



OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG ST. ROBERT ABERKENFIG

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23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Education Sunday 10th September 2017 Retiring Collection today both Parishes Home Mission Projects (brought forward a week in our Parishes)	Aberkenfig 9 am	Ameli Rose Walker (<i>Sick Baby</i>)
	Maesteg 11 am	Tony Pulvirenti <i>RIP (GP)</i> Readers: Paul Donoghue & Jacqui Summers BP: Bernard Rawlings
	Maesteg 4.45 pm <i>Confessions 4 - 4.30 pm</i>	Thanksgiving (L&J) Tess Barry <i>RIP (J&AB)</i> Reader: Lucy & Jessica
Monday 11th September 2017 St Deiniol Bishop	Maesteg 9.15 am	Paddy Butler <i>RIP (M&f)</i> Reader: Keith Lewis
Tuesday 12th September 2017 The Most Holy Name of Mary	Maesteg 9.15 am	Tranquilo Tambini <i>RIP (AT&POB)</i> Reader: Tess White
Wednesday 13th September 2017 St John Chrysostom	Maesteg 9.15 am	Rita Simons <i>RIP (R&BJ)</i> Reader: Bernard Rawlings
Thursday 14th September 2017 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Maesteg 9.15 am	Pat Brennan & Canon John Rohan <i>RIP (VB)</i> Reader: Janet Butler
Friday 15th September 2017 Our Lady of Sorrows	NO MASS	
Saturday 16th September 2017 Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	NO MASS	
24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME HOME MISSION SUNDAY 17th September 2017  Blessed Sacrament Lamp: Special Intention Our Lady's Lamp: Sick of the Parish	Aberkenfig 9 am	Blair & Madeleine Morgan People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am 12.30 pm Sacrament of Baptism Gwen Emma Griffiths	Maurice Fitzgibbon <i>RIP (LR)</i> Readers: Keith Lewis & Maria Cahalane BP: Jacqui Summers
	Maesteg 4.45 pm <i>Confessions 4 - 4.30 pm</i>	Roy & Gwen Richards <i>RIP (CW)</i> Reader: Michelle Bumford BP: Michael Lawler

Maesteg Parish: Retiring Collection next Sunday for the Restoration fund.

NOTICES

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: In our daily prayers let us remember our deceased brothers and sisters who have gone before us on our pilgrimage of faith, especially those with Anniversaries at this time. **PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Maureen Pearce and Howard Evans who died recently. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Prayer Intentions for our sick and deceased. If you have anyone to be added to our list of sick who need praying for please let Fr. Michael know in order for their name to be added to the list. Please also advise when they have recovered in order for their name to be removed.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL: Who would have thought a year ago that I would be writing this message to you my dear friends as I prepare to head back to Newport on Thursday! It has been an amazing year and we have achieved a lot together. I am aware emotions are running high for some, as indeed they are for me, but the Holy Spirit obviously has another plan for me. It will probably involve my premature death trying to lead the giant that is All Saints Parish, Newport, but at least during the experience I have no doubt he is going to teach me a few lessons, just as he has in my short time with you in Maesteg and Aberkenfig. I am so grateful for our time together and I will only remember with fondness the past 12 months. At this point you are probably expecting some pearl of biblical wisdom, but alas not. I just want to encourage you as you move forward with a quote from an unknown author "Some people are going to leave; however, that is not the end of your story. That is the end of their part in your story." I just want to simply say "THANK YOU" for your prayers, support, kindness and generosity over the past year. Thank you also for your kind gift to me. Pray for me as I will continue to pray for you. And know that my prayer at all Masses this weekend is a re-consecration of our Parishes to the care of our Blessed Mother. With my saying of the evening Mass this weekend, my wind down begins. I will continue to offer Masses whilst with you and respond to emergency calls. Apart from that it is finish the packing and let the true stress begin! God Bless you all.

PROCLAIM "17" – ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF EVANGELISATION CONFERENCE

Saturday 21st October, St David's College, Cardiff

Come and be equipped to share the Gospel! This conference will give you practical steps forward in pursuing the Church's mission - to make disciples of all nations. After a keynote address from Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham, we will be split into the five tracks that are designed to meet the needs of all parishes at different stages; Evangelising as an Individual, Teams for Mission - What can we do first?, The Unchurched, Non-Churchgoing Catholics, and Growing Parishioners into Disciples. Each track consists of a seminar and workshop which will inspire you but also give you practical help and resources as you take up the Church's mission. With wonderful speakers from across the UK it really is an event not to miss!

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TEA/COFFEE: after Mass in the Sacristy today. Why not stay for a chat if you have time?

MISSIO PROMOTERS : please collect books from the back of the Church and begin to open the Red boxes.

Thanks.

MACMILLAN CANCER CARE COFFEE DAY: on Friday Sept. 29th from 10.30a.m. to 5 pm at 164, Bridgend Rd, Aberkenfig. Coffee, tea and cake £3. There will be a selection of craft items, gifts, cakes and jam and jutney to buy. The Grand Raffle has great prizes including a vintage style, hand- made patchwork quilt and Sunday lunch for two. Raffle tickets on sale today. Start Christmas shopping early.

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LLYNFI VALLEY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: NOTEWORTHY CHOIR CONCERT WHICH IS BEING HELD AT ST DAVID'S CHURCH, MAESTEG, ON FRIDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER 2017 A 7PM. PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE CHRISTMAS VOUCHER APPEAL. POSTER ON THE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. TICKET DONATION £6.