




## OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG ST. ROBERT ABERKENFIG

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<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> <b>17<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>  <b>Maesteg Retiring Collection</b> <b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b>	<b>Valerie Collins</b> <i>RIP (PC)</i> <b>People of the Parishes</b>
	<b>Maesteg 11 am</b>	<b>Eddie Buckley</b> <i>RIP (M&amp;f)</i> <b>Pitman &amp; Jones Families</b> <i>RIP (T&amp;AJ)</i> <i>Readers: Margaret Buckley &amp; Michael Banks</i> <b>BP Paul Donoghue</b>
	<b>Maesteg 4.45 pm</b>	<b>Edward, Don, Des &amp; Mahoney Families</b> <i>RIP KH</i> <i>Reader: Jessica BP Michael Lawler</i>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b>	<b>Maesteg 9 am</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Elizabeth Bumford</b> <i>RIP (R&amp;P)</i> <b>Daniel Pryce</b> <i>RIP (P&amp;CD)</i> <b>Reader: Tess White</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 12 noon</b>  <b>Maesteg 7 to 8 pm</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>  <i>"THE LIGHT IS ON" Confessions with</i> <i>visiting priests from the Deanery.</i>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 9.30 am</b>  <b>Aberkenfig 6.30 pm</b>	<b>Private Intention</b>  <b>Carols and Mince Pies</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b>	<b>Maesteg 9 am</b>	<b>John Kehoe</b> <i>RIP (KK)</i> <b>Michael &amp; Patrick Butler</b> <i>RIP (J&amp;PO'B &amp; MB)</i> <b>Reader: Kate Kehoe</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> of Advent</b>	<b>Maesteg 9 am</b>	<b>Nell &amp; Hayden Burns</b> <i>RIP (MLD)</i> <b>Tranquillo Tambini</b> <i>RIP (C&amp;TJ)</i> <b>Reader: Jacqui Summers</b>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b>	<b>Maesteg 9 am</b>	<b>Keane &amp; Carway Families</b> <i>RIP (S&amp;MK)</i> <b>Gwilym (Gill) Rees</b> <i>RIP (F&amp;VK)</i> <b>Reader: Maria Cahalane</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>   <b>Blessed Sacrament Lamp:</b> Sick of the Parish <b>Our Lady's Lamp:</b> Special Intention	<b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b>	<b>Lewis Family</b> <b>People of the Parishes</b>
	<b>Maesteg 11 am</b>	<b>Margaret Tew</b> <i>RIP (RT&amp;f)</i> <b>Michael Cleary</b> <i>RIP (AC)</i> <i>Readers: Keith Lewis &amp; Paul Donoghue</i> <b>BP Eileen Davies</b>

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES: MAESTEG:**

**6 pm Vigil Mass (Children's Mass):** Father John Meredith *RIP (MB&f)* Sheila Allan *RIP (MD)*  
**Readers:** Children and Teachers.

**10 pm Night Mass:** Ann, Jim & Keane/Carway families *RIP (C&E)* Thomas & Lucas families *RIP (ML)*  
**Readers:** Keith Lewis & Jacqui Summers. BP Eileen Davies.

**11 am Morning Mass:** Louise Ann Patricia, Lloyd & Teresa and the children of the Parish who have tragically died *RIP (V&FK)* **Readers:** Kelly Family.

**ABERKENFIG: 9 am Morning Mass:** Angelo Rossetti *RIP (Rf)*

**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 who have anniversaries at this time. 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 AND TIMES OF THE CHRISTMAS MASSES. Christmas Cards available today with Father Edmund's message to us all.
- LIGHT IS ON - ADVENT DEANERY CONFESSIONS  
Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 7 – 8 pm Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Maesteg
- Retiring Collection at all Christmas Masses our Christmas gift to Father Edmund.

**ARCHDIOCESAN MASS OF CELEBRATION FOR MARRIAGE SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> 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 advise Father Edmund or 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**

**COLLECTIONS:** 10.12.17 Gift Aid £69 Loose £108.30

**100 CLUB CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW** to take place next Wednesday after Carols and Mince Pies. New and renewed subscriptions will be welcome between February and April next Year.

**ADVENT DAY OF WORSHIP, FRIENDSHIP & REFLECTION :** thanks to those who supported this. £95 was raised and will be given to the Foodbank to buy food.

**FOODBANK:** please leave food in the box at the back of the church. This is taken each Thursday to the collection point in Aberkenfig. Thanks.

**CAROLS & MINCE PIES :** in the Church next Wednesday 20th December 6.30p.m.. All welcome.

**PARISH PRIZE DRAW :** Many thanks for the prizes and for selling tickets. Tickets still available after Mass. The draw will be made at our Carols and Mince Pies evening.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS:** it's that time again! Inside and outside work needed. Please come along on Thursday 21st December from 9a.m. and then we will clean our Church as we prepare for the Feast of the Nativity.

**CHURCH FLOWERS –** donations please for flowers to help decorate our Church for Christmas. Basket at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

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

**COLLECTIONS 3<sup>RD</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017:** Gift Aid £807; Planned/Loose £437.77.

**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 December 2017:** 1<sup>st</sup> £500 (256) Christopher & Jonathan 2<sup>nd</sup> £250 (167) Mrs J Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> £100 (182) Carol Woodhatch. £10 prizes (32) Rosemary Jones, (269) T R Harding, (106) Christine Evans, (184) Peter Walsh, (181) Veronica Brennan, (13) Gillian Williams.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERTS:**

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

**LLYNFI VALLEY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES –** Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**VIGIL MASS FOR CHRISTMAS IN WELSH** will be celebrated at St Teilo's Church, Old Church Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 1AD. All welcome at 4.30 pm on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December.