent (unbelievable!) sum of £35,086.30. Many, many thanks to all generous donors and parish fund raisers. We have several big projects ahead of us (as well as the boiler room and Sanctuary arch) including the Rose Window wall, Disabled Toilet, new tarmac of drive, new Confessional Box. Further contributions to repair the Sanctuary arch would be most appreciated (including one off donations) and also a "Church Restoration Fund" Box is now placed at the back of the Church and will be emptied every week.. Dïoch yn fawr iawn! Many thanks!

For sale! The Parish has two desks and two four drawer filing cabinets which are surplus to requirements. They are available to purchase for sensible offers. Please speak to Deacon Jim in the first instance.

Vocations Prayer

Lord, make me a better person,
More considerate towards others,
More honest with myself,
more faithful to you.

School News

School is now closed for the Easter holiday. We wish all staff and pupils a restful break and hope and pray that they come back refreshed for the Summer Term.

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! !



help raise funds for our Church. The envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

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.