



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

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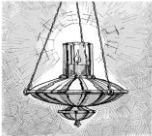
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<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Expectant Mothers' Sunday</b>  <b>23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018</b>  <b>Retiring Collection Maesteg</b> <b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 9am</b>	<b>Kenneth &amp; Mark James <i>RIP</i></b> <b>Baby Adonia <i>RIP</i></b> <b><i>People of the Parishes</i></b>
	<b>Maesteg 11 am</b>	<b>Gill John <i>RIP</i> (ML&amp;f)</b> <b>Readers: Keith Lewis &amp; Maria Cahalane</b> <b>BP Eileen Davies</b>
	<b>Maesteg 4.45pm</b>	<b>Margaret Tew <i>RIP</i> (R&amp;f)</b> <b>Nance &amp; Terry Hayes <i>RIP</i> (PT&amp;S)</b> <b>Readers: Lucy and Jessica</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 2018</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>	<b>Ann &amp; Mick Cleary <i>RIP</i> (L&amp;f)</b> <b>Reader: Tess White</b>
<b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL</b> <b>Children of our Primary Schools will join</b> <b>in the celebration of Vigil Masses</b> <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>  <b>NIGHT MASS</b> <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>  <b>DAY MASS</b> <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>	<b>Maesteg 4.30 pm</b>  <b>Aberkenfig 7 pm</b>  <b>Maesteg 10 pm</b>  <b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b>  <b>Maesteg 11 am</b>	<b>Pupils, Staff &amp; Governors of our Schools</b> <b>People of the Parishes</b> <b><i>Readers and Offertory Procession: Children</i></b>  <b>Angelo Rossetti &amp; Maris Whitty <i>RIP</i></b> <b>Took &amp; Carey Families</b>  <b>Mary, Ron, Irene &amp; Aidan <i>RIP</i> (MTB)</b> <b>Elizabeth &amp; James Banks <i>RIP</i> (MB)</b> <b>Terry Furlong &amp; Wears Family <i>RIP</i> (EF)</b> <b><i>Readers:</i> Maria Browne &amp; Jacqui Summers</b> <b>BP: Eirlys Furlong</b>  <b>Jules &amp; Renea Lagaule <i>RIP</i></b>  <b>Louise Ann Patricia, Lloyd &amp; Teresa,</b> <b>Alex &amp; Bethan and children of the</b> <b>Parish who have tragically died <i>RIP</i></b> <b><b>READERS:</b> Kelly Family</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> <b>St Stephen The First Martyr</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b> <b><i>Renewal of Altar</i></b> <b><i>Servers Promises</i></b>	<b>Father John Meredith <i>RIP</i> (MB&amp;f)</b> <b>Ralph &amp; Winnie Cornish <i>RIP</i> (MB)</b> <b>Reader: Maria Cahalane</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> <b>St John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> <b>The Holy Innocents Martyrs</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>  <b>Maesteg 12 noon</b>	<b>Connie Maroney <i>RIP</i> (TM)</b> <b>Reader: Keith Lewis</b>  <b>Sacrament of Matrimony</b> <b>Danielle O'Neill &amp; Lloyd Price</b>

<p align="center"><b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> Fifth day within the Octave of Christmas</p>	<p><b>Maesteg 10 am</b></p>	<p><b>Paddy, Michael &amp; Janet Butler <i>RIP</i> (BF)</b> Reader: Maria Cahalane</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</p>  <p><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></p>	<p><b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b></p>	<p><b>Thanksgiving (BL)</b> <i>People of the Parishes</i></p>
	<p><b>Maesteg 11 am</b></p>	<p><b>Bob McGee <i>RIP</i> (J&amp;AB)</b> Readers: Jacqui Summers &amp; Bernard Rawlings BP Maria Browne</p>
	<p><b>Maesteg 4.45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Marjorie Barnes <i>RIP</i> (MB&amp;f)</b> Readers: Michael Lawler &amp; Angela Brennan</p>

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr. John Owen**. His body will be received into Nazareth House on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 4.30pm. The Funeral Mass will take place in Nazareth House Chapel on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon. May he rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS AT ALL MASSES: Our gift to Father Edmund.**

### Christmas Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

May the Peace and Joy of Christ Jesus Our Lord be with you.

I give thanks and praise to God first of all and to all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in this Parish.

My joy will be complete when each one of us personally comes to an encounter with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through the Sacred mysteries.

“Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with Him and he with me.” (Rev.3:20)

It is with grateful and joyful heart that I bring you Christmas love and blessings, that through the power of the Holy Spirit you may rediscover the beauty, unity, goodness and truth of the Gospel which bring Hope, Peace and Joy to all.

In the Liturgy of the Christmas Season, I invite you to open your heart and with love, actively participate in the celebration of the Word and Sacrament, with all your mind, soul and body, that the Lord may find a pleasant-dwelling place.

“If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our home with him.” (John 14:23)

I entrust you and your entire family to the intercession of the Blessed Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and all the Holy Angels and Saints this Christmas and the coming Year 2019.

I wish you a Holy and Happy Christmas with the Lord's abundant blessings and favours for the New Year. God Love you!

Yours in the service of Christ,

Fr. Edmund Neizer