



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
Sunday 1st January <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Eileen Brown R.I.P. Owen & Anita O'Donnell) Parish & People Francizek & Teresa Pokoyowski R.I.P. (Frances, Diane & Family)
Monday 2nd January	NO MASS	
Tuesday 3rd January	NO MASS	
Wednesday 4th January	9.30 am Neath 11.00 am Glynneath	Tom Thomas R.I.P. Catherine Newcombe R.I.P. (June & Family))
Thursday 5th January	NO MASS	
Friday 6th January <i>The Epiphany</i>	9.30 am Neath	Sr. Gabriel (Spec INT) (Yolanda & Nantlais)
Saturday 7th January		
Sunday 8th January <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	4:00 pm Saturday Glynneath 6:00 pm Saturday Neath 10.30 am Sunday Neath	Parish & People Ann Hanford R.I.P. (Family) Jan Pojasek R.I.P. (S.V.P.)

Confessions

Neath : on request

Glynneath: on request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass



Readers for this week: 31st Dec/1st January

Saturday Evening:

Sunday Morning:

Readers for next week: 7th/8th January

Saturday Evening:

Sunday Morning :



Church Cleaning Team: 1



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



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

Kath Wellington, Benita Whittington, Rosa Tris-
tram, Audrey Gammon, Peter and Hazel Hux-
table, Marjorie Grant, Olive Davies, Leo Linney,
Mike O'Hea, Gaynor Pickrell, Ana Maria, Ger-
ry Rennick, Yolanda Jones, Peggy Evans,
David Jukes, Peter Healey, Tim O'Neill, Joan
Linciano, Matilda Jones Joan Thomas and Anita
Gore.



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

Mair Richards, Patrick Gallagher,
Peter Navin, Vernon Tanner, William
Dooley, Sharon Bradshaw, Thomas
Thomas, Kimberly O'Neil, Philip Hoptroff
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:

Mr. K. Whittington



Our Lady's Lamp is lit for:

Peter Healey



St. Joseph's Lamp is lit for:

Chon Abbey R.I.P.

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.

Gladys Gallagher R.I.P.: Please remember Gladys and the family in your prayers. Funeral Mass Thursday 12th January at 9.00 am in St Joseph's. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

Madeleine Lewis R.I.P.: Please remember Madeleine and the family in your prayers. Funeral Service on Friday 20th January at 1.15 pm in St Joseph's. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

Deacon Jim and I: thank you for the cards, presents and good wishes received over the Christmas period and for the generous Christmas collection.

Second Collection: next Sunday is the annual White Flower Appeal in support of SPUC. In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives as a result of abortion in the last 50 years. SPUC works tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life. Please give generously.

Sanctuary Arch Appeal: Congratulations! We are pleased to announce that we have now raised the magnificent sum of £9,159 towards the Arch Appeal. Many thanks to all fund-raisers and for generous donations.

First Holy Communion: Classes will begin after Christmas. If you would like to enrol a child in the preparation classes please complete the form provided at the back of the Church and return it to Fr. Neil.

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 Morriston Hospital on 07792 003905.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! (proposed): For the Parishes of St Joseph's and St John Kemble, November 20th - 27th 2018 (NOT NEXT YEAR). Cost £1019 (half board). Memorable itinerary. Minimum number of 20 required for the pilgrimage to go ahead. If you are interested, please contact Paula on 636739.

Lourdes: 4th-13th July 2017. There are still 2 or 3 places available. Please see Sue or Deacon Jim.

Pilgrimages: to Madugorje, 15th -22nd June 2017 (£589)

and to Fatima, 10th-15th October 2017 (£678) - a few places left. Contact Sr. Margaret on 01792 473453.

Christmas Draw Results:

1st Prize	£100 Tesco Voucher	1587	M.Pitt
2nd Prize	Lunch for 4 at Moruzzi's	1060	Hazel Francia
3rd Prize	Christmas Cake	0538	David Morgan
4th Prize	Whisky	1552	Betty Horton
5th Prize	Gin	0851	Brenda Grant
6th Prize	Sherry	0578	A. Healey

Parent & Toddler Group: will resume on WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY at 9.30 am. New members are always welcome.

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

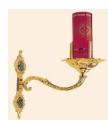
Mrs. Dineen and all the Staff would like to thank you for your support. We wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas. Nadolig Llawen

Diary: January 2017

Tuesday January 3rd 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.