



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

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Sunday 24th March 2019 3rd Sunday of Lent Retiring Collection Maesteg Restoration Fund	Aberkenfig 9am	Kenneth & Mark James <i>RIP (RJ)</i> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Patrick Butler <i>RIP (MB&f)</i> Readers: Maria Cahalane and Jacqui Summers BP Maria Browne
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Connie Williams <i>RIP (CW)</i> Readers: Angela Brennan BP Michael Lawler
Monday 25th March 2019 The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)	Maesteg 10 am	Connie Maroney <i>RIP (TM)</i> Reader: Jacqui Summers
Tuesday 26th March 2019 3rd week of Lent	Aberkenfig 10 am Llantwit Major 7 pm – 8 pm	Private Intention Deanery Reconciliation/Confessions
Wednesday 27th March 2019 3rd Week of Lent	Maesteg 9.30 am Maesteg 10.30 am Maesteg 1 pm	Mary & Sel Thomas <i>RIP (ML)</i> Reader: Eirlys Furlong School Reconciliation/Confessions Funeral Service Terence Kevin Simmons <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 28th March 2019 3rd Week of Lent	Aberkenfig 10 am	Private Intention
Friday 29th March 2019 3rd Week of Lent	Maesteg 10 am	Thanksgiving (Parishioners) for support to Mary Dwyer & Family Special Intention (E&MD) Reader: Tess White
Saturday 30th March 2019 3rd Week of Lent	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 - 12 noon	Sean Edwards <i>RIP (L&S)</i> Ted Treleven <i>RIP (AT)</i> Reader: Maria Browne Exposition and Confessions
Sunday 31st March 2019 4th Sunday of Lent Laetare 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	Tim & Norah Jones <i>RIP</i> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Thanksgiving 60th Wedding Anniversary David & Eileen Horton New Zealand Readers: Paul Donoghue and Maria Browne BP Jacqui Summers
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Connie Williams <i>RIP (C&P)</i> Readers: Michelle Bumford BP Ezme Davies

NOTICES

CYCLE OF PRAYER: TODAY WE PRAY FOR THE PARISH OF SAINT JOSEPH, PENARTH AND SAINT MARY, DINAS POWYS, Marie Curie Holme Tower Hospice, Llandough Hospital, Saint Joseph Primary School, Saint Richard Gwyn High School,

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN REFLECTIONS every Friday of Lent at 6pm at Our Lady & St. Patrick Church, Maesteg. **All are cordially invited.**

"24 HOURS FOR THE LORD" ADORATION & RETREAT at Our Lady & St. Patrick, Maesteg has been rescheduled for Friday 5th April, 7am and Saturday 6th April, 10am. **Please take note. All are welcome.**

Sacraments: Please let us continue to pray for **Helen Stanton and Natassia Danielle Lewis** who are preparing for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults on Easter Vigil.

RCIA, Faith Sharing & Bible Study: On every Thursday at 6pm, there is RCIA, Faith Sharing and Scripture Study in the Meeting Room at Our Lady & St. Patrick, Maesteg. **All Interested persons are welcome to come with a Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.**

SAFEGUARDING: The latest safeguarding lists for St. Robert's and Our Lady and St. Patrick's are displayed at the back of the respective Parish Churches. If your name is not on the list you cannot work with children, young people or vulnerable adults as a representative of the parish or Archdiocese. This is a directive from the Archdiocese and Catholic Safeguarding.

"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.

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300 PLUS CLUB 2019 DRAW RESULTS:

January: 1st 139 Mrs Ann Colston, 2nd 301 Kevin Chipperfield, 3rd 146 Amy Treharne, 4th 320 Malcolm Roberts.

February: 1st 196 Theresa Griffiths, 2nd 240 Terry Hayes, 3rd 84 Darren Williams, 4th 258 Mrs Mary McDonnell. Cheques available from Tess/Father Edmund.

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COLLECTIONS: 17.3.19 Gift Aid £78 Loose £115.15

PRAYER CIRCLE: 11.30a.m. 27th March in the Church. Please consider coming along to this opportunity to increase your prayer life. It will be followed by a soup lunch in the Sacristy. A box is available at the back of the Church for you to place your intentions. We look forward to seeing you.

100 CLUB 2019: Thanks to those who have renewed or joined this fundraising activity. More members are needed to maintain the prizes. Cost is £12 per year. Please speak to Bill Ennis if you would like more information.

A.D.U.C. LENTEN LUNCH: Saturday March 30th in Nazareth Chapel, Bryncethin at 12 Noon.

EASTER RAFFLE: if you would like to donate a prize for this please add your name and prize to the list in the porch. Unwanted gifts or chocolates including Easter eggs would be appreciated. Tickets available from today. All funds raised will go towards Church maintenance.

DIARY DATES DURING LENT: Stations of the Cross Apr. 3rd 10a.m. followed by coffee, Apr. 10th Prayer Circle 10a.m. followed by Lenten breakfast.