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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 28th February <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Catenian Circle & Guests (Spec Int) Luigi Bacchetta & deceased family R.I.P. (M.B.)
Monday 29th February	NO MASS	
Tuesday 1st March <i>St David's Day</i>	9.30 pm Neath School Mass	John Scotson & Family (Spec Int)
Wednesday 2nd March	9.30 Neath 11.00 Glynneath	John Sweeney R.I.P. & Aldo Sterlini R.I.P. MICF R.I.P.
Thursday 3rd March	9.30 Neath 12.30 Neath	David Chadwick (Spec Int) Funeral Service: Gordon Gwyn R.I.P.
Friday 4th March	9.30 Neath	Fr. Anthony Mitchel R.I.P. (TAF)
Saturday 5th March		
Sunday 6th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, Mothering Sunday</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People William John Sullivan R.I.P. (P & M) Desmond & Barbara Rees R.I.P. (M.B.) (Sian, Rob & Lorraine)



Confessions

Neath : on request
Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



Readers for this week: 27th/28th February 3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday Evening: David Reynolds, Maureen McAteer

Sunday Morning: : Peter Buckingham, Sheila Williams

Readers for next week: 4th/5th March 4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday Evening: Sue Koziel, Lorna Halloran

Sunday Morning: John Hickey, Berni Payne



Church Cleaning

Team 2

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection

Neath: 14.02.16: £483.94

Levy: £86.20, CAFOD: £585.92

Glynneath: 13.02.16: £ 63.50 Cafod: £26.77



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, Mary Holmes, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, Bernard Madden, Harper Marie Beasley, David Jukes, Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill, Joan Linciano and Anita Gore.



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

Robert Turner, Harold Booth, Francis Oncliff, Kenneth Hill, Christine Gray 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:

Private (RN)



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

First Communion & Confirmation Candidates

CROESO—WELCOME! To all visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay in the area.

Please remember in your prayers Gordon Gwyn whose Funeral Service will take place on Thursday at 12.30.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Wedding Bells: Please remember Sarah Pierson and Lee Mallaghan who will be married here in St Joseph's on Saturday 19th March.

Mass to mark the Centenary of the Foundation of the Province of Wales and the Archdiocese of Cardiff and Herefordshire: will be held in our Deanery at St. Joseph's Port Talbot, on **Thursday 3rd March at 7.00pm**. It will coincide with the usual **Lenten Station Mass**; 4 Bishops will be present and there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession from priests of the Deanery from 6.00 pm. Please make every effort to attend.

Lent Booklets, "Day by Day": two booklets, one for infants and one for juniors. Introduce your children to Lent with games and puzzles etc. Only 50p.

Stations of the Cross in Lent: St Joseph's, Friday 7.00 pm, St John Kemble, Saturday 3.30 pm.

Churches Together in Neath: The next Lenten Talk will be on **Monday 29th in St Peter & St Paul, Cimla at 7.30.**

Tea & Welsh Cakes: The Parish Guild are holding a Tea and Welsh Cakes evening on **Monday 7th March at 7.30**. Tickets £2.00 with the usual Prize Bingo and Raffle. Proceeds to Church funds.

Liturgical Guidelines: i) Please would all readers take the opportunity before Mass to come up to the lectern and prepare the reading - those difficult words and to capture the sense of the reading!

ii) The response to "lift up your hearts" is "we lift them up to the Lord" not "we raise them up"

iii) The Agnus Dei ("The Lamb of God"), "and with your spirit", "thanks be to God", "Holy, Holy, Holy" etc are CONGREGATIONAL responses to be proclaimed boldly and joyfully! Please do not leave the response to the Parish Priest! If you are not sure of the responses Mass cards are available at the back of the Church.

First Holy Communion: Classes take place at 9.30 (before Mass) in the Parish Hall. Attendance of children and parents at Mass is an essential part of the preparation programme. The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on **SUNDAY 17th July**. Would those who have kindly offered to help please contact Carolyn to discuss details (01639 767901) Many thanks. 11 children have been enrolled—

please remember them in your prayers: Bethany Tristram, Callum Lavin, Daniel Jones, Iori Davies, Bethany Clifford, Kieran Cameron, Eve Abell, Kyla Evans, Violette Orrin, Erin Greene, Brando Greene.

Confirmation: 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. Details of classes to follow. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

For sale! The Parish has two desks and two four drawer filing cabinets which are surplus to requirements. They are available to purchase for sensible offers. Please speak to Deacon Jim in the first instance.

CAFOD Second Collection: Many thanks for the magnificent sum of £585.92 (St Joseph's) and £26.77 (St John Kemble) raised for the work of CAFOD.

Big Fairtrade Breakfast: All are invited to be part of the World's Biggest Breakfast in the Hall on **Saturday 12th March** between 11.00 and 1.00. Kieran O'Brien of CAFOD in Cardiff will be joining us to share a short presentation on Laudato Si', Pope Francis' inspiring letter on the environment. See poster for details.

Vocations Prayer

Lord, make me a better person,
More considerate towards others,
More honest with myself,
more faithful to you.
Make me generous enough
to want sincerely
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 in myself
and bring happiness to others.
Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to
enter the priesthood, diaconate,
or religious life,
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.

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School News

This week we have used muscle and sinews we didn't know we had!! Why you ask? Paralympian Ben Rushgrove, who won Bronze and Silver medals at the Beijing and London Games, visited us to inspire the children with stories of his achievements to date. Along with the "Sportivater" he led the children through a fun fitness circuit. The whole school motivated each other to complete the gruelling circuit and now sponsor money is flooding in. The funds raised will go towards new sports equipment for school and the GB team.

Finally, our next Sunday School Mass will be on Sunday 13th March, please make every effort to join us.

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.