



OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG ST. ROBERT ABERKENFIG

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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Bible Sunday 10th December 2017 Retiring Collection Sick and Retired Clergy	Aberkenfig 9 am	Peter Reynolds People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Kathryn Richards <i>RIP (GBG)</i> Readers: Paul Donoghue & Eileen Davies BP: Janet Butler
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Gill Rees <i>RIP (P&JW)</i> Reader: Michelle Bumford BP Angela Brennan
Monday 11th December 2017 2nd Week of Advent	Maesteg 9 am	Kathleen Donnelly <i>RIP (P&CD)</i> Reader: Tess Shite
Tuesday 12th December 2017 Second Week of Advent	Archbishop McGrath Aberkenfig 12 noon	9.20 to 11.20 am CONFESSIONS Private Intention
Wednesday 13th December 2017 St Lucy	Maesteg 9 am Aberkenfig 11 am	Martin & Catherine Burns <i>RIP (MLD)</i> Reader: Bernard Rawlings Mary Sullivan <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 14th December 2017 St John of the Cross	Aberkenfig 10 am	Holy Souls
Friday 15th December 2017 2nd Week of Advent	Maesteg 9 am	Nance & Terry Hayes <i>RIP (PT&S)</i> Reader: Jacqui Summers
Saturday 16th December 2017 2nd Week of Advent	Maesteg 9 am Maesteg 10 am - 1 pm	Thanksgiving 25th Wedding Anniversary Barry & Susan Greally Reader: Maria Cahalane Advent Retreat Confessions Shared Lunch <i>if possible</i>
3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday 17th December 2017  Blessed Sacrament Lamp: Scott Davies <i>RIP</i> <i>& his family & friends</i> Our Lady's Lamp: Special Intention	Aberkenfig 9 am	Rosemary Collins <i>RIP (PC)</i> People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Eddie Buckley <i>RIP (M&f)</i> Pitman & Jones Families <i>RIP (T&AJ)</i> Readers: Margaret Buckley & Michael Banks BP Paul Donoghue
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Edward, Don, Des & Mahoney Families <i>RIP KH</i> Reader: Jessica BP Michael Lawler

**MAESTEG - NEXT SUNDAY RETIRING COLLECTION FOR RESTORATION FUND
BROUGHT FORWARD WEEK DUE TO CHRISTMAS VIGIL EVENING & DAY MASSES**

**NOTICES - PARISHES OF ST ROBERT ABERKENFIG AND
OUR LADY & ST PATRICK MAESTEG**

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: In our daily prayers let us remember our deceased brothers and sisters Please remember in your prayers Scott Davies who has tragically died recently, together with his family and friends.

PASTORAL:

- PLEASE NOTE CHANGES OF MASS TIMES THIS WEEK.
- LIGHT IS ON - ADVENT DEANERY CONFESSIONS
Tuesday, 12th December 7 – 8 pm St Mary's Parish Bridgend
Tuesday, 19th December 7 – 8 pm Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Maesteg

ARCHDIOCESAN MASS OF CELEBRATION FOR MARRIAGE SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY, IN ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL AT 2 PM. Fr Edmund will be inviting newly married couples and those who have celebrated/and will be celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Please could you telephone/text Margaret on the above number if you have throughout the year celebrated special wedding anniversaries or will be celebrating them, so that invitations can be sent to you. A coach will be arranged for you to attend if you able.

PARISH OF ST ROBERT ABERKENFIG

COFFEE / TEA : after Mass in the Sacristy today. Stay for a chat if you have time. Donations will be given to the Foodbank to buy foodstuff.

FOODBANK ITEMS: please leave in the box at the back of the church. Thanks.

ADVENT DAY OF WORSHIP, FRIENDSHIP AND REFLECTION : This Wednesday 13th December at St. Robert's. Mass 11 am Breakfast 11.45. Advent Reflection Service 7 pm. All welcome.

PARISH PRIZE DRAW : Thanks to those who have donated prizes and sold tickets. Tickets still available after Mass. The draw will be made on Wednesday 20th December at our Carols and Mince Pies evening.

ROTAS: new rotas for readers, cleaners, flower arrangers and Fatima statue available.

COLLECTIONS: 3.12.17 Gift Aid £89 Loose £112.68

MISSIO CALENDARS: would promoters please collect these from the back of the Church and distribute.

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GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Thanks for your support; raised £649.50.

Winners: 1st £150, Denis Horton, 2nd £100 Paula Davies, 3rd £50 Mr J Walter, 4th Christmas Hamper Mark Davies, 5th Turkey Voucher S Tucker, 6th Wine Hamper Maria Davies, 7th Brandy Malcolm Roberts, 8th Whisky Andrea Jones, 9th Gin Karen Jackson John, 10th Port Ken Sullivan.

CHRISTMAS TABLE TOP SALE : Thanks for all who supported, baking, donating gifts and attending the sale. Final sum raised £704.90. This is the best sales figure we have achieved since moving from the Parish Bazaar to the Town Hall. Very well done. Raffle Cake £71, Cake Stall £136.60, Gift Stall £218, Tombola and bran-tub £279.30. *THERE IS A SMALL SELECTION OF ITEMS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AVAILABLE FOR SALE (Left over from Table Top Sale).*

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS RAISED RECENTLY: Murder Mystery £878; Concert £673; Cheltenham trip £578; Table Top Sale £704.90; Grand Raffle £649.50 – Total £3483.40.

300 Plus Club Draw November 2017: 1st £50 (49) Patrick Pitman (C/0 Margaret Butler), 2nd £30 (187) Mrs M Blackwell, 3rd £20 (75) Kelly & Ben James (C/0 Jacqui Summers), 4th £10 (64) Ken Jenkins. **DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS DRAW)** will be drawn next Wednesday in Coffee Morning.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERTS: 14th December: 10 am Year 1 & 2; 2 pm Nursery & Reception
15th December: 10 am Nursery & Reception; 2 pm Year 1 & 2.

19th December: 2 pm & 6 pm Years 3 & 5. **20th December** 2 pm and 6 pm Years 4 & 6.

LLYNFI VALLEY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES – Saturday, 23rd December, 10.30 am, Christmas Pageant and Carols, Market Square. Please make a special effort to attend to give witness to our Valley of the TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2018: Request for volunteers from the Parish to support the Programme with the School. The programme to commence in January 2018; day and time to be arranged (after school day). Please contact the Head, Mrs Jacqui Phillips, on 815585, or call into Reception.