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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 24th July <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Doreen & Ann R.I.P. (Elias Family) Catenian Mass Jan Pojasek R.I.P. (SVP)
Monday 25th July	NO MASS	
Tuesday 26th July <i>St. Joachim & St. Anne</i>	6.30 pm Neath	Sr. Rose. R.I.P.
Wednesday 27th July	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Mary Fletcher R.I.P. Robin Whatley R.I.P. (M & L)
Thursday 28th July	9.30 am Neath	Terry Isaac R.I.P. (Mary & Family)
Friday 29th July <i>St Martha</i>	9.30 am Neath	Lorraine & Mike (Spec. Int.)
Saturday 30th July	NO MASS	
Sunday 31st July <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Ann Hanford R.I.P. (Mary & Ross) Claire O'Neill R.I.P. (Sian, Rob & Lorraine)

Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



Readers for this week: 23rd/24th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Evening: Laurence MacPherson Jones, Nora Reynolds

Sunday Morning: Peter Buckingham, Sheila Williams

Readers for next week: 30th/31st July 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Evening: Paula MacPherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones

Sunday Morning: Berni Payne, John Hickey

Church Cleaning Team: 2



Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



17.07.16: Neath: £590.23 Levy: £80.90
Glynneath: to be advised



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:

John Sweeney, Lorenzo Linciano, Anthony Roberts 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:
Terry Isaac



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:
Jan Pojosek

CROESO—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.

Wedding Bells: please remember in your prayers Carleen Waller and Nathan Enoch who will marry here in St Joseph's on Saturday 13th August.

Liturgical Guidelines: Please note the response to "Lift up your hearts" is "We LIFT them up the Lord" (not We "raise").

Welcome: to the Swansea Catenian Association to our Mass this morning. Please keep Dr. Gregory Page and all members in your prayers. We thank them for their fund-raising and charity work.

Welcome: from Poland, the family of Jan Pojasek (R.I.P.) whose grave was recently restored through the kindness and generosity of our SVP group.

Boiler Room: We have invited 3 quotations to begin preparation work on the boiler room to remove asbestos before installing a new boiler. Thank you for the magnificent effort in raising £10,000 for this appeal.

Sanctuary Arch: The ingress and blistering of the plaster on the arch can only be remedied by the complete removal of the chimney and rebuilding part of the roof, taking down the existing plaster, damp proofing and replastering the arch which will be scaffolded and boarded off for the duration. The total cost will be £18,000. We have applied for a grant of £9,000 and our Arch Appeal now stands at £3212.72 which means we need to raise a further £5,787.29. Further donations would be gratefully received.

Our prayers and good wishes: to Richard Hanford who will be received into the full Communion of the Catholic Church at the Vigil Mass next Saturday 30th July

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 the Chaplain for Neath Port Talbot Hospital. Fr. Jason Jones is the Chaplain for Morriston Hospital on 07792 003905.

Confirmation: A reminder that the next two meetings will be on Tuesdays 2nd August and 30th August. 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.

St Joseph's Parish Finances: our present financial situation is that we have £10,073 in the Boiler Room Fund and £3,212.72 in the Sanctuary Arch Fund with £7,830.07 in the General Parish Fund, making a total of £21,115.79 in the Parish Account. Just over a year ago the Parish Account was £12,000 in debt! Many thanks for this turn around in our Parish finances. We need to raise a further £5,787.28 for the Sanctuary Arch Appeal to bring the total to £9,000 which we hope will be matched by a grant of £9,000 to meet the total cost of £18,000. If we take the required £5,787.28 out of the General parish Fund this would leave us with only £2,042.79 in the General Fund. Once again, many thanks for all the donations and fund-raising events over the last year.

First Holy Communion Mass: Once again a big thank you to the teachers who helped prepare the children for their First Holy Communion and the ladies who spotlessly cleaned the Hall and toilets beforehand. (The Parish Hall Committee will next meet on Tuesday 9th August after 6.30 pm Mass. Many thanks to Deacon Jim and the Committee for overseeing all aspects of hall management.)

A big thank you: to Kevin and Doney for all their hard work gardening and tidying the grounds for the Civic Service and First Holy Communion Mass.

School News

The hall was bursting with parents and grandparents on Tuesday for their class assembly. We have said goodbye to our Year Six children. We celebrated mass together and their families joined us in the hall to watch a "Memories" presentation. It was a true celebration of the talent in our school! Many a tear was shed as some families leave us. We wish all our Year 6 pupils every success and happiness in their new comprehensive school and thank them for the contribution both they and their families have given to St. Joseph's over the years. We were delighted to welcome Miss Pryse back from her maternity leave and so we said farewell to Miss Smith and Mrs Odin. We wish them well for the future.

As we close for our summer break, we would like to thank you all for the support, prayers and commitment you have given us this year. We wish all our teachers, pupils and families a restful, relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in September. Enjoy!

**The School will reopen to pupils on Thursday 1st September.
Have a safe and happy holiday.**

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.