



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

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<p>Sunday 14th April 2019 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</p> <p>Retiring Collection Maesteg Parish Levy Fund</p> <p>Easter Sunday both Parishes Retiring Collection - your Easter gift to Father Edmund</p> <p>White envelopes in your boxes Spare envelopes available at the back of the Church</p>	<p>Aberkenfig 8.45 am Aberkenfig 9 am</p>	<p>Blessing of Palms Thanksgiving St Rita (MM) People of the Parishes</p>
	<p>Maesteg 10.50 am Maesteg 11 am</p>	<p>Blessing of the Palms Winifred Cleary & Thomas McDonnell RIP (MMcD) Reader: Maria Cahalane Readers: (Passion), N: Keith Lewis J: Fr Edmund O: Paul Donoghue BP: Tess White</p>
	<p>Maesteg 4.45pm</p>	<p>Mahoney & Hough Families RIP (K&BH) Reader: Martin Donoghue Readers: (Passion) N: Michael Lawler J: Father Edmund O: Michelle Bumford BP: Angela Brennan</p>
<p>Monday of Holy Week 15th April 2019</p>	<p>Maesteg 10 am</p>	<p>Maureen & Jack Jenkins RIP (C&TJ) Reader: Tess White</p>
<p>Tuesday of Holy Week 16th April 2019</p>	<p>Aberkenfig 6 pm Aberkenfig 7 pm</p>	<p>Exposition & Confessions Special Intention of Bethan (P&JJ)</p>
<p>Wednesday of Holy Week 17th April 2019</p>	<p>St David's Cathedral Cardiff</p>	<p>10.30 – 11.15 am Confessions 11.30 am CHRISM MASS Confessions after Mass 30-45 mins</p>
<p>THE SACRED TRIDUUM MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ALTAR OF REPOSE "WATCH NIGHT" until 10 pm</p>	<p>Maesteg 7 pm Procession of Oils Nicola Kelly Fisher Maria Cahalane Rosemary Jones The Mandatum (Washing of the Feet)</p>	<p>Thanksgiving - Private Intention (LR) Janet Butler RIP (R&BJ) Readers: Ann Maria Braithwaite & Michelle Bumford BP: Christine Took</p> <p><i>Cross Section of Parishioners from both Parishes</i></p>
<p>GOOD FRIDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD "Collection for Holy Places" (DIVINE MERCY NOVENA begins)</p>	<p>Maesteg 9.30 am 10.30 am for 10.45 am <i>leaving from the front of</i> <i>the Church</i> Maesteg 3 pm</p>	<p>Stations of the Cross Silent March of Witness through Town The Passion of the Lord Readers: Martin Braithwaite & Maria Browne Gospel N: Keith Lewis J: Fr Edmund O: Maria Cahalane Solemn Prayers: Paula Davies & Jane Richards</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">HOLY SATURDAY THE EASTER VIGIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Retiring Collection</i> <i>Our Easter Offering</i> <i>to Father Edmund our Parish Priest</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maesteg 7.30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eddie, Denis and Terence <i>RIP (M&f)</i> Michael Harpur <i>RIP (S&MK)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Readers: Old Testament Genesis 22:1-18 Michael Banks Exodus 14:15-15:1 Keith Edwards Isaiah 55:1-11 Sarah Lewis Epistle Romans 6:3-11 Margaret Buckley BP: Maria Browne</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: <i>Special Intention</i> Our Blessed Lady's Lamp: <i>Sick of the Parish</i></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Aberkenfig 9 am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Angelo Rossetti <i>RIP</i> Renea & Jules Lagaule <i>RIP</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Maesteg 11 am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ann Cleary <i>RIP (MMcD)</i> People of the Parishes Readers: Nicola Kelly Fisher & Stephanie Davies BP: Ezme & Iona</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Maesteg</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO EVENING MASS</p>

GENERAL NOTICES

CYCLE OF PRAYER:

TODAY WE PRAY FOR THE PARISH OF SAINT PETER, ROATH AND SAINT PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.

PRAYER REQUEST/PETITIONS TO THE LORD:

Please write your prayer requests and petitions to the Lord on a clean sheet of paper and place it in the box provided at the back of the Church. You may or may not write your name on the request sheet. We will support your request/petitions with our prayers and they will be burned in the Holy Fire on Easter Vigil.

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.

ARCHBISHOP McGRATH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

Deputy Headteacher required for September 2019, full time and permanent. Closing date Thursday, 25th April 2019, Shortlisting Monday, 29th April 2019, Interview Friday 10th May 2019. Interested candidates should complete an application form, which can be downloaded from Eteach along with a full pack of details. Visits to school are welcomed. Further information contained in the Advertisement placed on the Notice Board in the Porch.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER EDMUND

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For the Love of the world, God gave His Only Begotten Son, that all who believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3;16)

"M through His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). For, by His death and resurrection we are set free.

Therefore, meditating of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ Jesus, let us remind ourselves of this greatest gift, and with Faith and Hope, keep a positive outlook in life as disciples of Christ.

May we always be blessed and favoured with Love, peace and Joy, and may this Easter be the beginning of a New and Better life with Christ Jesus our Saviour as Our Lord and God.

Have a Blessed Easter.

God Love you all!
Fr. Edmund

PALM SUNDAY – 14TH APRIL 2019

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS – DRAW ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, 17TH APRIL.

Please ensure your tickets are brought in by Wednesday morning, either to Church on Monday or post through the Presbtery door. *Sincere thanks for your support.* Proceeds will be for the continued maintenance and restoration of our Church and Presbtery.

GIFT AID AND PLANNED ENVELOPES please pick up your boxes. Please note that your numbers may have changed. This is due to so many gaps on the register with our faithful parishioners having passed away and several parishioners now paying by standing order. The gaps being filled will help in decreasing the order for boxes, hence reducing costs. If late envelopes from last year are received they will go against your new number in the Register, be assured. **If you require a box please write your name on the list at the back of the Church; indicating if you wish to Gift Aid. Gift Aid forms are available, please take one, complete and return.** *Thank you for your continued support and your commitment to giving.*

PARISH COLLECTIONS – 10th March to 7th April 2019:

Gift Aid £1954.10, Planned Giving/Loose £1013.10. Levy £149.37, Maintenance £106.09, Restoration £435.78, Flowers £267.80, Lenten Alms £149.34, CAFOD £364.83.

300 PLUS CLUB WINNERS MARCH 2019: 1st (£50) 318 Peter Nessman; 2nd (£30) 13 Gillian Williams; 3rd (£20) 153 Brian Morgan Bryn; 4th (£10) 90 Mrs Christine James.

PARISH SPRING TRIP – STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Saturday, 18th May 2019, leaving at 7.45 am and returning at 5.30 pm, price £20. Register with Tess and Cheryl. This promises to be a delightful day out; further details soon.

PARISH OF ST ROBERT'S ABERKENFIG

COLLECTIONS: 7.4.19 Gift Aid £115; Loose £93.45.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: basket at the back of the Church for donations towards the flowers. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER: 9 a.m. on Good Friday. If you have some time to spare please come along and help prepare our Church for great Feast of Easter.

RAFFLE WINNERS: Thanks to those who bought tickets and / or donated prizes. A list of winners is on the noticeboard in the porch. £271 was raised for Parish maintenance. Many thanks.

MISSIO RED BOXES: Thanks to those of you who have a Red Box in your home. A total of £1223. 89 was raised in our Parish via these boxes during 2018. Many thanks to our Promoters who collect and count the monies. Our sisters and brothers around the world continue to need our prayers and financial support. If you would like to know more then please speak to Bernadette Lewis.

GENERAL NOTICE

Forming Intentional Disciples

The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus

A conference is being put on in June in the diocese for both the Clergy and Laity. Saturday 15 June is the day on which lay people from the parishes in the diocese are invited to participate in the Conference. Parishes have been encouraged to organise reading and study sessions of the book written by Sherry Weddell entitled 'Forming Intentional Disciples'. (Sherry Weddell is from the Catherine of Sienna Institute, Colorado Springs, USA.) It is hoped that at least 10 adults from each parish in the Bridgend Deanery will sign up to being involved in both the preparatory study sessions set out below and the Conference on Saturday 15 June.

Please speak to your Parish Priest/Deacon if you wish to be part of this initiative.

The Archbishop has been actively involved in the preparations and is positively encouraging us to respond. The Deanery Clergy have met and have decided to put on these series of talks for ourselves at St. Mary's RC Church, 39 Ewenny Road, Bridgend CF31 3HS Tuesday evenings 7pm - please see dates below.

(To see Sherry Weddell online; Google search - "you tube sherry weddell forming intentional disciples" - there are several extracts from which to choose.)

