

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



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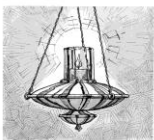
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4th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE 12TH MAY 2019 National Marriage Week Marriage Prayer Cards available Retiring Collection Maesteg Maintenance Fund	Aberkenfig 9 am	Private Intention People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Annie Scourfield RIP (Sf) Readers: Keith Lewis & Maria Cahalane BP: Eirlys Furlong
	Maesteg 4.45pm Pupils/Staff/Governors of our Primary School joining us for celebration of Mass	Albert Williams RIP (MB) Readers: Nicola Kelly Fisher & Margaret Buckley BP: Holy Communion Children
Monday 13th May 2019 Our Lady of Fatima	Maesteg 10 am	Deceased Members of SVP and Benefactors Reader: Tess White
Tuesday 14th May 2019 St Matthias	Aberkenfig 10 am	Laura Tranter
Wednesday 15th May 2019 Weekday, 4th Week of Eastertide	Maesteg 10 am	Olga & Maddock family RIP (AT) Reader: Keith Lewis
Thursday 16th May 2019 Weekday, 4th Week of Eastertide	Aberkenfig 10 am Maesteg 6 pm	Private Intention Reception of Winnie Connolly RIP
Friday 17th May 2019 Weekday, 4th Week of Eastertide	Maesteg 11.30 am	REQUIEM MASS Winifred Emma Connolly RIP
Saturday 18th May 2019 Weekday, 4th Week of Eastertide	Maesteg 9 am Aberkenfig 11 am Maesteg 12.30 pm	Connie & Ann RIP (TM) Reader: Maria Cahalane CELEBRATION FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Sacrament of Matrimony Victoria Hopkins & Ross Whelan
5th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE 19TH MAY 2019 Vocations Sunday 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	Peter Reynolds RIP Gerard Riley RIP People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Winnie Connolly RIP (MB&f) Readers: Paul Donoghue & Jacqui Phillips BP: Maria Cahalane
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	James Hayes & Hayes Family RIP (PTS) Readers: Maria Browne & Michelle Bumford BP: Holy Communion Children



NOTICES

ETERNAL REST: We pray for the repose of the souls of Winnie Connolly and Christine Thomas. May they rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory. Our prayers and sincere sympathies go to their bereaved families and friends. **Requiem Mass of Winnie Connolly on Friday, 11.30 am.**

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.

Sacrament of Baptism: We welcome Rudi Morgan into our Community and wish him every blessing. Congratulations to his parents and family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS: On Saturday next, 18th May 2019 at 11am, St. Robert's, Aberkenfig and 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 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 UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY.

PARISH SPRING TRIP – STRATFORD-UPON-AVON:

On 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. ***A FEW SEATS LEFT – A DELIGHTFUL DAY OUT.***

PARISH COLLECTIONS – 5TH May 2019:

ABERKENFIG: Gift Aid £80.00, Loose £99.00.

MAESTEG: Gift Aid £440.50, Planned/Loose £199.55, Maintenance £80.30, Levy £128.03.
Easter Raffle, £546, Red brick £71; grateful thanks to all for your support and generosity.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12TH TO 18TH MAY 2019: United Service today at 6 pm Duffryn Chapel, Caerau. Thursday, 16th May 2019 – Concert given by Maternal Harmony in St David's Church, 7 pm. House to House collections – all week. The street (bucket) collection 16th, 17th and 18th May.

PARISH OF ST ROBERT, ABERKENFIG

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.