

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



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Sunday 17th March 2019 2nd Sunday of Lent Saint Patrick Retiring Collection CAFOD Next Sunday Maesteg Restoration Fund	Aberkenfig 9am	Tim & Norah Jones <i>RIP</i> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Sheila Mary Bolger <i>RIP</i> (TB) Kelly & Davies Families <i>RIP</i> (Kf) Readers: Kelly Family BP KellyFamily
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Mary & Jack Nicholson, John McGrath, Vera & Bill Donoghue <i>RIP</i> (Df) Readers: Paul & Martin Donoghue
Monday 18th March 2019 2nd Week of Lent	Maesteg 10 am	Nicholas, Winifred & Terence Pierce <i>RIP</i> (E&MD) Reader: Tess White
Tuesday 19th March 2019 St Joseph	Aberkenfig 6 pm Maesteg 7 pm	Francesco Pollaci <i>RIP</i> Reconciliation Service/Confessions
Wednesday 20th March 2019 2nd Week of Lent	Archbishop McGrath School 9 am Maesteg 11 am Aberkenfig 6-7 pm Aberkenfig 7 pm	Reconciliation Service/Confessions Winnie & Ralph Cornish <i>RIP</i> (MB) Reader: Eirlys Furlong Confessions Lenten Reflection
Thursday 21st March 2019 2nd Week of Lent	Aberkenfig 10 am	Godfrey Hurley
Friday 22nd March 2019 2nd Week of Lent	Maesteg 10 am	Connie Williams <i>RIP</i> (C&P) Reader: Jacqui Summers
Saturday 23rd March 2019 2nd Week of Lent	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 – 12 noon	Joseph Dwyer <i>RIP</i> (F&V) Reader: Maria Browne Exposition and Confessions
Sunday 24th March 2019 3rd Sunday of Lent  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	Kenneth & Mark James <i>RIP</i> (RJ) <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Patrick Butler <i>RIP</i> (MB&f) Readers: Maria Cahalane and Jacqui Summers BP Maria Browne
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Connie Williams <i>RIP</i> (CW) Readers: Angela Brennan BP Michael Lawler

NOTICES

CYCLE OF PRAYER: TODAY WE PRAY FOR THE PARISH OF SAINT JOSEPH, CATHAYS, UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF WALES AND SAINT JOSEPH'S PRIMARY 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.

"WALK WITH ME" Booklet: A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2019 – Living a Holy Life; is available at the back of the Church. The readings and prayers of this short booklet will be very helpful in our Journey towards the Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ Jesus at Easter and beyond. Please get copies for yourself and for friends and family at £1 each.

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.

OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK PARISH

COLLECTIONS: 10th March 2019: Gift Aid £ 404.60; Planned/Loose £215.57; Restoration £40, Maintenance £106.09; Lenten Alms £88.04.

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: 10.3.19 Gift Aid £131 Loose £106.57

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION today

LENTEN REFLECTION SERVICE: this coming Wednesday 20th March at 7p.m. in St. Robert's. This is an opportunity for quiet reflection as we journey through Lent. All welcome.

A.D.U.C. LENTEN LUNCH: Saturday March 23rd in Wesley Methodist Chapel, Tondu 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: Mar. 27th Prayer Circle 11.30a.m. followed by Lenten soup lunch, Stations of the Cross Apr. 3rd 10a.m. followed by coffee, Apr. 10th Prayer Circle 10a.m. followed by Lenten breakfast.

MISSIO RED BOXES: It is now time to collect the boxes. Could the promoters please collect and count the money. If you would like to have a red Mission box in your home please speak to Bernadette Lewis.