



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

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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 23rd August <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10:30 am Sunday Neath 3:00 pm Sunday Welsh Newton	Parish & People Nash Family (Spec. Int.) (Mark & Nuala Rees) Doris & Nennie Jones (70th Ann) (Kevin & Lorna) Pilgrimage to grave of St. John Kemble
Monday 24th August	<i>NO MASS</i>	
Tuesday 25th August	6.30 pm Neath	Sr. Rose Butler (R.I.P.)
Wednesday 26th August	9.30 Neath 11.00 Glynneath	Tommy O'Rourke (R.I.P.) (Brendan O'Grady) MICF (R.I.P.)
Thursday 27th August	9.30 Neath	Dorothy Evans (R.I.P.)
Friday 28th August	9.30 Neath Followed by Exposition until 10.30	Molly Edwards (Spec. Int.) Moses Nolan (R.I.P.)
Saturday 29th August		
Sunday 30th August <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10:30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Brian Collins (R.I.P.) (A. Collins) Jack & Josie May (R.I.P.) (P. Phillips)



Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



Readers for this week: 22nd/23rd 21st Sunday in Ordinary time
Saturday Evening: Paula MacPherson-Jones, Adrian MacPherson-Jones
Sunday Morning: Elizabeth Fluck, Volunteer required
Readers for next week: 29th/30th 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time
Saturday Evening: Ceri McAteer, Patrick McAteer
Sunday Morning: Peter Thomas, Michelle Bray



Church Cleaning Team 2

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection
 16.08: £466.72, Levy: £84.75



Glynneath: 15.08: £79.20.



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

Kath Wellington, Eileen Williams, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Audrey Gammon, Peter and Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Olive Davies, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gladys Gallagher, Tony & Gaynor Pickrell, Lilian Lowry, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick, Mary Holmes, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, Bernard Madden, Harper Marie Beasley and Anita Gore.



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

Teresa Newhams, Owen Davies, Giovanni D'Angeli, Sheelah Kinsey, Aileen Lester, Michael Lewis, 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:
P.M.H..



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:
Barbara Townend
(Speedy Recovery)



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:
Deceased family Members
(S.M.)

CROESO—WELCOME! If you are visiting the parish or you are returning home to be with family and friends, or you have returned to Church after being away for some time—welcome! Its good to have you here.

Exposition: Friday morning after Mass.

Exams: Our prayers and all good wishes to those receiving exam results at this time. May God bless and guide our young people into the future He is preparing for them.

Congratulations to Kasia and Ouday Hikary (and Sophia, Klara and Louisa) on the birth of Noah Maximilian. In the same week, the family business (Hikary's, Briton Ferry Road) was placed in the top three fish and chip shops in South Wales!

Legion of Mary Retreat: All are invited to this event, which will take place here in Neath, beginning with 10.30 Mass and ending at 3.00pm on Saturday 5th September. Please bring a packed lunch.

St. Joseph's Parish Guild: The Guild will hold a Cheese & Wine evening in the hall on Monday 14th September. Tickets - £2.50 - are now on sale. Proceeds to church funds.

Catholic Bible School: Scripture Saturday at St David's, Swansea on 26th September. See notice board for further details.

Assisted Suicide Bill - Message from Bishop Tom: On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging him/her to attend the debate and to vote against the Bill. You can send an email to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the church. Postcards are now available at the back of Church to send to our M.P. , Christina Rees.

Seminarian: Bishop Tom has accepted Robert Davies (St. Joseph's Parish, Port Talbot) for priestly formation in Menevia. Initially, he will go to Valladolid for the Propaedeutic Year, and has been accepted by the Rector. Please keep Robert in your prayers.

Fr. Peter Kelly recently retired - at the grand age of 93 - from hospital chaplaincy at Singleton, where, as many will know, he has been a friendly face to patients, relatives and

staff virtually every day since May 1969! His retirement featured in the Real Lives series in the South Wales Evening Post, which may be read online. Alternatively, a copy of the article is on display in both the church and hall. It is well worth a few minutes of your time as the article also makes mention of Fr. Kelly's brushes with danger in wartime France and Palestine, before eventually being ordained in Jerusalem.

Sunday Tea & Coffee gathering: Please do join the gathering in the hall each week after 10.30 Mass. This week's good cause is the Rosminian Clinic in Kwalukonge, Tanzania. Our donations are used to fund medicines, tyres for the ambulance and the building of a pumphouse which provides clean water for the surrounding villages. Thank you for your generosity.

Sadly, the Clinic's director, Fr. Ambrose Chuwa, was recently attacked by thieves. Please pray that he will recover from the trauma. On behalf of the team, he sends very best wishes and prayers to parishioners here.

On a happier note, four Sisters recently made their Final Vows and four new priests were ordained. One will shortly begin his ministry in England.

New photographs are on display in the hall today.

STOP PRESS: A few seats are still available on the coach for this afternoon's pilgrimage to the grave of St. John Kemble. The coach will leave Glynneath church at 1.00pm and the fare is £10.

Thanks to all who came for the Mass on Friday, which made for a pleasant celebration of the parish's Patronal Feast.

Bishop's Diocesan Tour Reflections: Over the coming few weeks the newsletter will contain a selection of Bishop Tom's reflections resulting from his grand tour of the Diocese earlier this year.

Bishop's Diocesan Tour Reflections

i l Statistics:
- Total mileage covered during the tour: 1,121 miles
- Number of cups of tea and coffee: incalculable!

m Without exception, appreciation was expressed by parishioners about how they valued their priest and all he did with them and for them. I took it as a positive sign that they wanted more. Sometimes, they said this in public, sometimes in private, sometimes implicit in certain issues that arose, indicating what their priest regarded as of concern and how he wished to care for them. Whether mentioned or not, everyone should take a bow, as people have acknowledged your dedication, your generosity, and, most times, even your sermons!

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.