

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



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5th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE 19TH MAY 2019 Vocations Sunday Retiring Collection Maesteg Restoration Fund	Aberkenfig 9 am	Peter Reynolds <i>RIP</i> Gerard Riley <i>RIP</i> People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Winnie Connolly <i>RIP</i> (MB&f) Readers: Paul Donoghue & Jacqui Summers BP: Maria Cahalane
	Maesteg 4.45pm	James Hayes & Hayes Family <i>RIP</i> (PTS) Readers: Maria Browne & Michelle Bumford BP: Holy Communion Children
Monday 20th May 2019 Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide	Maesteg 10 am	Joe Dwyer <i>RIP</i> (MM&D) Frank Davies <i>RIP</i> (R&BJ) Reader: Jacqui Summers
Tuesday 21st May 2019 Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide	Aberkenfig 10 am	Private Intention
Wednesday 22nd May 2019 Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide	Maesteg 10 am	Jenny Stokes <i>RIP</i> (KR&f) Winnie Connolly <i>RIP</i> (V&FK) Reader: Tess White
Thursday 23rd May 2019 Dedication of the Cathedral Church	Aberkenfig 10 am	Special Intention of Father Edmund
Friday 24th May 2019 Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide	Maesteg 10 am	Maureen & Jack Jenkins <i>RIP</i> (C&TJ) Reader: Maria Browne
Saturday 25th May 2019 Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am to 11 am	Elias Family <i>RIP</i> (M&SK) Nellie & Morlais <i>RIP</i> (C) Reader: Maria Cahalane Exposition & Confessions
6th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE 26TH MAY 2019 Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: Special Intention Our Blessed Lady's Lamp: Sick of the Parish	Aberkenfig 9 am	Finbar Ryan <i>RIP</i> (PC) People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Thanksgiving 95th birthday Lily Bolger Special Intention (TG) Readers: Keith Lewis & Maria Cahalane BP: Eirlys Furlong
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Douglas Woodhatch <i>RIP</i> (CW) Readers: Michael Lawler & Angela Brennan BP: Holy Communion Children



NOTICES

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

MAY THE MONTH OF OUR LADY: In addition to the myriad feast days honouring Our Lady under her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God ... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

DAILY ROSARY IS RECOMMENDED TO ALL PARISHIONERS THIS MONTH

The PILGRIM MARY will be travelling from home to home in **BOTH PARISHES.**

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE ROTA to welcome the pilgrim Mary and invite your friends and neighbours to come together to pray the Rosary in your home.

There will be **Rosary Procession, the Crowning of Our Lady and Holy Mass on 31st May 2019** to celebrate the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and an **Agape Family Meal after the Celebrations** in the evening. Please keep the day open in your diary.

SACRAMENTS: Let us pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and Family Life.

Congratulations to the Children who had their First Holy Communion Yesterday at St. Robert, Aberkenfig. Let us continue to pray for them and their parents that they may forever remain faithful to the Lord in communion with the Church.

We congratulate Victoria & Stephen on their celebration of their Wedding yesterday at Our Lady & St. Patrick. *Let us pray keep them in our prayers for a fruitful and happy married Life.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS: Saturday, 8th June 2019 at 11am, Our Lady & St. Patrick's, Maesteg. *Please let us keep our children and their families in our prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments.*

RCIA, FAITH SHARING & BIBLE STUDY: Every Thursday at 6 pm, 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 ABBEY OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, BELMONT; THE RETREAT CENTRE; HOLY TRINITY MONASTERY OF BENEDICTINE NUNS, WORMBRIDGE.

PARISH COLLECTIONS – 5TH May 2019:

ABERKENFIG: Gift Aid £98, Loose £82.85.

MAESTEG: Gift Aid £437.50, Planned/Loose £205.90, Maintenance £162.83.

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TEA/COFFEE in the Sacristy after Mass today. All welcome.

PARISH PICNIC, Saturday, 8th June 3 – 5 pm, at Coytrahen Community Centre and Park. All welcome to join this social event. List available.

FOODBANK – items very much acceptable. Thank you for your continued support.

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PARISH MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT: There is a steady progress in the on-going maintenance and developments of the Parish. Our financial support, prayers and encouragement are very much appreciated. ***May the Lord continue to bless our generosity for our good and the good of His Church, and for His Greater Glory.***

