



# 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 and Place	Intention
<b>Sunday 26th March</b> <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Laetare/Mothering Sunday</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Joe Doolin R.I.P. (Ann) Parish & People Louie Bacchetta and our deceased families R.I.P. (M. Bacchetta)
<b>Monday 27th March</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 28th March</b>	6.30 pm Neath	Kitty Williams R.I.P.
<b>Wednesday 29th March</b>	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	James and Johanna O'Connell R.I.P. (Donnie & Pat) Catherine Newcombe R.I.P. (June, John & family)
<b>Thursday 30th March</b>	6.00 pm Neath 7.00 pm Neath	Confessions Deanery Stations Mass Main Celebrant: Bishop Tom Burns
<b>Friday 31st March</b>	9.30 am Neath	Ira Thomas R.I.P. (P.T.)
<b>Saturday 1st April</b>		
<b>Sunday 2nd April</b> <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Marion O'Grady R.I.P. (Brendan) Danilo Tambini & Celestina Cogela R.I.P. (Mrs. G. Tambini)

### Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request



### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



**Readers for this week: 25th/26th March**

**Saturday Evening:**

**Sunday Morning:**

**Readers for next week: 1st/2nd April**

**Saturday Evening:** Patrick McAteer, Ceri McAteer

**Sunday Morning** : Elizabeth Fluck, Isabel Buckingham



### Church Cleaning Team: 1

**Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection**



Neath: 19.03.17: £498.58 Levy: £84.70

Glynneath: 18.03.17: £77.50

Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for:



**Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:**



Matilda Jones

**St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:**



Peter Healey



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

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tristram, Audrey Gammon, Peter & Hazel Huxtable, Marjorie Grant, Leo Linney, Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Gerry Rennick, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans, David Jukes, Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill, Joan Linciano, Matilda Jones, and Anita Gore.



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

Dawn Hopkins, Maisie Reilly, Andrew Solari, Dominica Marie Fecci, Davis Collier, Margaret Jenkins 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.

**Lenten Devotions:** We shall follow the Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's on Friday at 7.00 pm and at St John Kemble on Saturday at 3.30 pm

**Deanery Lenten Stations Mass:** Bishop Tom will be the chief celebrant at our Lenten Stations mass on Thursday 30th March 7.00 here in St. Joseph's. Fr. Paul Watson and Fr. Paul Brophy will be available to hear confessions from 6.00 pm.

**Parish Dinner:** Many thanks to all who supported the parish Dinner and to Deacon Jim and Sue Woods for all the organisation. It was a lovely social evening which raised the magnificent sum of £400 towards Parish funds.

**Envelopes:** the new boxes of Parish Gift Aid Envelopes for 2017-2018 are now available at the back of Church. There are extra boxes if you pay tax and would like to gift aid your donation. Thank you.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Exposition, Confession and Benediction at Our Lady of Margam on Sunday 23rd April from 2.00 pm. Mass at 3.30 pm. (see poster)

**Evening of Baroque Music:** St David's Priory, Swansea on Sunday 2nd April at 7.30 pm. £5. (see poster for details)

**Mass Requests:** please note that all weekend Masses are already reserved until the middle of June. If you would like loved ones remembered at Mass on particular dates please advise several months in advance. Thank you.

**Please:** keep in your prayers Sr. Collette after her emergency appendix operation and Sr. Clare who has broken 4 ribs in a fall.

**Our Lord's Housekeepers:** if you are able to spend a couple of hours every 3/4 weeks helping to clean the Church, please contact Pat O'Connell.

**Guidance for planning funeral liturgies:** the leaflet has been reprinted and copies are available at the back of church.

**Sick Calls:** 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. Fr. Jason Jones is Chaplain for Murrison Hospital on 07792 003905.

**Belmont Abbey:** 9.00 pm Wednesday 10th May: Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady and visit of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima + Relics of Blessed Jacinta & Blessed Francisco. Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima. Visiting Preacher - Fr. Jason

Jones. All welcome.

**Soup + Roll Lunch:** Following the tea and coffee gathering on Sunday 2nd April, there is an invitation to a soup + roll lunch in aid of the work of Cafod. If you would make a tally mark on the sheet near the newsletters this weekend, it will give us some idea of numbers expected Thank you.

**CAFOD's East Africa crisis appeal:** The United Nations is warning that the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis in more than 70 years. Severe drought, lack of food, and civil war, mean that now over 16 million people across East Africa are facing starvation. Please support our parish collection, on weekend of April 2nd, for CAFOD's appeal. Your donation will get food, clean water and healthcare to people in desperate need. Find out more at [cafod.org.uk/eastafrica](http://cafod.org.uk/eastafrica). ( Please use the envelopes left over from Fast Day, particularly if you are able to add gift aid to your donation).

### 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.

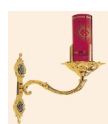
### School News

We celebrated International Day of Happiness on Monday. The children shared objects and photographs that make them feel happy. Our Key Stage Two Fruit Tuck Shop is up and running with strawberries being the current favourite fruit. Year 6 hosted a Lenten Lunch on Friday the proceeds are on their way to CAFOD

Our next School mass is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**The Parish Hall:** Is available for hire at very reasonable rates. 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.