



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

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<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>  <b>Both Parishes: Retiring Collection for</b> <b>The Sick &amp; Retired Clergy</b>  <i>Maesteg: Restoration Collection will be taken</i> <i>next Sunday – envelopes received today</i> <i>will be included .</i>	Aberkenfig 9am	<b>Syd Hollyman (WH)</b> <i>Faithful Departed</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	<b>Hilda Whitty RIP (NW)</b> <i>Faithful Departed</i> <b>Readers: Jacqui Summers &amp;</b> <b>Eileen Davies</b> <b>BP Bernard Rawlings</b>
	Maesteg 4.45pm	<b>Martin &amp; Catherine Burns RIP (MLD)</b> <small>People of the Parishes</small> <b>Readers: Angela Brennan</b> <b>BP: Michael Lawler</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b> <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 11 Week 33</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Ralph &amp; Winnie Cornish RIP (MB&amp;F)</b> <i>Faithful Departed</i> <b>Reader: Tess White</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b> <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 11 Week 33</b>	Aberkenfig	NO MASS
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018</b> <b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Louise Ann Patricia RIP (Kf)</b> <i>Faithful Departed</i> <b>Reader: Family</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018</b> <b>St Cecilia</b>	Aberkenfig 10 am	<b>Faithful Departed</b> <i>Blessing of the Cemetery after Mass</i>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018</b> <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 11 Week 33</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Gill John RIP (KK)</b> <i>Faithful Departed</i> <b>Reader: Kate Kehoe</b>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b> <b>St Andrew Dung-Lac</b>	Maesteg 10 am  10.30 am to 11 am	<b>Marjorie Barnes RIP (MB&amp;F)</b> <i>Faithful Departed</i> <b>Reader: Maria Cahalane</b> <i>Confessions with</i> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ</b> <b>King of the Universe – Year B</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> November 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>	Aberkenfig 9am	<b>Deceased Members of Keane Family RIP (KR)</b> <i>Faithful Departed</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	<b>Thomas &amp; Margaret Maloney &amp;</b> <b>Maldwyn Hughes RIP (PH)</b> <i>Faithful Departed</i> <b>Readers: Keith Lewis &amp;</b> <b>Maria Cahalane</b> <b>BP Eirlys Furlong</b>
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	<b>Gwen Richards RIP (CW)</b> <small>People of the Parishes</small> <b>Readers: Michael Lawler</b> <b>BP: Michelle Bumford</b>



# NOTICES

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** Please keep in your prayers Maureen Blackwell who has died recently. *May she rest in peace, Amen.* Please also remember her family at this sad time. In our daily prayers let us also remember our heroes who died in War conflicts, our faithful departed and our deceased brothers and sisters who have gone before us on our pilgrimage of faith, especially those with Anniversaries at this time.

**Prayer for the Holy Souls:** In a vision to the Benedictine Nun, St Gertrude the Great, Our Lord said that the following prayer would release 1000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said. The Prayer was later extended to include living sinners as well:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

**Annual Parish Requiem Mass:** Grateful thanks to all who were able to attend to pray for the eternal repose of the souls of our departed brothers and sisters. God love you all.

**Sick and retired Clergy Fund:** Thank you for your generous donations towards the sick and clergy fund. Envelopes at the back of the Church for the sick and retired Clergy Fund, taken up at the Retiring Collections today. Tax Payers are encouraged to Gift Aid their donations at no Extra cost to them.

## BE A PART OF THE ON-GOING DISCUSSION WITHIN THE CHURCH

**TWO ADVENT EVENINGS** at Church Hall, Our Lady Star of the Sea RC Church, New Road, Porthcawl. CF36 5BN. All Parishioners from our Deanery are invited.

**Thursday 6th December 2018 - 7pm. Amoris Laetitia Feedback - World Meeting of Families Dublin August 2018 with Pope Francis.** "What is the Church saying to us today about 'Family'". Joanne White, Family Commission, Cardiff, will be sharing her experiences of this Meeting and how we as a Parish/Deanery/Archdiocese could help to move these ideas forward.

**Thursday 13th December 2018 - 7pm. 'Adoremus' - National Eucharistic Congress - Liverpool - September 2018** where over 10,000 Catholics came together from all over Britain. Deacon Philip Manghan will advise on this congress and the implications it has for us as a Parish/Deanery/Archdiocese.

## 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** - NEXT Saturday, 24th November. Leave Our Lady and St Patrick's, Commercial Street, 7.45 pm, calling at Aberkenfig; returning 5.30 pm.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** This is a great opportunity to raise funds if each Parish family would just sell an envelope of raffle tickets to friends, family members, a work colleague, or anyone you know, it will be possible to raise £2000. Draw takes place second Wednesday of December. Tickets still available (if you cannot sell them all return with your sold tickets). Thank you for your continued support.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE – Maesteg Town Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 -10 am to 1 pm:**

We shall be fundraising for Our Lady and St Patrick's as part of the Christmas Fayre at the Town Hall, by repeating the very successful 'TOMBOLA', Children's 'BRAN TUB' and CAKE STALL as staged in 2017. We, therefore, request your support by donating inexpensive items for these stalls over the next two weeks. Please see the posters in the porch for donation idea. Anyone able to make cakes/pastries for the stalls please advise Margaret Buckley, Michael Banks or Tess White.

**Parish Development and Maintenance:** Repair Works on the Balcony of the Presbytery is on-going. Thanks for your support in praying for a good weather for the past weeks. Your continuous support in prayer and contributions/donations for general maintenance and development of the Parish would be very much appreciated. God Love you all.

**Congratulations and every blessing to Veronica Brennan who recently celebrated a special birthday.**