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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 8th May <i>Ascension Sunday</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People John & Sheila Scotson (Sp. Int.) (P.M.) Crozier Family R.I.P. (Alan Boland)
Monday 9th May	NO MASS	
Tuesday 10th May	9.30 Neath	Funeral Mass - Gwyneth Evans R.I.P.
Wednesday 11th May	9.30 am Neath (School Mass) 11.00 am Glynneath	Greg Beckett (Spec Int) (M & L) Michael Barry R.I.P. (Terry)
Thursday 12th May	9.30 am Neath	Fiona Walsh (Spec Int) (M & L)
Friday 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	9.30 am Neath	Delia Coakley R.I.P. (M & L)
Saturday 14th May		
Sunday 15th May <i>Pentecost</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Joseph Doolin R.I.P. (Bella & Peg) Russell Palfrey R.I.P. (Linda & family) Parish & People (School Mass)

Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



Readers for this week: 7th/8th May Ascension Sunday

Saturday Evening: Laurence MacPherson Jones, Nora Reynolds

Sunday Morning: Peter Thomas, Sian Thomas

Readers for next week: 14th/15th May Pentecost

Saturday Evening: Paula MacPherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones

Sunday Morning: School

Church Cleaning

Team 3



Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection

Neath: £479.05 Levy: £78.40



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, 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:

Mary Gorman, Mary Turner Elsie Thomas Albert O'Callaghan, Norma Rees, Olive Edwards, Margaret James 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:

Annie & William Cochrane R.I.P.



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Peter Healey



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

First Communion and Confirmation Candidates

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

Please remember: Gwyneth Evans R.I.P. In your prayers. Gwyneth's Funeral Mass will be this Tuesday, 10th May, at 9.30 am.

The Month of Mary: During the month of May we shall say a decade of the Rosary before each weekday mass.

Children's Liturgy: If you are able to help with the Children's Liturgy on Sunday's please have a word with Katrina, Maria, Louise or Michelle. Thank you.

Parish Archive: We are grateful for your contributions so far and hope shortly to mount an exhibition so that we can identify people and places as well as sharing memories. As before, please continue to pass on your items and your contact details in an envelope marked 'Parish Archive'. Many thanks. Alan and Sandra.

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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy: Exploring the Theme of Mercy in the Light of the Gospels. Saturday 21st May 2016 11.00 am - 3 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Gorseinon SA4 4NX. See notice board for further details.

Catholic Bible School in Wales: The next event is being held on Saturday 28th May at St David's Priory in Swansea. This day, led by Sarah Beresford, will be looking at "Praying the Psalms". We will meet on Saturday 28th May at 10am to 3pm in at St David's Priory, St David's Place, Swansea, SA1 3NG. Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £10.00. For more information see www.catholic-bible-school.org/event

Corpus Christi Mass in Neath Abbey: Sunday 29th May at 3.00 pm. Help please with the electrics –loudspeaker system, microphones etc and transporting large items. We need strong hands to volunteer to set up the altar, chairs etc at the Abbey. A list for volunteers next weekend. Thank you.

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.

Belmont Abbey, May Procession: May 11th. A coach has

been organised by Fr. Mansel at Mumbles. This will start in Mumbles, pick up at Sacred Heart, Morriston and depart St Joseph's Neath at 6.15 pm. Cost is £10. All seats now taken.

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 three 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 after the Tuesday 6.30 pm Mass on 10th, 24th, 31st May, 14th June.

Sanctuary Arch Appeal: We have received £1000 from the charity, Our Lady of Ransom and a very generous donation of £400 from the Parish Guild. This brings the total so far to £2544.46. Further donations will be gratefully received.

Request: from Marita Gonsalve (Dublin) researching her family tree and the whereabouts of cousins in Neath born in the 1940's and 50's with the surname Lanigan (nee Moruzzi, Garbally) and married names Belt and Frederickson: and of Joseph and Ellen Lanigan (nee Murphy) who died in the 1950's. If you are able to help please pass the information to Fr. Neil. Thank you.

School News

Please remember all our pupils in your prayers, especially those in Years 2 to Year 6 as they have undertaken Literacy and Numeracy Testing. On Thursday Mrs Adams' and Mrs Henwood's children explored the sounds of the Nature Reserve. We would like to congratulate Lauren Davies who is this year's May Queen. The May Procession will take place on Thursday 19th May at 2pm. Please congregate in the infant yard of the school at 1.45pm.

Diary Dates

Swimming Block 9th-20th Year 6
Friday 13th 9am Nursery Class assembly
Sunday 15th 10.30am School Sunday Mass
Thursday 19th 2pm May Procession

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.