



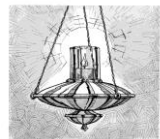
**NEWSLETTER**  
**THE PARISHES OF**  
**OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG**  
**ST. ROBERT ABERKENFIG**

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<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>YEAR C</b>  <b>Retiring Collection Maesteg</b> <b>Maintenance Fund</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 9am</b>	<b>Marcia Rogers <i>RIP</i></b>
	<b>Maesteg 11 am</b>	<b>Rita Catt <i>RIP (L&amp;S)</i></b> <b>People of the Parishes</b> <b>Readers: Tess White &amp;</b> <b>Jacqui Summers</b> <b>BP Eirlys Furlong</b>
	<b>Maesteg 4.45pm</b>	<b>Arthur Roy Richards <i>RIP (CW)</i></b> <b>Readers: Michael Lawler</b> <b>BP Angela Brennan</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b> <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I Week 7</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>	<b>Ann and Jim Keane <i>RIP (E&amp;C&amp;f)</i></b> <b>Reader: Jacqui Summers</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b> <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I Week 7</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 6 pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass – Private Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b> <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I Week 7</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>	<b>Frank Davies <i>RIP (F&amp;K)</i></b> <b>Reader: Eirlys Furlong</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b> <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I Week 7</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 10 am</b>  <b>Maesteg 12.30 pm</b> <i>Interment Maesteg Cemetery</i>	<b>Kathy Tipping <i>RIP</i></b>  <b>REQUIEM MASS</b> <b>Joe Dwyer <i>RIP</i></b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019</b> <b>St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>	<b>Linda Evans &amp; Howard Evans <i>RIP (TW)</i></b> <b>Reader: Tess White</b>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019</b> <b>Memorial Our Blessed Lady</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b> <b>10.30 – 11 am</b>	<b>Richard McCormack <i>RIP (TP)</i></b> <b>Exposition and Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> <b>Day of Prayer for the Unemployed</b> <b>Our Lady &amp; St Patrick Parish</b> <b>Blessed Sacrament Lamp:</b> <i>Special Intention</i> <b>Our Blessed Lady's Lamp:</b> <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	<b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b>	<b>People of the Parishes</b>
	<b>Maesteg 11 am</b>	<b>Michael Harpur <i>RIP (M&amp;f)</i></b> <b>Readers: Paul Donoghue &amp;</b> <b>Maria Browne</b> <b>BP Eileen Davies</b>
	<b>Maesteg 4.45 pm</b>	<b>Tranquillo Tambini <i>RIP (MT)</i></b> <b>Readers: Michelle Bumford</b> <b>BP Stephanie Davies</b>



**ETERNAL REST:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Dwyer, *RIP*.

May he rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory. Our prayers and sincere sympathies go to his bereaved family.

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** Instructions have commenced. If anyone is considering entering the Catholic Church or requires more information, please contact me. *Father Edmund.*

**CYCLE OF PRAYER:** *TODAY WE PRAY FOR THE PARISH OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, SAINT FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL.*

**FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES:** Our Parishes need individuals to come together as a group to read and discuss 'Forming intentional Disciples' in preparation for the Conference in the Archdiocese of Cardiff in June 2019. Interested Parishioners should give their names to Fr. Edmund.

**Message from the Archdiocese: *Forming Intentional Disciples:*** On Saturday, June 15th 2019, Sherry Weddell will be running a day of workshops for the Diocese drawing on her extensive research into the 'thresholds' or 'stages' that people go through when becoming disciples of Jesus Christ. In preparation for her visit to the Diocese, parishes are starting to run 'Forming Intentional Disciples' or 'FID' groups in their parish or region. The Cathedral is running a reading and discussing group, beginning on Friday, February 22nd from 11am to 12.15pm in the Cornerstone, opposite the Cathedral. This group will run for six weeks, ending on Friday, March 29th. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact

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**"LET THE GOOD YOU DO LIVE AFTER YOU"**

The Bequests brochure and information circulated with the February edition of Catholic People is an extension of the "Bequests Fortnight" instituted by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales last Autumn. Bequests are a vital source of income for all charities – not least the Church. As well enabling good work to be carried on in the donors' memory, charitable bequests can also reduce the tax liability due on many estates. Remembering that the wording of a will is very important. The Diocesan Treasurer is able to advise on bequests to parishes so that they do not fail if ever challenged.

**Be pleased to leave a legacy in your WILL in support of the work of the Lord in His Holy Church.**

**Flame 2019**

**Flame 2019 is the biggest Catholic Youth Event in the UK. It is taking place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 at Wembley Arena in London. This national Catholic Youth Event is a fantastic opportunity for the young people of our Archdiocese to come together to celebrate their faith with thousands of other young Catholics from across the UK and Ireland. This is an ideal event for our Parishes to bring their young people journeying towards Confirmation. If there is enough interest a coach will be booked. The cost to include travel would be £50.00 per person. Further information can be found on the website:**

**<https://cymfed.org.uk>. In the event that you are interested in attending, please contact Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 or email [christianmahoney2@gmail.com](mailto:christianmahoney2@gmail.com)**

**OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK PARISH**

**FORTHCOMING PROJECT:** It has been decided that the Parish Office and the 'Lounge' should be opened through to serve as a meeting place for social gatherings. Your prayers, suggestions, support and contributions in various ways to help achieve this goal would be very much appreciated.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Our Primary School are introducing to our children craft skills. Volunteers are needed please to help teach our children various craft skills; e.g. knitting, crochet, embroidery, etc. The programme will start on Friday morning, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 for 5 weeks. Please contact the Head, Mrs Phillips, on 815585. Your help will be very much appreciated.

**300 PLUS CLUB 2019:** The 300 Plus Team are available at each Mass again today for members to pick up their 2019 cards and to register new members. *Sincere thanks.*

**PARISH OF ST ROBERT ABERKENFIG**

**COLLECTIONS:** 17.2.19 Gift Aid £280 Loose £114.87.

**FOODBANK:** following items would be appreciated: soup, tinned veg, corned beef, tinned meat, custard, rice pud, biscuits, curry sauce, sanitary goods, cartons of UHT milk and fruit juice. Food is collected weekly at the back of the Church and taken on a Thursday to the collection point in Aberkenfig Community Church.

**100 CLUB FOR 2019:** Subscriptions are now being taken. £12 for the year. Envelopes available at the back of the Church. If you are not a member and would like to join please speak to Bill Ennis.