



# 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
<b>Sunday 17th April</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Sr. Clare (Spec Int) (Yolanda & Nantlais) Jimmy Healey R.I.P. (James Cahill)
<b>Monday 18th April</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 19th April</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Wednesday 20th April</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Thursday 21st April</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Friday 22nd April</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Saturday 23rd April</b>		
<b>Sunday 24th April</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Mr & Mrs Iros Williams (Spec Int) (Bella) James "Bing" O'Donnell R.I.P. (Peg) Parish & People



### Confessions

Neath : on request  
Glynneath: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



**Readers for this week: 16th/17th April 4th Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday Evening:** David Reynolds, Maureen McAteer

**Sunday Morning:** Peter Buckingham, Sheila Williams

**Readers for next week: 23rd/24th April 5th Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday Evening:** Sue Koziel, Lorna Halloran

**Sunday Morning :** Berni Payne, John Hickey



### Church Cleaning

**Team 3**

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

Neath: £544.49, Levy:

£101.71

Glynneath: £75.30



### 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:

Vincenzo Colamazza, Manuel Grimaldi, Linda Lay, Mary Adams 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:

*First Communion Candidates*



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

*Confirmation Candidates*

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

**Second Collection:** today, is the annual “Priests Training Fund” Collection.

**Letter from the Bishops:** please take a copy of “A letter to Catholics in Wales from their Bishops - National Assembly Elections”

**Parish Archive appeal:** Do you have items (photographs, booklets, etc.) which are part of our parish history? If so, please could we borrow them for copying to help with their preservation? If you enclose your item with as much information as possible about it – and your contact details – in an envelope marked ‘Parish Archive’, we promise a safe and swift return. Thank you (Sandra & Alan) .

**Congratulations:** to our St Joseph’s CAFOD group for raising the magnificent sum of £2198.69 last year for the work of CAFOD (see CAFOD thank you letter on the notice board).

**St John Kemble 30th Anniversary:** on Wednesday 8th June 2016. We are hoping to hold a special service and then celebrate at a local restaurant afterwards. Further details to follow for this joint parish event.

**Thank you:** Elizabeth and Roger Fluck would like to thank all friends & parishioners for the gifts, flowers, cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary.

**Catholic Bible School Day:** The next Catholic Bible School event is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at St Helen’s RC Church in Barry. The day will be led by Fr Tim McGrath asking us “Why should we read the Prophets today?” We will meet at 10am to 3pm in at St Helen’s RC Church, Court Road, Barry, CF63 4ET. Bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £10.00.

**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.

**Lourdes:** the annual wheelchair push from Mumbles to Blackpill takes place on May 2nd. Sponsorship forms are available at the back of Church or from any member of the group.

**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, Dylan Tristram 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.

**Pastoral Message to parishioners in the Port Talbot area**

My dear people,  
I am very much aware that the steel industry in South Wales remains in an uncertain situation. Individual workers and their families are experiencing anxieties about what the future may hold for them. These are hard times indeed for those employed by Tata, and for those working in other businesses that are affected too. Many of those facing hardship are people in our own parishes of Port Talbot and the surrounding area. Let us keep them, and all others involved, in our daily prayers. With hope in the Lord’s goodness, I join you in praying for a speedy and effective outcome that will secure jobs and livelihoods for generations to come.

God bless you all.

*Bishop Tom  
14 April 2016*

**School News**

Everyone has returned refreshed after the Easter Break. We have welcomed Mrs Odin back to resume her role as Nursery Class Teacher. All pupils from Nursery to Year Four had their teeth screened this week by the Local Authority Dentist.

**Diary: May**

Monday 2nd Bank Holiday Monday  
3rd—10th Literacy and Numeracy Testing Years 2-6  
Friday 13th: 9am Nursery Class assembly, Sunday 15th 10.30: School Sunday Mass  
Friday 20th 2pm May Procession  
**Swimming Block:** 9th-20th Year 6

**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.