




OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG ST. ROBERT ABERKENFIG

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6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B Day of Prayer for the Unemployed 11 th February 2018 Maesteg Retiring Collection Maintenance Fund	Aberkenfig 9 am	People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Pitman & Jones Families <i>RIP (T&A)</i> <i>Readers: Paul Donoghue & Jacqui Summers BP Janet Butler</i>
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Gill Rees <i>RIP (P&AD)</i> <i>Readers: Ray Rees & Paula Davies BP Angela Brennan</i>
Monday 12th February 2018 Ordinary Time Year 11 Week 6	Maesteg 10 am	Maureen & Jack Jenkins <i>RIP (C&T)</i> Reader: Janet Butler
Tuesday 13th February 2018	Aberkenfig 7 pm	Private Intention
ASH WEDNESDAY 14 th February 2018	Maesteg 7 am 10 am 1.30 pm Maesteg 7 pm	Bob McGee <i>RIP (LR&F)</i> St Robert's School Elizabeth Bumford <i>RIP (A,R & P)</i> Pupils of the School St Roberts
Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Aberkenfig 10 am	Sullivan Family <i>RIP</i>
Friday after Ash Wednesday 16 th February 2018	Maesteg 7 am Maesteg 12 noon 12.30 am to 6 pm	<i>Private Intention (MB)</i> <i>John, Julia & Rowlands Family <i>RIP (MB)</i></i> Reader: Tess White Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction
Saturday after Ash Wednesday 17 th February 2018	Maesteg 10 am <i>10.30 am to 11 am</i> <i>Confessions with</i> <i>Exposition</i> <i>of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Tommy Fiedler <i>RIP (KH&f)</i> Maria Browne
1st Sunday of Lent 18 th February 2018  Blessed Sacrament Lamp: Private Intention Our Lady's Lamp: Sick of the Parish	Aberkenfig 9 am	People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Mary & Jack Nicholson & Jack McGrath <i>RIP</i> <i>Readers: Paul Donoghue & Keith Lewis BP Eileen Davies</i>
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Bob, Ann & Sean Hayes <i>RIP (A&CH)</i> <i>Readers: Michael Lawler BP Angela Brennan</i>

NOTICES

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: In our daily prayers let us remember our deceased brothers and sisters who have anniversaries at this time.

Lately Departed Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tommy Fiedler and Paddy Bailey and for their families at this sad time. Requiem Mass for Paddy Bailey, St Roberts, Aberkenfig, on Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 12.45 pm.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us turn to the Lord with all our heart for He is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Lent is once again here with us beginning with Ash Wednesday. A season given to us by Mother Church to help us turn away from sin in order to strengthen our relationship with God and one another through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

In Prayer, we acknowledge God's Love and Mercy, we thank Him for His goodness and compassion and ask for forgiveness for not loving Him and others as he has loved us.

In Fasting, we experience the daily physical needs of the poor and destitute, which at another level spiritually expresses our own hunger and thirst for Christ the Bread of Life.

In Almsgiving, we participate in God's generosity and providential care for our brothers and sisters who are most in need.

Trusting that the steadfast Love of the Lord never ceases and His mercies never come to an end, let us begin this Lenten journey of 40 days with all enthusiasm in Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, the source and giver of all life, that we may be renewed for a Glorious and a Happy Easter.

I wish you all a Fruitful Lenten Season. God Love you all.

OUR LADY'S INVITATION TO YOU:

The Parish of Our Lady & St Illtyd with St Cadpc (Llantwit & Cowbridge) are organising a Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORE from Thursday, 30th August to Sunday, 9th September 2018. Approximate cost £550. This will include return flights from Bristol to Split, transport to and from Medjugore to Split airport, ensuite single and double accommodation with a superb breakfast and evening meal, plus the services of the most experienced spiritual guide in Medjugore. For further details, please ring either Ewa Thomas (771728) or Mike Snow (793420).

PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST PATRICKS MAESTEG

ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE: £1 per book. Available after each Mass
300 PLUS CARDS AVAILABLE/SUBSCRIPTION TAKEN : *New Members welcome* - not too late to join. **£12 per year cost to join;** you can pay in full, half-yearly, quarterly or monthly. January and February draw will take place last week of February 2018.

PARISH OF ST ROBERT ABERKENFIG

COLLECTIONS : Feb. 4th Gift Aid £94 Loose £71.02

EA/COFFEE: after Mass in the Sacristy today.

BOAT CLUB FOR 2018: subscriptions are now being taken. £12 for the year. Envelopes available at the back of the Church. If you are not a member and would like to join please speak to Bill Ennis.

FOOD BANK: food is collected each week and taken on a Thursday to the collection point in Aberkenfig. Please leave in the box at the back of the church. You can take food directly there yourself if you wish. They also collect toiletries and sanitary goods. Thanks.