

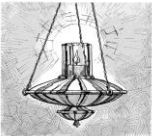


NEWSLETTER
THE PARISHES OF
OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG
ST. ROBERT ABERKENFIG

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Sunday 10th February 2019 5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C Retiring Collection Maesteg Maintenance Fund	Aberkenfig 9am	Rev Father John Owen <i>RIP</i> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Pitman & Jones families <i>RIP (T&A)</i> Readers: Paul Donoghue & Maria Cahalane BP Bernard Rawlings
	Maesteg 4.45pm Family Mass	Gary Donoghue & Kathleen & Daniel Donnolly <i>RIP (ND)</i> Readers: Angela Brennan BP Michael Lawler
Monday 11th February 2019 Our Lady of Lourdes	Maesteg 10 am	Maureen and Jack Jenkins <i>RIP (C&TJ)</i> Reader: Tess White
Tuesday 12th February 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I Week 5	Aberkenfig 6 pm	John & Mary Sullivan <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 13th February 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I Week 5	Maesteg 10 am	Elizabeth Bumford <i>RIP (R&P)</i> Reader: Michelle Bumford
Thursday 14th February 2019 St Cyril	Aberkenfig 10 am	Holy Mass – Private Intention
	Aberkenfig 11 am	Funeral Service Barry Hamilton <i>RIP</i>
Friday 15th February 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I Week 5	NO MASS	
Saturday 16th February 2019 Memorial Our Blessed Lady	Maesteg 10 am	Liz Browne <i>RIP (MTB)</i> Reader: Maria Browne <i>Confessions and Exposition</i>
	10.30 am to 12 noon	
	Maesteg 2 pm	<i>Holy Mass: Celebration of Marriage</i>
 Sunday 17th February 2019 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Racial Justice Sunday Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: <i>Special Intention</i> Our Blessed Lady's Lamp: <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	Aberkenfig 9 am	Billy, Molly & Liam Stocking and Marcia Rogers <i>RIP</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Sheila & Alex Morgan <i>RIP (C&DJ)</i> <i>People of the Parishes</i> Readers: Keith Lewis & Jacqui Summers BP Eirllys Furlong
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Marjorie Barnes <i>RIP (PS&T)</i> Readers: Michelle Bumford BP Stephanie Davies

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

FUNERAL DETAILS:

- Barry Hamilton – Funeral Service, St Robert Parish, 11 am, Thursday, 14th February 2019 at 11 am.
Our Lady & St Patrick Parish:
- Francis Thomas Davies (Frank) - to be received into Church Sunday 17th February at 6 pm.
Requiem Mass Monday, 18th February 2019 at 10.30 am followed by interment at Maesteg Cemetery.
- Michael John Harpur - to be received into Church Wednesday, 20th February 2019 at 6 pm.
Requiem Mass Thursday 21st February at 11.30 am followed by Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15 pm.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: TODAY WE PRAY FOR THE PARISHES OF SAINT BRIGID WITH SAINT PAUL CYNCOED & CHRIST THE KING LLANISHEN, CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL, CORPUS CHRISTI HIGH SCHOOL AND SAINT DAVID'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE.

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

"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.

OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK PARISH

GRATITUDE: 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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: 20th & 27th January, 3rd February 2019: Gift Aid£1011, Planned Giving/Loose £580.96, Restoration £355.90, Steps £81, Maintenance £160.45, Levy £138.70.

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.*

THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE END OF FEBRUARY 2019.

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COLLECTIONS 3RD February 2019: Gift Aid £164, Loose £97.20.

TEA/COFFEE: After Mass TODAY 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. **JANUARY DRAW:** 1st Alice Card (121), 2nd Mr A Davey (3), 3rd F N Howells (9)