

## Eglwys Gatholig Sant Joseff, Castellnedd. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Neath.

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St. John Kemble Catholic Church : Llewellyn Street, Glynneath. SA11 5AE. Serving the Catholic Community of the Neath Valley

## Times of Holy Mass for the coming week

Time and   4.00 pm (Sat)   6.00 pm (Sat)   10.30 am   NO M.   6.00   6.30 pm   9.30 am   11.00 am   9.30 am	Glynneath Neath Neath	IntentionAll at St John Kemble (Spec. Int.) (Rita) Patricia Lloyd R.I.P. (Benetia Whittington) Parish & PeopleAn Evening of Carols with the Junior childrenPeter Healey R.I.P. (Angela)End of Term School Mass Katherine Sheehan R.I.P. (The School) Francis, Rose and Family (Spec. Int.)
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Confessions <u>Neath</u> : on request <u>Glynneath:</u> on request		<b>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</b> Friday after Mass
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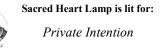
our parish who are sick and housebound, especially:

Kath Wellington, Benitia Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Peter Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones, Anita Gore, Nicky Walsh, Ann Moruzzi, Kath Woolley, Roger Fluck, Shaun Dunworth, and Lorna O'Brien .



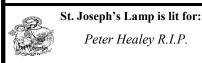
those who have died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Michael McAteer, Madeleine Lewis, Kevin O,Brien, Elsie Farrell, Desmond Comerford, Tom Thomas, Gladys Gallagher, Jacqueline Joseph Ena Hynes, Grace Phillips, Vernon Doyle 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.



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for: Dolores Walters R.I.P.

Peter Healey R.I.P.



<b>WELCOME!</b> 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.	Extra cantors to choose and lead the singing or a small choir would also enhance our celebration of Mass –any volunteers?		
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!"	<u>Candle stands</u> : Please begin by lighting votive candles at the highest level on the stand so that arms and sleeves are not brushing against candles lower down. <i>Children should be accompanied at all times when lighting candles</i> .		
Christmas Mass Times:Christmas Eve Monday 24th DecemberGlynneath4.00 pm Vigil MassNeath6.00 pm Vigil MassNeath11.00 pm Midnight Mass	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,		
Christmas Day Tuesday 25th December Neath 10.30 am Mass of Christmas Day Christmas Message: As we celebrate, with great joy, the birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem, we are comforted and	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. <u>Thank you:</u> for all the Children's gifts. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. Many children will receive a gift this Christmas. Many thanks. (St Joseph's S.V.P.)		
encouraged by the thought that He who was content to be born in the poverty and roughness of a stable , may also look with pity and mercy on the roughness and untidiness of our own lives and so we offer as a prayer the words of the Christmas			
hymn, "O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee." Deacon Jim and I wish you all a holy, happy and blessed Christmas.	<b>Vocations Prayer</b> Lord, make me a better person,		
<b>Donations:</b> towards the cost of Christmas Flowers gratefully received. Please see Chris or Babs (St Joseph's) and Bella (St John Kemble)	More considerate towards others, More honest with myself, more faithful to you.		
St. Joseph's School Christmas Concert: this Monday	Make me generous enough to want sincerely		
evening (17th) at 6.00 pm in Church. All welcome. <u>Annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party:</u> The Head Pupils of St Joseph's Secondary School invite you to join them on Wednesday 19th December 2.00-4.00 pm. Please contact the school to confirm attendance –01639 884305.	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 myself		
The Christmas Collection: There will be just one collection at each of the Christmas Masses. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. The Christmas Collection is traditionall a gift to the parish priest.	and bring happiness to others. Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to enter the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life,		
The Directory and Year Book 2019: with full details of the Catholic Diocese in Wales, names, addresses, news items, calendar of the year etc is now available at the back of the Church. (£4).	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.		
<b>Festive Cake Sale:</b> for Parish funds after Mass on Sunday 23rd December. Please contact Aimee Wellington on 07860 550281 if you are able to donate any cakes.			
<u><b>Music at Mass:</b></u> We are very grateful to Luigi and Sionaid for playing the organ at Mass. Are there other organists who could help, key board players or other musical instruments?			
School News			
The Infant children entertained families and friends with performances of The Inn Spectors. As always they rose to the occasion and were all amazing. The school was a sea of colour on Friday as everyone put on their Christmas Jumpers. The money raised will be donated to the local Homeless. Please join us on Monday at 6 pm in the church for an Evening of Carols with the Junior children. Friday 21st End Of Term			
	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 ional practice, the donations can help raise funds for our ch. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.		