

**NEWSLETTER**  
**THE PARISHES OF**  
**OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG**  
**ST. ROBERT ABERKENFIG**



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2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Aberkenfig 9 am	People of the Parish
Retiring Collection CAFOD FAMILY FAST (both Parishes)	Maesteg 11 am	Jim Connolly, Connolly Family & Margaret, Thomas & Mary McDonald Readers: Jacqui Summers & Eileen Davies BP Ray Rees
	Maesteg 4.45 pm CONFESIONS 4 pm - 4.30 pm	Tina Rastaitis <i>RIP</i> (AT) Readers: Angela Brennan BP Michael Lawler
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent	Maesteg 5.30 pm 6 pm MASS  Aberkenfig 7 pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent	Maesteg 9.15 am  Aberkenfig 10.30 am	Connie Maroney <i>RIP</i> (TM) Reader: Tess White  Private Intention
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent	7.30 am Maesteg 9.15 am Maesteg  6.30 pm Aberkenfig	Sick of the Parish  Special Intention (ED) Reader: Eileen Davies  Stations of the Cross
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent	Maesteg 9.15 am  Aberkenfig 6.30 pm Confessions 5.45-6.15 pm	Peter & Catherine Codd <i>RIP</i> (C&TJ) Margaret & Thomas Maloney <i>RIP</i> (PH) Reader: Jacqui Summers  Private Intention
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 Commemoration St Patrick	Maesteg 9.30 am  Maesteg 10.15 am	Sheila Bolger <i>RIP</i> (TB) Denis, Terence and Eddie <i>RIP</i> Readers: Pupils Stations of the Cross/Exposition to 3.30 pm
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent	Maesteg 10 am 10.45 - 11.15 am Confessions and Exposition	Thanksgiving 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Vince & Frances Kelly Readers: Family
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 BOTH PARISHES	Aberkenfig 9 am  Appeal/Collection APF	Private Intention People of the Parishes
Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: Special Intention (MB) Our Lady's Lamp: Beryl & Ron Griffiths <i>RIP</i>	Maesteg 11 am	Annie Scourfield <i>RIP</i> (Sf) Readers: Keith Lewis & Janet Butler. BP Ray Rees.
	Maesteg 4.45 pm CONFESIONS 4 pm - 4.30 pm	Katie McCormack <i>RIP</i> (M&S) Vera & Bill Donoghue <i>RIP</i> (F) Readers: Paul & Martin





REQUIESCANT IN ACE: In our daily prayers let us remember Tranquillo Tambini and Ann Doyle who have recently died. Let us also remember their families at this sad time. We remember too our deceased brothers and sisters who have gone before us on our pilgrimage of faith, especially those with Anniversaries at this time.

LENTEN REFLECTION 13th MARCH - As part of our journey through the season of Lent we are actively encouraged to increase our time in prayer and to reflect on ourselves and our relationship with the Lord. Tomorrow, 13th March at 7:00pm St. Robert's will be holding their annual Lenten Reflection service. I strongly encourage both parishes to come together during this journey through Lent as one people making the same journey. I look forward to seeing you there.

LENTEN TALK - The next talk in our Lenten series will be MONDAY 20th MARCH after the evening Mass in Maesteg. This time we will be joined by Fr. Jason Jones, Parish Priest of Morryston, who will explore the Stations of the Cross as they are revealed to us in the Mass. After the talk we will once again enjoy a Lenten Supper of Soup and Bread. Sign up sheet for the supper NOW AVAILABLE at the back of the church.

Prayer Intentions - We have recently introduced into the weekday Mass a slot for prayers for the sick and the deceased. If you have anyone to be added to our list of sick who need praying for by name please let Fr. Michael know to add them to the list. Please also advise when they can be removed else the list will get impossibly long!

APF Appeal & Collection NEXT WEEKEND AT BOTH PARISHES.

MAESTEG RESTORATION COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL - The Annual 40 Day Prayer Vigil for the protection of the unborn is now underway on St. Mary's Street Cardiff. This is a peaceful prayer vigil, details of which are on the noticeboard. A worthwhile cause; we shall pray for each day.

LENTEN RETREAT - a day retreat for Lent held at St. David's Sixth Form College in Cardiff on Saturday 1st April 10:30am-3:00pm. Contact Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 for more information.

WEEK OF PRAYER & AWARENESS FOR DEMENTIA - ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK for people with Dementia and their carers will be celebrated on Saturday 18th March at 2:30 pm in Llantarnam Abbey, Cwmbran.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS AND GIFTS - Now available in both of our churches, some at reduced prices. Fr. Michael also has a First Communion Bible and presentation prayer books and Mass books available to order. Please see Fr. Michael to see the samples and place orders. Please continue to pray for our children who are preparing for this important milestone on their faith journey.

#### PARISH OF ST ROBERTS ABERKENFIG

TEA AND TOAST: many thanks to those who supported this last Tuesday. Raised £73.50 for the Syrian Refugees Archdiocesan Fund.

MISSIO RED BOXES: Would promoters begin to collect and count the money please?

ABERKENFIG AND DISTRICT UNITED CHURCHES (ADUC): Lenten lunches take place on Saturdays during Lent from 12 noon until 1:15p.m. Next Sat. March 18th at Smyrna Chapel Hall, Penyfai. March 25th at Wesley Chapel, Tondu. All welcome.

#### PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST PATRICK MAESTEG

CTS BOOKSTAND - A collection of CTS publications is now available at the back of the Church. It is well worth checking the stand and seeing what is new. All books are individually priced on the back. Please place money for purchase into the Candle wallbox.

Congratulations and every blessing to Nancy Tessa Sainsbury who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism recently. Congratulations also to her parents and family.

CARNIVALI DELLA MADONNA EDI SAN PATRIZI: Evening raised £223 for Restoration Fund. Thanks.

EASTER RAFFLE BOOKS AVAILABLE £1 per book. Please can you sell to your family & friends. Thanks.

300 PLUS CLUB RESULTS: JANUARY And FEBRUARY 2017 on NOTICE BOARD. Thanks.