

**NEWSLETTER**  
**THE PARISHES OF**  
**OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG**  
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<p><b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>  <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p><b>RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY</b>  <b>AT BOTH PARISHES</b>  <b>FLOWERS FOR EASTER</b></p>	Aberkenfig 9am	<b>Francesco Pollaci</b> <i>RIP</i> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	<b>Patrick Grania &amp; Kevin Bolger</b> <i>RIP</i> (LB) <b>Mal Hughes &amp; Margaret Malony</b> <i>RIP</i> (PH) <b>Readers: Keith Lewis and</b> <b>Maria Cahalane</b> <b>BP Eirlys Furlong</b>
	Maesteg 4.45pm	<b>Michael &amp; Peter Harpur</b> <i>RIP</i> (LR&f) <b>Readers: Michael Lawler</b> <b>BP Angela Brennan</b>
<p><b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>  <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b></p>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Terry &amp; Nance Hayes</b> <i>RIP</i> (PT&S) <b>Gill John</b> <i>RIP</i> (R&BJ) <b>Reader: Tess White</b>
<p><b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>  <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b></p>	Aberkenfig 10 am  <b>BRIDGEND</b> <b>7 pm – 8 pm</b>	<b>Lorna Hutton</b> <i>RIP</i> <b>Frank Davies</b> <i>RIP</i> (CT) <b>Deanery Reconciliation/Confessions</b>
<p><b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>  <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b></p>	Maesteg 9.30 am	<b>Patrick &amp; Mary Kehoe</b> <i>RIP</i> (KK) <b>Margaret &amp; Edward Jenkins</b> <i>RIP</i> (KJ) <b>Reader: Kate Kehoe</b>
<p><b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 -5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b></p>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<p><b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>  <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b></p>	Maesteg 10 am  Maesteg 6 pm	<b>Victoria Bord</b> <i>RIP</i> (MD) <b>Joe Dwyer</b> <i>RIP</i> (TW) <b>READER: Eirlys Furlong</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<p><b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>  <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b></p>	Maesteg 10 am  10.30 - 12 noon	<b>Mrs James</b> <i>RIP</i> (LR) <b>David Treharne</b> <i>RIP</i> (C) <b>Reader: Maria Browne</b> <b>Exposition &amp; Confessions</b>
<p><b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>  <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE</b>  <b>PASSION OF THE LORD</b></p>  <p><b>Our Lady &amp; St Patrick Parish</b>  <b>Blessed Sacrament Lamp:</b>  <i>Special Intention</i>  <b>Our Blessed Lady's Lamp:</b>  <i>Sick of the Parish</i></p>	Aberkenfig 9 am	<b>Thanksgiving St Rita</b> (MM) <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	<b>Winifred Cleary &amp;</b> <b>Thomas McDonnell</b> <i>RIP</i> (MMcD) <b>Reader: Maria Cahalane</b> <b>Readers: (Passion) Fr Edmund,</b> <b>Keith Lewis &amp; Paul Donoghue</b> <b>BP Tess White</b>
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	<b>Mahoney &amp; Hough Families</b> <i>RIP</i> (K&BH) <b>Reader: Martin Donoghue</b> <b>Readers: (Passion) Father Edmund,</b> <b>Michael Lawler, Michelle Bumford</b> <b>BP Angela Brennan</b>

## NOTICES

**“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.

**CYCLE OF PRAYER: TODAY WE PRAY FOR THE PARISH OF SAINT PATRICK OF GRANGETOWN AND SAINT PATRICK’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.**

**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. The choice is yours. **We will support your request/petitions with our prayers.**

**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.**

### OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK PARISH

**EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS – 10 TICKETS AT 50 PENCE IN EACH ENVELOPE (£5):** Available from Tess and Cheryl today. If you are able to sell to family friends please consider taking 2 envelopes; *sincere thanks*. Proceeds will be for the continued maintenance and restoration of our Church and Presbytery

**GIFT AID AND PLANNED ENVELOPES** available today. 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. Today available Gift Aid forms and Standing Order forms if you wish to pay through your Bank. Keith will be giving a short talk at Evening Mass on the benefits of Gift Aiding.

**OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK’S CHURCH CLEANING:** Our sincere gratitude goes to Vincent and Frances Kelly for their dedicated services to the Cleaning of the Church for all these years. May God continue bless you. On their retirement we shall be very grateful to have volunteers to step in and help with the cleaning of the Church. Thank You.

### PARISH OF ST ROBERTS

**PRAYER CIRCLE:** next Wednesday April 10th at 10a.m. in the Church. Followed by Lenten Breakfast in the Sacristy. Please note the Easter Raffle will take place during this time.

**COFFEE/ TEA:** after Mass in the Sacristy today. All welcome. Donations towards Lenten Alms.

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER:** collection at the end of Mass today. **Thank you.**

**READER AVAILABILITY FOR EASTER TRIDUUM:** please fill in sheet at the back of the Church if you are available to read in Maesteg on any of the days so that the rota can be completed. Many thanks.

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER:** 9 a.m. on Good Friday. Please come along and help prepare our Church for Easter.

**100 CLUB WINNERS:** 1st £40 B.C. Stone (138 ) 2nd £10 J.Sullivan (108 ) 3rd £10 N. Keane (95 )

**A.D.U.C. LENTEN LUNCH:** Saturday April 13th All Saints, Penyfai in Smyrna Chapel, Penyfai at 12 Noon.