



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

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3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday 16th December 2018 Retiring Collection Maesteg Christmas Flowers	Aberkenfig 9am <i>St Robert's School</i> <i>join Parishioners for Mass</i>	Valerie Collins RIP (PC) People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Matthew Morgan RIP (L&AM) Edward Buckley RIP (M&F) Readers: Paul Donoghue & Margaret Buckley BP Maria Browne
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Edward, Don, Des & Mahoney Family RIP (KH) Readers: Michelle Bumford and family
Monday 17th December 2018 3rd Week of Advent	Maesteg 10 am	Peggy & Jim Ronan RIP (TB) Reader: Tess White
Tuesday 18th December 2018 3rd Week of Advent	Aberkenfig 6 pm Aberkenfig 7 pm Mass	Exposition & Confessions Baby Adonia RIP John & Mary Sullivan RIP
Wednesday 19th December 2018 3rd Week of Advent	Maesteg 10 am End of Term Mass	Tom & Elizabeth Bumford RIP (R&P) Readers: Children
Thursday 20th December 2018 3rd Week of Advent	Aberkenfig 10 am	Holy Souls
Friday 21st December 2018 3rd Week of Advent	Maesteg 10 am	John Kehoe RIP (KK) Reader: Keith Lewis
Saturday 22nd December 2018 3rd Week of Advent	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am - 12 noon	Ann Cleary RIP (W/Df) Reader: Maria Cahalane Confessions and Exposition
4th Sunday of Advent 23rd December 2018 Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: <i>Special Intention</i> Our Lady's Lamp: <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	Aberkenfig 9am	Kenneth & Mark James RIP Baby Adonia RIP People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Gill John RIP (ML&F) Readers: Keith Lewis & Maria Cahalane BP Eileen Davies
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Margaret Tew RIP (R&F) Nance & Terry Hayes RIP (PT&S) Readers: Michael Lawler & Angela Brennan

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2018

Christmas Vigil Masses Monday 24th December:
Christmas Night Mass
Christmas Day Mass Tuesday 25th December
St. Stephen's Day Mass Wednesday 26th December

Our Lady & St. Patrick 4.30pm; St. Robert 7pm
 Our Lady & St. Patrick 10pm
 St. Robert 9am; Our Lady & St. Patrick 11am;
 Our Lady & St. Patrick 10 am

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Please keep in your prayers Father John Owen who died peacefully on Wednesday, 12th December 2018. *May he rest in peace, Amen. Funeral arrangements to be advised.*

THE LORD IS NEAR: Through the intercession of the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary, may the Lord clear a pathway in our heart for Christ Jesus, His only begotten Son, so that at His coming we may serve Him in sincerity of heart and let Him take His rightful place in our life. Let us prepare a pleasant dwelling place in our heart for Christ Jesus, that the Lord of all may enter with Love and bless us with peace and joy.

There will be Exposition and Confessions at St. Robert, Aberkenfig, on Tuesday 18th December from 6pm – 7pm and at Our Lady & St. Patrick, Maesteg, on Saturday 22nd December from 10.30am – 12noon.

Beloved, there is still a great opportunity for you to surrender yourself to the Mercy of God, that you may escape His final judgement when He comes in Glory.

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PARISH FUNDRAISING: Our sincere thanks goes to the Fundraising Team and patrons of the Parish **FOR RAISING FUNDS FOR THE PARISH:**

- Community Day Trip to Birmingham German Christmas Market - £546.00
- Table top sale in The Town Hall last Saturday - £539.00. *May God richly bless you all.*

CHRISTMAS PROMOTION – HOMEMADE PLUM PUDDINGS, AVAILABLE FROM TODAY £2.50. IDEAL FOR CHRISTMAS DESERT/PART OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS .

CHRISTMAS CANDLES (WHITE OR RED) available at the back of Church, £3 each.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: 1st Gaynor O'Neill, 2nd Greg O'Neill, 3rd Keith Lewis, 4th Aiden Carson, 5th Steve Hughes, 6th Rhiann, 7th Cliff Parry, 8th Tess White, 9th Gillian Sullivan. Contact details on the notice board. **SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

300 PLUS CLUB NOVEMBER: 1ST 275 Margaret Whitty, 2nd 295 Gerald Jenkins, 3rd 230 Carol Woodhatch, 4th Leah C/O Paula Davies. **DECEMBER DRAW – WITH THE EXTRA SPECIAL PRIZES TAKES PLACE THIS WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER AT COFFEE MORNING.**

TRIP TO PARIS WITH OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PORTHCAWL (8 PLACES): 8TH April to 12th April 2019. £389 cost. Trips to Monet Gardens and Versailles. Contact Mary Rees on Porthcawl 784993.

PARISH OF ST ROBERT'S ABERKENFIG

COLLECTIONS: 7th October to 9th December 2018: Gift Aid £1273.30 Loose £938.81 CAFOD £148 , Macmillan Cancer Care £34.52, Retired Clergy £135.

ADVENT AFTERNOON TEA: tomorrow 17th Dec. at 2p.m. in the Sacristy. Tickets are £5 each available at the back of the Church. There will also be a fun, Advent quiz sheet to complete if you wish. Prize Draw will also take place.

CAROL SERVICE: this Wednesday 19th Dec. at 7p.m. in St. Robert's. All welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS: on Friday 21st December from 9a.m. to prepare our Church for the Nativity of Our Lord. Please come along to help if you have some time to spare.

FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS: basket at the back of the Church if you would like to give a donation.

FOODBANK: food is collected weekly and taken on a Thursday to the collection point in Aberkenfig Community Church. Christmas groceries would be welcome.

ROTAS: new rotas available at the back of the Church. If you have time to spare for Church cleaning or helping with the flowers we would appreciate more help. Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church if you would like more information.

