

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




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Sunday 3rd February 2019 4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Retiring Collection Maesteg Levy Fund	Aberkenfig 9am	Sr Anselma RIP (MG) <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Jackie & Paul Waters RIP (SW) Readers: Maria Browne & Eileen Davies BP Jacqui Summers
	Maesteg 4.45pm Family Mass	Mal Stokes RIP (MB&f) Readers: Families
Monday 4th February 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I Week 4	Maesteg 10 am	Patrick, Michael & Janet Butler RIP (M&f) Reader: Tess White
Tuesday 5th February 2019 St Agatha	Aberkenfig 10 am	Tom & Neil Caulfield & Canon Francis Moran RIP
Wednesday 23rd 6th February 2019 St Paul Miki & Companions	Maesteg 10 am	Brian Maddock & Maddock Family RIP (A&R) Sister Jean Ryan RIP (KK) Reader: Kate Kehoe
Thursday 7th February 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I Week 4	NO MASS	
Friday 8th February 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I Week 4	Maesteg 10 am	Pamela Jenkins RIP (CJ) Margaret & Edwin Jenkins RIP) Reader: Jacqui Summers
Saturday 9th February 2019 Memorial Our Blessed Lady	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am to 12 noon	Special Intention - Pat Umney Rina Bolton RIP Reader: Maria Cahalane <i>Confessions and Exposition</i>
 Sunday 10th February 2019 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: <i>Special Intention</i> Our Lady's Lamp: <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	Aberkenfig 9 am	Rev Father John Owen RIP <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Pitman & Jones families RIP (T&A) Readers: Paul Donoghue & Maria Cahalane BP Bernard Rawlings
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Gary Donoghue & Kathleen & Daniel Donnolly RIP (ND) Readers: Angela Brennan BP Michael Lawler

NOTICES

ETERNAL REST: We pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Harpur, Kevin Bolger, Keith Drake. May they rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory. Our prayers and sincere sympathies go to their bereaved families.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: We are asked each week to pray for a different Parish and its Clergy in our Archdiocese (as designated by the Liturgy Commission). As individual Parishes struggle, we need more and more the prayer and support of each other. Each Sunday the Parish to be prayed for will be included in the PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL and also the Weekly Newsletter.

**TODAY WE PRAY FOR SAINT ALBAN-on-the MOORS SPLOTT PARISH
ST ALBAN'S 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 madeleine.walters@rcadc.org or fbcallus@aol.com

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CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: Saturday, 16th February 2019 at 2 pm followed by the light refreshments in School Hall. All married couples welcome. Please contact Michelle Bumford.

PARISH MEETING: Grateful thanks to all who attended. Your support and financial contributions in raising funds for the past year towards the maintenance of the Steps, Presbytery and Balcony of the house is very much appreciated.

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.

Our sincere thanks go to Seamus & Marina Keane for the many years of committed service to the Parish in the counting of the weekly collections. We will be very grateful to welcome new volunteers to help with the counting of the weekly collections as Seamus and Marina brings their services to an end.

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, 8th March 2019 for 5 weeks. Please contact the Head, Mrs Phillips, on 815585. Your help will be very much appreciated.

300 PLUS CLUB 2019: Thanks for your continued support and to the Parishioners who have recently joined. New members still very much appreciated; are any of your family or friends interested? What buys us £1 per month?; however, your £1 means a lot to support our Church. 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.*

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COLLECTIONS 20/27TH January 2019: Gift Aid £201, Loose £183.43.

TEA/COFFEE: After Mass next Sunday in the Sacristy. All welcome.

100 CLUB FOR 2019: Subscriptions £12 per year, envelopes available at the back of Church. If you would like to join please speak to Bill Ennis.

FOODBANK: Food collected weekly; container available back of Church, taken on Thursdays to Aberkenfig Community Church.