



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
Sunday 21st January <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Brian Hudson RIP (Brigid & Family) Elaine Clement (Special Intention)
Monday 22nd January	NO MASS	
Tuesday 23rd January	NO MASS	
Wednesday 24th January	NO MASS	
Thursday 25th January	NO MASS	
Friday 26th January	9.30 am Neath	Mary & Ross Bowen (Spec. Int.)
Saturday 27th January	NO MASS	
Sunday 28th January <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Martin Joseph Mead R.I.P. (Michael Mead & Family) Rhys Thoma R.I.P. (C.T.)

Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: : 20th/21st January

Saturday Evening: Ceri McAteer, Patrick McAteer

Sunday Morning: Babs Hunt, Caroline Thomas

Readers for next week: 27th/28th January

Saturday Evening: Maureen McAteer, David Reynolds

Sunday Morning: Roger Fluck, Sandra Davies



Church Cleaning

Team: 2

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



Neath: 14.01.18: £508.35 Levy: £87.00
Retired Clergy: £303.65

Glynneath: 13.01.18: £146.45
Retired Clergy: £54.75



**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:**

Joan Worth, Olive Davies, Fernando Contraosito, Mar5y Newbury, Reginald Edwards, Diane Hendy, Rose Jones, Morgan Turner, Kathleen Morgan, Edwina Hinnigan 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:

Stan May



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Peter Healey RIP



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Terry Isaac RIP

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!"

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th January – 25th January. We pray that we may all come to the fullness of truth in Christ.

Today's second collection will be the annual White Flower Appeal in support of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

First Holy Communion Classes: will begin today at 9.30 in the Parish Hall, before the 10.30 Mass. We still need two volunteers to help this happen. Please have a word with Carolyn. The following applications have been received: Carys Smitham, Joseph Payne, Klara Hikary, Logan Davies, Maja Ignaczak, Thomas Parel, Gryffydd Lee, Scarlet Marie Hutchings and Sophia Hikary. Please remember these children in your prayers. The First Holy Communion Mass will be held on Sunday 24th June.

Congratulations: to Mary and Ross Bowen who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday.

Concert: Sunday 28th January at 4.00 at St James' Church, Walter Road Uplands Swansea by the Cambrian Concert of Violas, led by Fr. Paul Brophy. Tickets £6 (including refreshments) at the door.

Savouries: (pasties, quiche, vol-au vent) after Mass on Sunday 4th February to raise Parish funds. All welcome.

Sr. Gabriel wishes to thank her many friends in Neath for their greetings cards and gifts on the occasion of her 100th birthday last month.

Pilgrimage: Medjugore from 17th May (2 places left) and to the Holy Land from 11th to 18th October (just a few places left. Please contact Sister Margaret 01792 472453

Churches Together in Neath: This year's Lenten Studies programme will commence on Monday 19th February at St Peter & St Paul's, Cimla at 7.30.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick for the 160th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes: Sunday 11th February at Sacred Heart, Morriston. 6.00 pm Holy Rosary, 6.30 pm Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom. (see poster).

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 Morriston 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.

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

School News

January

Tuesday 30th Fire fighter Years 2 and 5
Wednesday 31st Chinese Language Assistant

February

Friday 2nd Miss Pryse's Class Assembly
Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday
Thursday 15th Valentines Disco
Friday 16th INSET

Half Term Monday 19th–Friday 23rd

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.