



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 29th April <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Peter Healey R.I.P. (Angela) Dorothy Evans R.I.P.
Monday 30th April	NO MASS	
Tuesday 1st May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	6.30 pm Neath	Ann Lillian Gough R.I.P. (Philip Gough)
Wednesday 2nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Timothy Matley R.I.P. (James Cahill) Bernadette Emerson R.I.P.
Thursday 3rd May <i>St Philip & St James</i>	9.30 am Neath	Margaret Wiltshire R.I.P. (John & Linda Slattery)
Friday 4th May	9.30 am Neath	Vocations
Saturday 5th May	NO MASS	
Sunday 6th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Sat) Neath 10.30 am Neath	Parish & People Mary Sullivan R.I.P. (Pauline, Margaret & Family) Ken Hopkins R.I.P (Lorna & Joe O'Brian)

Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: : 28th April/29th April 5th Sunday of Easter
Saturday Evening: Lorna Halloran, Sian Loynes

Readers for next week: 5th May/6th May 6th Sunday of Easter
Saturday Evening: Nora Reynolds, Lawrence MacPherson Jones
Sunday Morning: Berni Payne, John Hickey



Church Cleaning

Team: 1

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



Neath: 22.04.18: £503.88 Levy: £85.75
Priests' Training Fund £218.70

Glynneath: 21.04.18: £72.85
Priests' Training Fund £30



**Please pray for those in
our parish who are sick
and housebound,
especially:**

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 Kath Woolley.



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

Russell Palfrey, Violet Francis, Francis Thomas, Sidney Durnell, Mary Sullivan, Pamela Hughes, Mary Phillips-Davies, Helen Evans 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:

Blessing Received



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Ena Corodescu



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Russell Palfrey

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!"

Margaret Wiltshire, RIP: Your prayers are asked for Margaret, mother of Jeff, Geraldine and Andrea, and a Neath parishioner for many years, who died last month and whose funeral took place at St. David's, Swansea. *Eternal rest grant unto her o Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Mary's Month: During May we shall begin each weekday celebration of the Mass with one decade of the Rosary.

Thank you: for the "house event" which raised £260 for parish funds. Thank you.

Thank you: to Karen & Ann and those who supported "Savoury Sunday" which raised a further £100 for Parish funds. Thank You.

Belmont Abbey Torchlight Procession: Wednesday 16th May at 9.00 pm. See poster for details.

Welsh National Pilgrimage: to Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan. Pentecost Sunday, 20th May 1.30 pm. See poster for details.

Rosary on the Coast: 3.00 pm today. Prayer for the re-flourishing of the Faith, for the grace to build a culture of life and for a New Spring Time in the life of the Church. Meet on the Esplanade at Aberavon, opposite the Aberavon Beach Hotel, at 2.45 pm.

The Abortion Act 1968: This April marks the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into effect in law. In these 50 years over nine million unborn children have been killed in the womb. On Saturday 5th May there is a March for Life in London and a coach is travelling from Tenby/Swansea. For further information see poster or for coach details contact jenniferwordley@gmail.com or phone 01834 849163.

GIFT AID Envelopes: for 2018/2019 are now available at the back of Church. If you pay tax and would like to gift aid your weekly collection please have a word with Robert

Grant.

First Holy Communion Class: Please remember these children in your prayers.: Carys Smitham, Joseph Payne, Klara Hikary, Logan Davies, Maja Ignaczak, Thomas Parel, Gryffydd Lee, Scarlet Marie Hutchings, Alexandra Harris, Joshua Zambrano and Sophia Hikary.

Lourdes: There are still 3 places left. If you are interested please contact Deacon Jim or Sue Woods. Our annual wheelchair push will take place on Monday 7th May.

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. If staying in hospital remember to advise staff you are happy to receive a visit from the Chaplain—otherwise your religious affiliation remains confidential to the staff.

Vocations Prayer

Lord, make me a better person,
More considerate towards others,
More honest with myself,
more faithful to you.
Make me generous enough
to want sincerely
to do your will whatever it may be.
Help me find my true vocation in life
and grant that through it
I may find happiness in myself
and bring happiness to others.
Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to
enter the priesthood, diaconate,
or religious life,
may have the generosity to answer your call,
so that those who need your help may find it.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

School News

Our School Nurses Elaine and Precious came in this week to speak to Year Six about Personal hygiene and Puberty. Nursery Reception and Year 1 went on a "Welly Walk" at the Gnoll to raise money for Save the Children. The Premier League Primary Stars came in on Friday to work with Mrs Henwood's & Mrs Brook's Classes. We would like to congratulate Mariaya who is this year's May Queen. The May Procession will take place on Friday 11th May at 2pm in the church.

Diary Dates

Every Friday from April 20th: Premier League Primary Stars Mrs Henwood's & Mrs Brook's Classes

May

Monday 7th Bank Holiday

Wednesday 2nd—9th National Testing Years 2-6

Friday 11th May Procession 2pm

Sunday 13th School Sunday Mass

Monday 21st Finesse Photography

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. Church.