

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



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Sunday 28th 2019 2nd Sunday of Eastertide Divine Mercy Sunday Retiring Collection Maesteg Restoration Fund	Aberkenfig 9 am	David Adams Treharne <i>RIP (CT)</i> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Wayne Tanner <i>RIP (CT)</i> Readers: Keith Lewis & Jacqui Summers BP: Maria Cahalane
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Margaret Tew <i>RIP (R&f)</i> Albert Williams <i>RIP (CW)</i> Reader: Angela Brennan BP: Michael Lawler
Monday 29th April 2019 St Catherine of Sienna	Maesteg 10 am	Thomas & Lucas families <i>RIP (ML)</i> Reader: Tess White
Tuesday 30th April 2019 Weekday, 2nd Week of Eastertide	Aberkenfig 10 am	Frank Davies <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 1st May 2019 Weekday, 2nd Week of Eastertide	Maesteg 10 am	Gary Donoghue <i>RIP (ND)</i> Special Intention (ND) Reader: Eirllys Furlong
Thursday 2nd May 2019 St Athanasius	Aberkenfig 10 am	Special Intention (M)
Friday 3rd May 2019 Ss Philip and James	Maesteg 10 am	Jill and John Family <i>RIP (A)</i> Reader: Keith Lewis
Saturday 4th May 2019 Weekday, 2nd Week of Eastertide	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am to 12 noon	Elizabeth Bumford <i>RIP (R&P)</i> Reader: Maria Cahalane Exposition & Confessions
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE 5TH MAY 2019 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	Margaret Williams <i>RIP</i> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Matthew Morgan <i>RIP (L&AM)</i> Readers: Paul Donoghue & Margaret Buckley BP: Jacqui Summers
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Sheila Lewis <i>RIP (MB)</i> Reader: Michelle Bumford BP: Maria Browne



NOTICES

ETERNAL REST: We pray for the repose of the soul of Christine Thomas. May she rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory. Our prayers and sincere sympathies go to her bereaved family and friend.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

Divine Mercy Celebration will be held at **Our Lady of Margam, Port Talbot** today, Sunday 28th April, 2019 from 2:00pm -4:00pm. Devotions will start at 2:00pm with the blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy, and there will be silent adoration and Confessions until 3:00pm. The Prayer for the hour of Great Mercy and the Chaplet will then be prayed followed by Benediction and Mass at 3.30pm. There will be refreshment afterwards in the Hall. All are welcome.

SACRAMENTS:

Please pray for Lucien Raphael Bhagatra who will be Baptised today, Divine Mercy Sunday, at 1pm at St. Robert Church, Aberkenfig. Let us also pray for his parents and Godparents who will be his first teachers of the Faith.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Helen Bernadette Stanton and Natassia Elizabeth Lewis** who were Baptised and Confirmed in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Let us continue to pray for and with them, that they may grow from grace to grace in the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION: Saturday, 8th June 2019. Please pray for the children who are preparing for this Sacrament.

SINCERE GRATITUDE:

Grateful thanks to you all for your Easter Cards, presents and Offerings and most especially for your participation in the Easter Liturgy. May God richly Bless you that the Joy and blessings of the Risen Lord will remain with you and your families forever. *Father Edmund*

RCIA, FAITH SHARING & BIBLE STUDY:

On every Thursday at 6pm, there is 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. *These can be made available for you on request.*

FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES:

The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus. A series of study sessions to follow the book written by Sherry Weddel o "Forming Intentional Disciples" is taking place from this Tuesday 30th April at 7pm in St. Mary's RC Church, Bridgend CF31 3HS. The cost of the course is £10. All are invited. Please speak with Fr. Edmund if you wish to be part of this Deanery initiative.

CYCLE OF PRAYER:

TODAY WE PRAY FOR THE PARISH OF SAINT PHILIP EVANS, LLANEDEYRN, Spire Hospital, St Philip Evans and St Bernadette Primary Schools.

PARISH SPRING TRIP – STRATFORD-UPON-AVON:

Saturday, 18th May 2019, leaving at 7.45 am, picking up at Aberkenfig and returning at 5.30 pm, price £20. Register with Tess and Cheryl.
This promises to be a delightful day out.

PARISH COLLECTIONS – 14th APRIL 2019:

AERKENFIG: Gift Aid £78.00, Loose £91.01; Flowers £42, CAFOD £50.

MAESTEG: Gift Aid £442.00, Planned/Loose £202.35, Levy £173.10, Lenten Alms £49.65.

PARISH OF ST ROBERT, ABERKENFIG:

Parish Meeting this week, Wednesday, 1st May at 6.30 pm in the Sacristy.