

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

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### Times of Holy Mass for the coming week

Day	Time an	d Place	Intention
Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday	3.30 pm (Sat) 4.00 pm (Sat) 6.00 pm (Sat) 10.30 am	Glynneath Glynneath Neath Neath	Stations of the Cross Parish & People Patrick Lynch R.I.P. (John & Jane Smith) Michelle O'Brien R.I.P. (Philip & Patrick O'Brien)
Monday 15th April	No M	lass	
Tuesday 16th April	6.30 pm	Neath	Karin Edwards R.I.P.
Wednesday 17th April	11.30 am 7.30 pm	Cathedral Neath	Chrism Mass Churches Together (Stations of the Cross)
Thursday 18th April	7.00 pm	Neath	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm
Friday 19th April	3.00 pm	Neath	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Followed by the Sacrament of Confession
	7.00 pm 7.00 pm	Neath Glynneath	Stations of the Cross Veneration and Stations of the Cross
Saturday 20th April	8.00 pm	Neath	Easter Vigil (First Mass of Easter)
Sunday 21st April	9.00 am 10.30 am	Glynneath Neath	Mass of Easter Day Parish & People Mass of Easter Day Peter Healey R.I.P. (Angela)

#### **Confessions**

Neath & Glynneath: on request



#### **Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament**

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: 13th/14th April Palm Sunday

Saturday Evening: Sunday Morning:

Readers for next week: 20th/21st April Easter Sunday

Saturday Evening: Sunday Morning:



Please pray for those in our parish who are sick and housebound, especially:

Kath Wellington, Benitia Whittington, Marjorie Grant, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Yolanda Jones, Matilda Jones, Anita Gore, Nicky Walsh, Ann Moruzzi, Kath Woolley, Roger Fluck, and Lorna O'Brien.



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

Raffaele Aprea, James O'Donnell, Vincenzo Colamazza, Manuel Grimaldi, Kathleen Jarrett 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.



Church Cleaning
Team: 3

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection



Neath: 07.04.2019: £564.47 Levy: £81.20

Glynneath. 06.04.2019: £71.00



Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for:

Peter Healey R.I.P.



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Anita Griffiths R.I.P.



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

<u>WELCOME!</u> 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.

<u>Silence and Prayer before Mass:</u> 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!"

## PLEASE SIGN UP FOR READINGS AND WASHING OF FEET FOR HOLY WEEK. THANK YOU.

Easter Message: Having followe Jesus through the 40 days of Lent we now approach the most solemn celebration in the Christian calendar as Palm Sunday leads us into Holy week and Easter. The Death and Resurrection of Christ stand at the very centre of our faith. As we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over sin and death we pray that the Risen Jesus may make the victory a reality in our own lives. Deacon Jim and I wish you a very happy and holy Easter.

<u>Easter Collection:</u> Please note there will be no secons collection on Easter weekend. The one Easter collection at each Mass is, by tradition, a gift to the Parish Priest.

<u>Easter Flowers:</u> Donations to the cost of the Easter Flowers are much appreciated. Please see Chris Evans

**Real Easter Eggs:** There will be some fairtrade Easter eggs on sale in the hall after Mass today. Accompanying each egg is a copy of the story of the first Easter.

Turin Shroud Exhibition at Nazareth House, Cardiff: from 6-20th April. Open Monday—Saturday 10.30am-6.30 pm. A great opportunity to witness the mysteries of thge Turin Shroud. The exhibition includes photographs of the intense scientific scrutiny of the Shroud and replicas of the implements used by the Roman soldiers upon the sacred body of Jesus

<u>Divine Mercy Sunday (28th April):</u> Our Lady of Margam 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. Exposition, Confession, Benediction.

<u>National Welsh Pilgrimage:</u> to our Lady of the Tapir, Cardigan will take place on Sunday 19th May. A mini-bus will leave St Joseph's at 11.30. A limited number of seats. Please bring packed lunch. Contact Angela on 01792 424168/ 07708 105147.

The Gift Aid weekly Envelope Boxes are now available at the back of the Church.

<u>Two Lunchtime Supervisors</u>: are required at the School. Monday-Friday 12.00 –12.45. If interested, please contact the School.

**School Accounts:** Are you qualified to volunteer to audit the school accounts? Please contact school on 01639 635099.

Music-Singing at Mass (and in Holy Week): An appeal to choristers and musicians! Are you able to help sustain and enhance our worship at Mass? Sadly, in the absence of this greater involvement and volunteers to lead the singing in the celebration of Mass, a "said Mass" (without hymns or music) will become a more regular part of our worship and our Holy Week Services may have to be greatly simplified.

<u>40 Days for Life Cardiff</u>: A Peaceful Prayerful Vigil. Pray for justice for the weakest (the unborn), one day we too may be weak. For further details ring 07901713077 or email jelthomas@btinternet.com. See poster in porch.

Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne for young Adults (20s and 30s): from Wednesday 24th April to Sunday 28th April 2019. A time to walk along part of St.Cuthbert's way, reflect and pray with other young adults and spend time on the beautiful island of Lindisfarne. Accomodation is in a basic bunkhouse near St Cuthbert's cave. Cost - £85 to cover food and accommodation. For more information email <a href="mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com">lynnefcj@hotmail.com</a> or find us on facebook (FCJ Young Adult Network)

<u>Churches Together in Neath Holy Week Services</u>: see notice in Church porch. The St Joseph's service will be on Wednesday at 7.30 pm.

<u>Mass Requests:</u> If you would like loved ones remembered at Mass on particular dates please advise several months in advance. Thank you.

<u>Sick Calls:</u> 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. Canon 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.

#### **School News**

We welcomed the family and friends of our Nursery and Reception class to share their assembly.

They have been learning about new life and how they can grow closer to God during the season of Lent.

Mrs Henwood has started her maternity leave and Mrs Brooks will take over her role in the Early Years.

Miss Beesley's class celebrated the end of their topic "More than Mods and Rockers" by having a 1960's themed party. Their costumes were spectacular!!!

The school is now closed for the Easter holidays and will reopen on Tuesday 30th April

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

## Parent & Toddler Group:

meet in the hall every Wednesday morning from 9:00 -11:00 and on Friday from 11.30 to 2.30.

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 donations can help raise funds for our Church.