



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
Sunday 1st December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Bernard Newcombe R.I.P. (Owen & Anita) Parish & People School Advent Mass Paddy Clifford R.I.P. (SJPG)
Monday 2nd December	No Mass	
Tuesday 3rd December	No Mass	
Wednesday 4th December	No Mass	
Thursday 5th December	9.30 am Neath	
Friday 6th December	9.30 am Neath	
Saturday 7th December		
Sunday 8th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	

Confessions



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Readers for this week: 30th November/1st December First Sunday of Adveny
Saturday Evening: Ceri McAteer, Patrick McAteer
Sunday Morning: School

Readers for next week: 7th/8th December Second Sunday of Adveny
Saturday Evening: Maureen McAteer, David Reynolds



Church Cleaning

Team: 3

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 24.11.19:

Glynneath: 23.11:



Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for:



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:
Mr Maxime & Mrs Nadege Bastienne (Health)



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, Betty Hopkins.
St John Kemble: Maria, Harry, Peggy, Anita, Fred and Ann.



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

Mervyn Mayers, Dennis Underwood, Andrew Saunders, George Duncan, Antonietta Aprea, Baby Grace Mallaghan, David John, Colin Rees 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.

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

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!"

Toys in Mass: It is lovely to have toddlers in our Mass. Please ensure that all toys are soft-edged. It is distracting to the celebration of Mass to have toys banged, dropped on the floor.

Mass Intentions: Please note that every Sunday until January already has a Mass Intention. Please think several months ahead if requesting a Sunday Mass Intention!

Advent Booklets: The Advent "Walk With Me" booklets of prayers and readings are now available. Please take your FREE copy from the back of the Church

Piety Shop: Christmas Cards and Calendars now available

Christmas Draw: Tickets now available on the table at the back of Church., £2.50 per book of 5. Please return counterfoils and money by 8th December at the latest. Many thanks.

Parish Guild: Mince Pies and Prize Bingo Tuesday 3rd December 7.00 for 7.20 pm. Tickets £2.50 (For Ice Cool Kidz).

'Festive Cake Sale': after Mass on Sunday 22nd December. Join us for a slice of cake in the hall and monies raised will be donated to Parish Funds. If you are able to donate cakes on the day, please contact Aimee Wellington on [07860550281](tel:07860550281)

Health & Safety: Do we have qualified First Aiders in the congregation if someone is taken ill in Mass? Please give your name to Fr. Neil for a list to be placed on the noticeboard. Many thanks.

Parish Funds Tea & Coffee: Wanted – two or three volunteers to organise the serving of tea and coffee

(provided) in the Hall after 10.30 Mass every fourth Sunday. Please make yourself known "at the hatch" over the next few weeks if you are able to help. Thank you.

'Our Lord's Housekeepers': we would like to establish a fourth cleaning team on the Church rota. If you are able to give a little time once every four weeks please contact Pat O'Connell or Fr. Neil. Thank you.

Job Vacancy: The Governing Body of St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School, Port Talbot is looking to employ a temporary Teaching Assistant Grade 3, Point 3 who is sympathetic to the Catholic Ethos of the school. The successful applicant must be qualified NVQ level 2 – Early Years Childcare and Education, or equivalent. The job will commence on 6th January 2020 until 31st August 2020 or a staffing review, whichever is the sooner. See noticeboard for further details.

Used Postage Stamps: Thank you for your continued support. Please place these in the polythene bag provided. All stamps are welcome, but particularly overseas, first-day covers, pre-decimal, British definitives, regionals, commemoratives and high value stamps. (Do leave a margin of envelope around them. Thank you.) These are sold to benefit the Helen Keller School for visually impaired children in Jerusalem. In 2018 the sale of stamps by "Embrace the Middle East" raised almost £8,700

Church Flowers: Donations gratefully received towards the cost of church flowers. Funds are low!

Thank you: for two further donations of £500 to the church funds. All donations gratefully received.

SVP Diary of Future Events in the Hall:

December 11th Christmas Cracker Party with singer Christine Lee Jones. Please Note Change of Date
Transport provided if required. Tea. Coffee & Biscuits provided on cinema afternoons. FREE ENTRY Please support us.

January 9th 2020 Sing a Long Tea Party with Bill Bennet.

SVP Christmas Gifts for Children in need: Gifts must be unwrapped and donated by 1st December for 3 boys, Max age 15, McKenzie and Lynk (aged 7) and 3 girls, Leelo and Seren (aged 10) and Mia Michelle (aged 3). Many thanks.

Primary School News

Mr Anthony's class welcomed family and friends for their class assembly. The focus was on being "Called" by God and touched on our current Catholic Virtue "Attentive". Rehearsals for the Christmas concerts are well under way. The Foundation Phase auditions for "Higgledy Piggledy Nativity" have been held, parts have been cast. This year our Key Stage Two children are presenting a Carol Service in the Church, singing traditional and modern carols. Please join us on Monday 16th December at 6pm.

Please join us for our Annual Craft Fayre takes place next Wednesday 3.15 – 5pm.

Next Sunday we will lead the liturgy at mass celebrating the beginning of Advent. Please join us at 10.30am.

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.