



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

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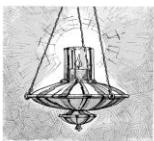
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<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> <b>Solemnity of the</b> <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>  <b>Retiring Collection Maesteg</b> <b>Levy Fund</b>	Aberkenfig 9am	<b>Charles Downey <i>RIP</i></b> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Patrick, Michael & Janet <i>RIP</i> (Bf) Readers: Paul Donoghue & Maria Browne BP Eileen Davies
	Maesteg 4.45pm	<b>Sinnott family <i>RIP</i> (CW)</b> Readers: Michelle, Stephanie & family.
<b>Monday after the Epiphany</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Linda Evans <i>RIP</i> (TW)</b> Reader: Tess White
<b>Tuesday after the Epiphany</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	Aberkenfig 6 pm  Aberkenfig 7 pm	<b>Exposition and Confessions</b>  <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>John Lowe <i>RIP</i></b>
<b>Wednesday after the Epiphany</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Elizabeth Rawlings <i>RIP</i> (B&amp;G)</b> <b>Reader: Bernard Rawlings</b>
<b>Thursday after the Epiphany</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	Aberkenfig 10 am  Maesteg 6 pm	<b>Matthew Morgan <i>RIP</i> (LM)</b>  <b>Reception of body of Glenys Pulvirenti <i>RIP</i></b>
<b>Friday after the Epiphany</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	Maesteg 10.30 am	<b>Requiem Mass</b> <b>Glenys Pulvirenti <i>RIP</i></b>
<b>Saturday after the Epiphany</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	Maesteg 10 am  10.30 am to 12 noon	<b>Peter &amp; Catherine Codd <i>RIP</i> (C&amp;TJ)</b> Reader: Maria Cahalane  <b>Confessions and Exposition</b>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</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 9 am	<b>Paddy Bailey <i>RIP</i></b> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Patrick (Paddy) McGee <i>RIP</i> Readers: Keith Lewis & Jacqui Summers BP Bernard Rawlings
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	<b>Sheila Allan <i>RIP</i> (MD)</b> Readers: Michael Lawler & Angela Brennan



## NOTICES

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Glenys Pulvirenti, Peter John Harpur, Bernard David Williams, William John Smith. May they rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory. Please pray for them and their families at this sad time.

### **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:**

#### **Our Lady & St. Patrick Parish Church**

**Glenys Pulvirenti** RIP received on Thursday 10th January at 6 pm, Requiem Mass Friday 11th January at 10.30 am.

**Peter John Harpur** RIP received on Tuesday 15th January at 7 pm, Requiem Mass Wednesday 16th January at 10.30 am; Coychurch Crematorium 12 noon.

**Bernard David Williams** RIP Funeral Service Thursday 17th January at 1.45 pm, Coychurch Crematorium 2.45 pm.  
**Coychurch Crematorium - William John Smith** RIP Funeral Service 11 am.

**MY APPRECIATION:** I express my sincerest gratitude to all who worked hard to make the Christmas celebrations special for both Parishes; cleaning and decorating the Churches, arranging things and providing music for the liturgy and participating in the celebrations.

I thank you sincerely for your cards, presents, good wishes and Christmas offerings. May the Good Lord richly bless you all and multiply your generosity a hundredfold for you and all your loved ones in the year 2019 and beyond. God love you! *Fr. Edmund.*

## **OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK PARISH**

**FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:** *GRATEFUL THANKS* to all the organisers and Patrons for raising the following funds for the Parish throughout the year: COFFEE MORNING raised from January to June £444.50, from 20th June – 19th December 2018, £993.00 – total £1437.50; Ladies Guild £601, BUS TRIPS 2018 £1525.30; Red Boxes £183; Christmas Fayre Town Hall £539; Easter Raffle £241.33; Christmas Raffle £1060.45.

**300 PLUS CLUB 2018:** Monies raised £3720, *Prize money for 2018 £2010, £1710 profit for Parish funds.*

In 2018 membership reduced to 310 members from 360 in 2016, due to the loss of our committed Parishioners and friends (RIP), *this reduced revenue for Parish by £600.* New members welcome - please consider joining for 2019, only costs £1 per month, £12 per year.

*What buys us £1 per month?; however, your £1 means a lot to support our Church.*

The 300 Plus Team will be available from Sunday, 20th January for members to pick up their 2019 cards and to register new members.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Too many! DUPLICATED! Please consider recycling for Fundraising – container available from next Sunday.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS 2<sup>ND</sup> December to 23<sup>RD</sup> December 2018:** Gift Aid £1449, Planned/Loose £582.61, Levy £135.80, Restoration £302.58 plus Funeral Donation of £200, Flowers £298.11, Steps £32.60. Collection also taken in December for SVP Christmas Vouchers, to be advised. *Thanks for your continued support to Parish giving.*

## **ST ROBERT PARISH ABERKENFIG**

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** 16th to 30th December 2018: Gift Aid £361, Loose £342.87, Christmas Flowers £52.55.

**100 CLUB WINNERS:** 1st £85 Mr. & Mrs. Braithwaite (181), 2nd £35 Mrs. M.D. Morgan (85),

3rd £20 S. Benjamin (120), 4th £10 Mr. T. Burt (65), 5th £10 Mrs. K. Rossetti (11)

**FUNDRAISING:** Amounts raised - Christmas raffle £552, Advent breakfast £51, Advent Tea £65,

Sunday Tea / Coffee after Mass during 2018 £80. *Many thanks for your support.*

**FOODBANK:** food is collected weekly and taken on a Thursday to the collection point in Aberkenfig Community Church. If you have unwanted food (still in date) left after Christmas then please consider donating it to the Foodbank.

**TEA/COFFEE** next Sunday after Mass. ALL WELCOME.

