



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 |
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| Sunday 31st January <i>The Holy Family</i> | 4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath | Parish & People Peter Healey R.I.P. (Angela) Bernard Allen R.I.P. (The Family) |
| Monday 1st January <i>Mary, Holy Mother of God</i> | 9.30am Neath | Nancy Scotson RIP |
| Tuesday 2nd January | 6.30 pm Neath | William & Mary Martin RIP (M & L) |
| Wednesday 3rd January <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i> | 9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath 1.15 pm Neath | Brian Hudson RIP (School Governors) Lapsed Family & Friends (M & L) Funeral Service: Audrey Gammon RIP |
| Thursday 4th January | 9.30 am Neath | Peter Healey RIP (Angela) |
| Friday 5th January | 9.30 am Neath | For Vocations |
| Saturday 6th January | NO MASS | |
| Sunday 7th January <i>The Epiphany of The Lord</i> | 4.00 pm (Saturday) Glynneath 6.00 pm (Saturday) Neath 10.30 am Neath | Parish & People Janet Jones RIP (Babs) Ann Hanford RIP (Richard & Family) |

Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament



Friday after Mass



Readers for this week : 30th/31st December

Saturday Evening: Sian Loynes, Lorna Halloran

Sunday Morning: Peter Buckingham, Sheila Williams

Readers for next week: 6th/7th January

Saturday Evening: Laurence McPherson-Jones, Nora Reynolds

Sunday Morning: Berni Payne, John Hickey

Church Cleaning

Team: 2



Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 24.12.17: £434.83 Levy: £81.00

Glynneath: 23.12.17: £34.00



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, Gerry Rennick, 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:

Mair Richards, Patrick Gallagher, Peter Navin, Vernon Tanner, William Dooley, Sharon Bradshaw, Thomas Bernard Thomas, Kimberley O'Neil 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:

Susan Evans



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Ken Whittington RIP



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Alex Hvass (well-being)

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.

Indian Cuisine! If you like spicy foods, a selection will be available for sampling in the Parish Hall after this Sunday's morning Mass!

Christmas Message: At this Christmastide we give thanks for the Light of the World born as a baby in Bethlehem. We pray that the light of Christ may illumine all our hearts and homes and that the rich blessings of heaven may fall on each and every one of us as we join the angels in singing, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth". Deacon Jim and I wish you a very happy and holy Christmas.

Christmas Crib Collection: this year will be divided between the Mother Teresa Sisters working in Swansea and work with refugees.

Thank you: Many thanks for the cards and gifts received over the Christmas period and for the very generous Christmas Offering.

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!"

Audrey Gammon RIP: Audrey's funeral service will take place at St Joseph's on Wednesday 3rd January at 1.15 pm. Please remember the family in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her."

Keith O'Brien RIP: Keith's funeral service will take place at Margam Crematorium at Midday on Friday. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

Christmas Decorations: Many thanks to Chris and Babs at St. Joseph and to Bella at St. John Kemble for the wonderful Christmas flowers etc.

Congratulations to our Altar Servers - Ioan (who became a member of the Guild of St. Stephen) and Elma, Hannah and Ryan (who were awarded long service certificates). We are grateful to all our servers for their ministry at the altar.

Please remember Ollie Lavin, who will be baptised here at St. Joseph's next Saturday morning.

First Holy Communion Classes: will begin in the New Year every Sunday before the 10.30 Mass. Please note we need two volunteers to help Carolyn run these classes. Please fill in application form from the back of Church. First Holy Communion Mass will be held on Sunday 24th June 2018. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE .

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.

Greetings from Tanzania: The following message has been received via email. "To the community of St Joseph Parish - Greetings from Kwalukonge Rosminian Health Centre. May your Christmas be a happy time, a hopeful time, a family time and may the greatest joy of the season be the joy of sharing it with one another. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018. God bless by Fr. Ambrose Chuwa." During 2017, through the monthly tea and coffee gathering, we have been able to support the clinic with six donations totalling £499.85 - or, in the local currency - 1,360,426.74 Tanzanian shillings! All has been used for medicines, care of patients and supplies for the ambulance. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Draw Results: We are very grateful to Roger, once again, for organising the Christmas Draw which raised the magnificent sum of £769.50 for parish funds.

Winners:

- 1st Prize: £100 Tesco voucher: Ticket 0821 Annick Howells
- 2nd Prize: Lunch for 4 at Moruzzis: Ticket 0666 Kath Crossman
- 3rd Prize: Christmas Cake: Ticket 0893 Phil Rees
- 4th Prize: Bottle of Whisky: Ticket 0042 Mary O'Donnell
- 5th Prize: Bottle of Gin: Ticket 1582 Sharon & David Evans
- 6th Prize: Bottle of Sherry: Ticket 0111 Betty Horton
- Extra Prize: Bottle of Brandy: Ticket 0055 David Morgan

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.