



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 |
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| Sunday 22nd December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> | 4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath | Parish & People James O'Donnell R.I.(P. (Anne-Marie O'Donnell) Sr. Josephine Brady R.I.P. (Kasia) |
| Monday 23rd December | No Mass | |
| Tuesday 24th December <i>Christmas Eve</i> | 4.00 pm Glynneath 6.00 pm Neath 11.00 pm Neath | Parish & People Bernard Allen R.I.P. (The Family) Annie Halloran R.I.P. Lorna & Kevin) |
| Wednesday 25th December <i>Christmas Day</i> | 10.30 am Neath | Brian, Joan, Harry R.I.P. (Babs Hunt) |
| Thursday 26th December | No Mass | |
| Friday 27th December | No Mass | |
| Saturday 28th December | | |
| Sunday 29th December <i>Holy Family</i> | 4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath | Parish & People Eileen Davis R.I.P. (John & Jane Smith) Helen Culpan (Ireland) (Bridie & George) |

Confessions

On request or before or after any Mass

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: 21st/22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday Evening: Nora Reynolds, Anne Bromage

Sunday Morning: Peter Buckingham, Desiree Nicholas

Readers for next week: 28th/29th December Holy Family

Saturday Evening: Patrick McAteer, Ceri McAteer

Sunday Morning: Babs Hunt, Sheila Williams



Church Cleaning

Team: 1

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 15.12.19: £502.20 Levy: £81.30

Glynneath: 14.11: £74>50



Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for:

Ray & Paddy Clifford



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Shaun & Evan Elias



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Peter Healey R.I.P



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,



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

Jacqueline Joseph, Ena Hynes, Grace Phillips, Vernon Doyle, Paddy O'Reilly, Rose Hoptroff, Bernard Allen, Lillian Lowry Patricia Winter 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!"

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!

Mike Sheridan R.I.P.: Mike died last weekend and his funeral Mass was at St. John Kemble Church on Friday. Please remember Mike and his family in your prayers,

Christmas Message: As we celebrate with great joy the Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, we pray that He may find a home also in our hearts and lives and that we welcome the Christ Child to the centre of our festive celebrations. "O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee" Deacon Jim and I wish you all a holy, happy and blessed Christmas.

Second Collection: this weekend is for our own Parish SVP Group for their work with homeless and those in need over the Christmas/New Year period.

The Christmas Collection: There will be just one collection at each of the Christmas Masses. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. The Christmas Collection is traditionally a gift to the Parish Priest.

Christmas Flowers: Many thanks for the generous donations towards the Christmas flowers and decorations and thank you to Chris, Babs and Bella for the lovely decoration of both our Churches.

Fr. Peter Kelly R.I.P.: Fr. Kelly died peacefully the day before his 98th Birthday. Funeral arrangements:
RECEPTION OF BODY - MONDAY 06 JANUARY 2020 @ 16:15, St. Joachim & St. Anne's Church, DUNVANT, Swansea. SA2 7QQ.

FUNERAL MASS - TUESDAY 07 JANUARY 2020 @ 10:45, St. Joachim & St. Anne's Church, DUNVANT, Swansea. SA2 7QQ.

CREMATION - TUESDAY 07 JANUARY 2020 @ 12:30, Swansea Crematorium, Heol Pentre Felen, Swansea SA6 6BY

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.

Crib Collection: for the Mikey Cura Foundation. Mikey attended Bishop Vaughn School and was an Altar Server in Morriston. He died suddenly (aged 16) on pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in 2016. The Foundation supports research in the detection and prevention of early cardiac problems in young children

'Festive Cake Sale': after Mass today. Join us for a slice of cake in the hall and monies raised will be donated to Parish Funds.

Diocesan Yearbooks for 2020: are now available.

Catholic Papers: In future we shall not be able to return unsold copies. Please, therefore, have a word with Sheila, David or Remo if you would like to order and receive (and commit to paying for) one of the Catholic papers every weekend. A good investment to keep up with the Catholic news.

Christmas Mass Times: Christmas Eve 24th December

Glynneath 4.00 pm Vigil Mass

Neath 6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Neath 11.00 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 25th December: 10.30 am Mass of Christmas Day

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.

Message: We would like to thank everybody for their prayers, messages of sympathy and for the Masses offered for our dear Sr. Clare. Clare was a @local, a one time parishioner of St Josephs and it always held a special place in her heart. May her love and prayer enfold each and everyone of you from above. With very great love, gratitude and fond memories, Sr. Carmel and Sr. Anthony. (Bothwell).

SVP: Circumstances prevent us from holding our Winter Warmer with Bill Bennett. In January. We will inform you of revised date when our next programme of events is established.

Thank you for your generosity. Many children will receive a gift at Christmas as the response to the appeal was overwhelming.

Lourdes: There is a small group travelling by train in 2020. Dates: 1st – 8th July. If you are interested please contact Deacon Jim.

Bingo and Batter: Wednesday 22nd January in the Parish Hall. Prize Bingo with Fish and Chips. Proceeds to Lourdes Group



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.