

Eglwys Gatholig Sant Joseff, Castell-nedd. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Neath.

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Times of Holy Mass for the coming week

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Day	Time and Place		Intention
Sunday 19th January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	4.00 pm (Sat) 6.00 pm (Sat) 10.30 am	Glynneath Neath Neath	Parish & People Marshall Abell R.I.P. (The Family) Ouday and Katia (Spec. Int.)
Monday 20th January	No Mass		
Tuesday 21st January	6.30 pm	Neath	Rev. Elwyn Evans R.I.P. (Ann Bromage)
Wednesday 22nd January	9.30 am 11.00 am	Neath Glyneath	Christian Unity Catherine Newcombe R.I.P. (June & Family)
Thursday 23rd January	9.30 am	Neath	Robert & Mary McBain R.I.P. (Patrick & Muriel Hayes)
Friday 24th January	No Mass		
Saturday 25th January			
Sunday 26th January <i>3ed Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.00 pm (Sat) 6.00 pm (Sat) 10.30 am	Glynneath Neath Neath	Parish & People Christian Unity Martin Joseph Mead R.I.P. (Michael Mead)

Confessions

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

<u>Readers for this week</u>: 18th/19th January *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time* Saturday Evening: Anne Bromwich, Nora Reynolds Sunday Morning: Desiree Nicholas, Peter Buckingham

<u>Readers for next week</u>: 24th/25th January *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time* Saturday Evening: Adrian MacPherson Jones, Paula MacPherson Jones Sunday Morning: Bethan Lee, Berni Payne



<u>Please pray for those in</u> <u>our parishes who are sick</u> <u>and housebound</u>, especially:

St Joseph's: Kath Wellington, Mike O'Hea, Benitia Whittington, Marjorie Grant, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Matilda Jones, Nicky Walsh, Ann Moruzzi, Kath Woolley, Roger Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins.

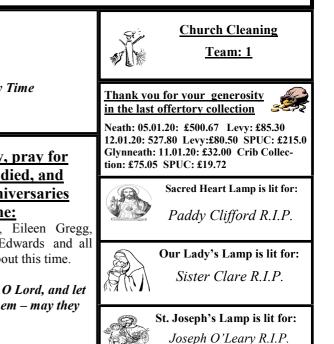
St John Kemble: Maria, Harry, Peggy, Anita,



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

Joan Worth, Olive Davies, Eileen Gregg, Mary Newbury, Reginald Edwards 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.



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.

DOMSEC (The Diocese of Menevia School of Evangelisation and Catechetics): Explore the Catholic faith! See the excellent website **www.domsec.org.uk**

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!"

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Sunday 28th June (St Peter & St Paul) and Archbishop George will celebrate thye Sacrament of Confirmation at the Saturday Vigil Mass on July 11th. Regular attendance at Mass is an essential requirement of preparation for both of these sacraments. Application forms will be available from next weekend..

<u>Next Sunday:</u> is Sunday of the Word of God. After the homily there will be a special Blessing of Bibles. Please bring a bible, New Testament, Gospel to Mass for this Blessing.

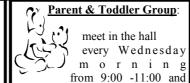
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity: Please pray for Churches Together in Neath and for Deacon Jim (President) and that we might come to that unity in Spirit and in Truth for which Jesus prayed and gave Himself on the Cross.

Used Postage Stamps: Many thanks to all who have brought their stamps for sale on behalf of the Helen Keller School for Visually-Impaired Children in Jerusalem. All stamps are welcome, but must have a margin of envelope around them (unless they are in an album)

<u>Second Collection</u>: this weekend is for the Sick and Retired Clergy of the Diocese. The Diocese now has nine priests and two housekeepers in retirement at a cost of approximately £78,000 per year so your generous support in this special collection is greatly appreciated.

<u>St Joseph's Parish Guild:</u> The Guild are looking to hold an International Food Festival in May/June on a Saturday afternoon in aid of Parish funds. They are looking for different nationalities/cultures to provide a taste of their cuisine. Please contact Nora on 07816 315897 or Sheila on

The Parish Hall: Is available for hire at very reasonable rates. To book, please contact Angela Healey on 01792 424168/07708105147.



07913 663586 as soon as possible.

<u>Catholic Papers:</u> Confirmation that Catholic newspapers will continue to be supplied to those who receive them regularly. Due to changes within the media group we can no longer return unsold papers, therefore please collect and pay for them weekly. Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Missio – APF Red Boxes:</u> Many thanks to the Red Box holders and to the 7 promoters who empty the 42 Mission Boxes in the Parish. The total collected this year for the foreign missions is £1102.83. Angela Brennan, local Secretary.

Our Lord's Housekeepers: we would like to establish a fourth cleaning team on the Church rota. If you are able to give a little time once every four weeks please contact Pat O'Connell or Fr. Neil. Thank you.

Message: We would like to thank everybody for their prayers, messages of sympathy and for the Masses offered for our dear Sr. Clare. Clare was a @local, a one time parishioner of St Josephs and it always held a special place in her heart. May her love and prayer enfold each and everyone of you from above. With very great love, gratitude and fond memories, Sr. Carmel and Sr. Anthony. (Bothwell).

Lourdes: There is a small group travelling by train in 2020. Dates: 1st - 8th July. If you are interested please contact Deacon Jim.

Bingo and Batter: Wednesday 22nd January in the Parish Hall. Prize Bingo with Fish and Chips. Proceeds to Lourdes Group Tickets available after 10.30 Mass - please see June and David.

Pilgrimages: (1) to Medjurgorje May 4-11th

2) Fatima & Santiago Compostella Oct (th for 7 nights. Please contact Sr. Margaret Fitzgerald, Stella Maris Convent. 01792 473457.

SVP Diary of Events:

February 13th: Valentine cinema showing of "Shall We Dance"Tea/Coffee and raffle

March 26th: to be confirmed. Pilgrimage to Abercynon shrine/Stations of the Cross.

May 7th: V.E. Day Celebration Party with entertainment artist. More details to follow shortly.

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 re-

quest to be lit for an intention that can be published in the newsletter each week. Apart from being an age old devotional practice, the donations can help raise funds for our Church. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.