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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 7th February <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Special Intention (S.E.) Private Intention (M.A.)
Monday 8th February	NO MASS	
Tuesday 9th February	6.30 pm Neath	Sean Hickey R.I.P. (J.H.)
Wednesday 10th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30 Neath 11.00 School Mass Glynneath 6.30 Neath	John O'Grady R.I.P. (B & G P) Rita & Roy Edwards R.I.P. Helen (Spec Int.) (B & G)
Thursday 4th February	9.30 Neath	Marilyn & Dennis Willment R.I.P. (Sara, Susan, Karen & Ceri)
Friday 5th February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	9.30 Neath	Christopher Abell R.I.P. (Family)
Saturday 6th February		
Sunday 14th February <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Terri & David Jukes (Spec Int) Parish & People Kevin Fitzpatrick R.I.P. (Brenda & Robert)



Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request



Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

After Friday Morning Mass.



Readers for this week: 6th/7th February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Evening: Nora Reynolds, Laurence MacPherson Jones

Sunday Morning: : Jack Staddon, Paddy Clifford

Readers for next week: 13th/14th February 1st Sunday of Lent

Saturday Evening: Paula MacPherson Jones, Adrian MacPherson Jones

Sunday Morning: : Alice Williams, Babs Hunt



Church Cleaning

Team 2

Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection

Neath: 31.01.16: £528.73

Levy: £93.00



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:

Iain Davies, William Jelley, Mabel Caroll, Kathleen Pughsley, Catherine Davies, Christopher Abell, Mary Martin 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:

Gladys Gallagher



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Joan & Glynn Davies R.I.P.



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.

Louisa Salmi: Please remember Louisa, who died this week, in your prayers. Funeral details to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Lenten Devotions: This Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) marks the beginning of Lent and our 40 day pilgrimage to the events of Holy Week and Easter. There are still available at the back of Church, FREE “Walk With Me” devotional literature and during Lent 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. Please pray down upon us Divine Mercy and heavenly blessings in this Year of Mercy.

Mass for the Sick: Sunday 21st February in Our Lady of Margam at 3.00 pm.

Churches Together in Neath: This year’s Lenten Talks will start on Monday 15th February in St Joseph’s at 7.30 in the Parish Hall. The theme this year is the Psalms, starting with Psalm 100.

Tea & Welsh Cakes: The Parish Guild are holding a Tea and Welsh Cakes evening on Monday 9th March at 7.30. Tickets £2.00 with the usual Prize Bingo and Raffle. Proceeds to Church funds.

Liturgical Guidelines: 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!

Day of Prayer and Reflection: for Extraordinary Ministers and Ministers of the Word. At Holy Cross, Gendros on 27th February. See notice board for details.

Catholic Bible School: The next Scripture Saturday of 2016 will be on Saturday 20th February at St David’s Priory in Swansea. The day will be led by David Beresford, Director of the Catholic Bible School. The day is entitled ‘Looking with Luke: a Gospel of Mercy and Joy.’

Fr Michael Evans: as you are aware Fr. Michael Evans and three others (including Fr. Bill Isaac) will be installed into the chapter at the midday Mass at St. David’s Cathedral in Cardiff on the feast of the Saint himself (1st March). If you are interested in travelling to this event please contact Pat O’Connell.

Tanzanian Ambulance Fund: Thanks to the supporters of the monthly tea and coffee gatherings, we were able to send £512.64 to the Rosminian clinic in Tanzania during 2015. Fr. Ambrose Chuwa sends his greetings and thanks to all. Our donations are used to buy medicines and ambulance tyres. He also asks our prayers for Fr. Anthony Mitchell I.C., a fellow worker, who died recently.

Lourdes: this year’ group is now full apart from our complement of young helpers. If you are aged 15-25 and are interested in joining us in July, please contact Deacon Jim.

First Holy Communion: Classes begin next Sunday (14th February) 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 Saturday 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. Nineteen names have been received for enrolment, please keep them in your prayers: Hannah Parel, Elma Parel, Emelia Evans, Patrick Comerford-Davies, Iori Comerford-Davies, Cabhan Comerford Davies, Niamh Bray, Ciara Bray, Mercedes Goldthrite, Abigail Goldthrite, Georgia Staddon, Emily Protheroe, Ryan Protheroe, Charlotte Humphries, Ryan Davies, Niamh McCarthy, Jessica Lloyd, Lauren Davies and Anastasia Lynch.

St Joseph’s Finances: Congratulations and thank you! In the last week, with a further anonymous donation of £200 we have reached the magnificent sum of £10,073 for our Bioler Room Appeal. Our general parish fund stands at £3,494.59. Nine months ago we were overdrawn at the bank by £12,000 but we now have £13,567.59 in the account which means that £25,000 has been raised in nine months!. Many thanks!

We need now to raise our general parish fund to a healthy balance and to start a new fund for the water ingress over the Sanctuary Arch (and Rose Window) which is deteriorating rapidly and now needs to be looked at urgently. Many thanks for the anonymous gift of £350 this week to start our second appeal for the Sanctuary Arch.

School News

It has been strangely quite this week in school. Why?? Years Five and Six have been staying at Margam Park. They have been sending daily updates which Mrs Adams has been putting on the Website

“ All of the children have had a thoroughly enjoyable time at Margam this year. We have had many MANY laughs and made great memories to return to school with. It has been an extremely tiring week and we are positive the children will sleep for the majority of the weekend ... just like all the Staff.

"This week has been awesome. I wish I could come again next year!" Kelsey Year 6

"I can't wait to come back to Margam next year. It's been so much fun!" Tyler Year 5”

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.