



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

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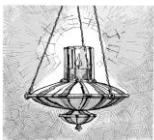
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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>2<sup>ND</sup> December 2018</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 9am</b>	<b>Father Dewi Davis RIP (BL)</b> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	<b>Maesteg 11 am</b>	<b>Paul and Jackie Waters RIP (SW)</b> Readers: Jacqui Summers & Bernard Rawlings BP Keith Lewis
	<b>Maesteg 4.45pm</b>	<b>Gwen, Doris &amp; Nellie RIP (CW)</b> Readers: Michelle Bumford BP: Grandchildren
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018</b> St Francis Xavier, Priest	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>	<b>Gill John RIP (AT&amp;f)</b> Reader: Tess White
	<b>Maesteg 11.15 am</b>	<b>Funeral Service Sheila Richards RIP</b>
	<b>Aberkenfig 7 pm</b>	<b>Advent Reflection Service</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	<b>Aberkenfig 6 pm</b> <b>Aberkenfig 7 pm Mass</b>	<b>Exposition &amp; Confession</b> <b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	<b>Maesteg 11.30 am</b>  <b>Maesteg 7 - 8 pm</b>	<b>Sheila Mary Bolger RIP (TB)</b> Reader: Bernard Rawlings  "LIGHT IS ON" (Exposition and Confessions)
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	<b>Aberkenfig 10 am</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> St Ambrose Bishop and Doctor of the Church	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>	<b>Colin Furlong RIP (EF)</b> Reader: Jacqui Summers
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	<b>Maesteg</b> <b>10 am - 12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Advent Reflection</b> <b>Pope's Intention (SVP)</b> Reader: Maria Cahalane
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>"Bible Sunday" 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>  <b>Our Lady &amp; St Patrick Parish</b> Blessed Sacrament Lamp: <i>Special Intention</i> Our Lady's Lamp: <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	<b>Aberkenfig 9am</b>	<b>Margaret Williams RIP (GW)</b> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	<b>Maesteg 11 am</b>	<b>Kathryn Richards RIP (GW&amp;f)</b> Readers: Keith Lewis & Maria Cahalane BP Eirlys Furlong
	<b>Maesteg 4.45 pm</b>	<b>Hayden &amp; Nel Burns RIP (MLD)</b> Readers: Michael Lawler BP: Angela Brennan



## **NOTICES**

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** Please keep in your prayers Sheila Richards and Sheila Kenny who have died recently. *May they rest in peace, Amen.* Please also remember their families at this sad time. In our daily prayers let us also remember deceased brothers and sisters who have gone before us on our pilgrimage of faith, especially those with Anniversaries at this time.

**ADVENT** is a season of devout and expectant delight. It has a twofold character, for it is first of all a period of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which we celebrate incarnation of the Son of God – Jesus Christ born to Humanity - is remembered. Secondly it is a time when by remembrance of the first coming of Christ, our minds and hearts are led to look forward to the second coming of Christ Jesus in Glory at the end of time, to Judge the living and the dead. In Faith, Hope and Love let us devout ourselves in preparation, with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our soul, to welcome Christ Jesus Our Lord and Saviour.

### **ADVENT SERVICES – ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm St. Robert Parish, Aberkenfig**  
**“Advent Reflection Service”**

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am, St Robert Parish, Aberkenfig**  
**“Advent Breakfast”**

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December from 7 - 8 pm, Our Lady & St Patrick Parish**  
**“The Light is On” *Exposition and Confessions with visiting Priests from the Deanery.***

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December from 10am - 12noon, Our Lady & St Patrick Parish**  
**“Advent Retreat/Recollection” (Afterwards there will be a ‘*Bring and Share*’ Refreshment/Lunch).**

**“Exposition and Confessions” at Our Lady & St. Patrick, Maesteg, every Saturday in Advent from 10.30am – 12noon.**

### **PARISH OF ST ROBERT ABERKENFIG**

**PARISH PRIZE DRAW** to raise some funds for Parish maintenance and bills. This is our only method of raising much needed funds to support the upkeep of our church building. If you are able could you supply a prize for the draw – a list is available in the porch to add your name. Tickets available. The Draw will take place on Friday Dec. 14th. Grateful thanks for your support.

**FOODBANK:** Food is collected weekly and taken on a Thursday to the collection point in Aberkenfig Community Church. Currently looking for jam, honey and sauce, tinned foods items and toiletries.

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

**BIRMINGHAM GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET DAY TRIP** - Sincere thanks to all who supported; an enjoyable day with great friends; realising £546 for Parish funds. **THANK YOU ALL!**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Two weeks to go! **PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND SELL YOUR TICKETS TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES. SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.** Draw takes place second Wednesday of December. **Tickets still available - please ask Deryk/Denis/Tess for them. Thanks.s**