




NEWSLETTER
THE PARISHES OF
OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG
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Sunday 9th April 2017 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD Maesteg & Aberkenfig Retiring Collection towards Flowers for Easter	Aberkenfig 9am	People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am Blessing of Palms School Hall & Procession	Ann Doyle <i>RIP</i> (R&BJ) Readers: Janet Butler & Jacqui Summers Gospel: N: Maria Cahalane J: Fr. Michael O: Bernard Rawlings BP Tess White
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Forgotten Dead <i>RIP</i> (MB) Readers: Jessica & Matthew Gospel: N: Stephanie Davies J: Fr Michael O: Lucy BP Ezme and Iona Davies
Monday of Holy Week 10th April	Maesteg 5.30 pm 6 pm Mass 6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross Vince & Frances - intentions (KK&f) Reader: Tess White FILM – “RISEN CHRIST”
Tuesday of Holy Week 11th April	Maesteg 9.15 am	Martin & Catherine Burns <i>RIP</i> (MLD)
Wednesday of Holy Week 12th April	<i>St David's Cathedral</i> Cardiff 11.30 am	CHRISM MASS LIST AT BACK CHURCH FOR MINI BUS LEAVING MONICA STREET AT 10 AM, PICKING UP ABERKENFIG 10.10 AM.
THE SACRED TRIDUUM MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ALTAR OF REPOSE “WATCHING AND PRAYER” After Mass until 10.30 pm NIGHT PRAYER 10.15 pm	Maesteg 7 pm Procession of Oils The Mandatum (Washing of the Feet)	Monica Keane Ben Keane <i>RIP</i> (MB&f) Sheila Evans <i>RIP</i> (MB&f) Readers: Sarah Lewis & Alina Ascari Thomas BP Nicola Kelly-Fisher Jane Richards, Maria Cahalane, Tess White Volunteers please List at the back of the Church
GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE LORD “Collection for Holy Places”	Maesteg 10.45 am 10.45 am leaving from the front of the Church Commercial Street	Children's Stations of the Cross Silent March of Witness through Town

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<p style="text-align: center;">HOLY SATURDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE EASTER VIGIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Retiring Collection Your Easter Offering to Father Michael our Parish Priest</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Maesteg 10 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maesteg 8.30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Novena Divine Mercy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Olive & Peter Walsh <i>RIP</i> (SW) Rita Catt <i>RIP</i> (Friends)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Readers: Old Testament</i> Genesis 1:1-2:2 Michael Banks Exodus 14:15-15:1 Keith Edwards Isaiah 54:5-14 Maria Cahalane Baruch 3:9-15.32-4.4 Margaret Buckley Epistle Romans 6:3-11 Jacqui Summers BP Maria Browne</p>

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers Marshall Petty who has recently died and also his family at this sad time.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA - Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy (Sunday after Easter Sunday) be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said: "These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy." In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls." We will begin the Novena in our parish on Good Friday evening at 6:40pm and conclude it with the celebration of Divine Mercy starting at 2:50pm on Divine Mercy Sunday (23rd April). Throughout this period the Novena will be said after Mass each day. Leaflets for the Novena and how to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet is available.

NEW GIFT AID/PLANNERD GIVING BOXES MAESTEG: The Printer has not included Sunday 16th April 2017 and 1st April 2018; only the Easter Offering envelope (green). They are sending these; hopefully they will arrive shortly. If not could you please place your weekly donation for this week with your Sunday 23rd April 2017 donation. Apologies and thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS AND EVERY BLESSING TO MARIAMA MENDY AND EVAN JONES WHO
RECENTLY CELEBRATED THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM. Congratulations to their parents.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA, SATURDAY, 13TH MAY, LEAVING COMMERCIAL STREET AT 7.45 AM AND
RETURNING AT 5.30 PM. REGISTER AVAILABLE.