



# 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
<b>Sunday 3rd January</b> <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People J.N.Berni R.I.P. (R. Newton) Hanna (Spec Int)
<b>Monday 4th January</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 5th January</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Wednesday 6th January</b> <i>Epiphany</i>	9.30 Neath 11.00 Glynneath	Fr. Terence Whitmore R.I.P. (SPCD) Fr. Francis Connolly R.I.P. (SPCD)
<b>Thursday 7th January</b>	9.30 Neath	Mary Lloyd R.I.P.
<b>Friday 8th January</b>	9.30 Neath	Jan Pojasck R.I.P. (SVP)
<b>Saturday 9th January</b>		
<b>Sunday 10th January</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Tom Thomas R.I.P. (Linda Thomas) Sr. Josephine R.I.P. (Hikary Family)

 <b>Confessions</b> Neath : on request      Glynneath: on request	 <b>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</b> After Friday Morning Mass.
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 <b>Readers for this week: 2nd/3rd January The Epiphany</b> <b>Saturday Evening:</b> Adrian MacPherson Jones, Paula MacPherson Jones <b>Sunday Morning:</b> Roger Fluck, Ann Bromage <b>Readers for next week:</b> <b>Saturday Evening:</b> Patrick McAteer, Ceri McAteer <b>Sunday Morning :</b> Sheila Williams, Peter Buckingham	 <b>Church Cleaning</b> <b>Team 3</b>  <b>Thank you for your generosity in the last offertory collection</b>
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 <b>Please pray for those in our parish who are sick and housebound, especially:</b> 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, 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.	 <b>Of your Charity, pray for those who have died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:</b> William Dooley, Sharon Bradshaw, Tom Thomas, Kimbertly O'Neill, Philip Hoptroff, Michael O'Connor and all whose anniversaries occur about this time. <i>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them – may they rest in peace. Amen.</i>	Neath: 27.12.15: £465.57    Levy: £80 Glynneath: 27.12.15: Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for:  Franciszek Pokoyski R.I.P. Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:  Alma Elias St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:  Kevin Fitzpatrick
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**CROESO—WELCOME!** To all visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay in the area.

**Tea and Coffee:** is served in the Hall after Mass on Sunday. Why not join us for a cuppa and a chat!

**Exposition:** Friday morning after Mass.

**Please remember** in your prayers Lillian Lowry who died earlier in the week. Funeral arrangements to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

**Please remember** in your prayers George Philip Challenger who was baptised into the Church on Tuesday 29th December.

**Congratulations:** to Fr. Michael Evans who has been appointed to the Chapter of St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff by Archbishop Stack. As a member of the chapter he will now hold the title of 'Canon' with immediate effect. He, and three other Priests (including Fr. Bill Isaac) will be installed into the chapter at the midday Mass at St. David's Cathedral on the feast of the Saint himself (1st March).

**First Holy Communion:** The following names have been received for First Holy Communion: Bethany Tristram, Callum Lavin, Daniel Jones, Iori Davies, Bethany Clifford, Kieran Cameron, Eve Abell, Kyla Evans, Violette Orrin. Please keep them all in your prayers. Classes will begin in the New Year.

**Confirmation:** Similarly, please keep each of the following 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 and Anastasia Lynch.

**Adult Confirmation and Reception into the Catholic Church:** If any adult is hoping to become a Catholic, or to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please have a word with Fr. Neil.

**Boiler Room Appeal:** many thanks for a further donation of £100. £7200 has thus far been raised –only another £2800 to go!

**Buy the Boiler Bash!** - two events to boost the boiler fund.

- 1) Saturday 16th January 10.00 –12.00 Coffee Morning and sale of goods stored in the hall loft!
- 2) Dinner at Remo's, Windsor Road on Tuesday 26th

January at 7.00 for 7.30. Two courses for £12  
All proceeds from both events to the Boiler Fund!

**PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY\***

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;

the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

"If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

**Thank you:** Deacon Jim and I would like to thank you for cards and gifts and generous Christmas collection received over this Christmastide and wish you every blessing for 2016 - may it indeed be a Year of Mercy for us all.

## School News

The Friends of St Joseph's School are pleased to inform you that the Craft Fayre realised £979.65. Many thanks for your support.

### Diary Dates; January

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January INSET Day

**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.