



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

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<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>  <b>Statistics Count 2</b>  <b>Retiring Collection Maesteg Parish Maintenance Fund</b>	Aberkenfig 9am	<b><i>William Tipping RIP People of the Parishes</i></b>
	Maesteg 11 am	<b>Ellen Hughes, Brian, Peter &amp; Eddie <i>RIP (M&amp;K)</i> Adrian Scourfield <i>RIP (St)</i> Readers: Tess White &amp; Eileen Davies BP: Paul Donoghue</b>
	Maesteg 4.45pm	<b>Frank Davies <i>RIP (CW)</i> Readers: Angela Brennan BP Michelle Bumford</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 St Jerome</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>James Vaughan <i>RIP (R&amp;BJ)</i> Reader: Eirllys Furlong</b>
<b>Tuesday. 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 St Therese of the Child Jesus</b>	Aberkenfig 6.30 pm	<b>Sheila &amp; Bernard Kenny <i>RIP</i></b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 The Holy Guardian Angels</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Tommy Bolger <i>RIP (R&amp;BJ)</i> Reader: Tess White</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 26</b>	Aberkenfig 10 am	<b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 St Francis of Assisi</b>	Maesteg 10 am  10.30 am to 6 pm	<b>Michael &amp; Tess Keane (Sickness0 Reader: Keith Lewis</b>  <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>   October 2019 Votive Memorial Our Blessed Lady</b>	Maesteg 10 am  10.30 am to 11 am	<b>Brian Crowley <i>RIP (MMcD)</i> Reader: Maria Cahalane Exposition and Confession</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>  <b>Statistics Count 3</b>  <b>Our Lady &amp; St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: Special Intention Our Blessed Lady's Lamp: Sick of the Parish</b>	Aberkenfig 9 am	<b><i>Thanksgiving Alan Davey (80<sup>th</sup> birthday)</i></b>
	Maesteg 11 am	<b>Janet, Michael , Patrick Butler <i>RIP (MB)</i> Readers: Keith Lewis &amp; Bernard Rawlings BP Msria Browne</b>
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	<b>Maria Whitty <i>RIP (A&amp;GH)</i> People of the Parishes Readers: Michael Lawler BP Stephanie Davies</b>



## NOTICES

**DEANERY:** Please let us continue to pray for the full recovery of Father Tim. Also for our Parishioners who are ill at this time.

**EXTRAORDINARY MISSION MONTH:** The Holy Father, Pope Francis has declared October 2019 as an Extraordinary Mission Month to be celebrated in all Churches throughout the World. In view of this the intentions of the daily prayers of the Holy Rosary in October will be for the missions. Also, all parishioners are encouraged to visit our lapse Catholic brothers and sisters and rekindle their faith and to visit and pray with our sick, aged and housebound brothers and sister. Moreover, there will be a Special Collection on Mission Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**“THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: The Year of the Word 2020”** – In partnership with Bible Society the Catholic Church in England and Wales will focus on Celebrating, living and sharing God’s Word from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 until the end of December 2020. It is our prayer that during this Special Year we may all be enriched and renewed by the living Word of God.

**FAITH & BIBLE SHARING:** There will be Faith and Bible Sharing this Thursday at 6 pm at the Presbytery, Maesteg. Tea & Coffee will be served. All interested persons are welcome to come with a Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

**RCIA:** People seeking to be received into communion with the Catholic Church are invited this and every Thursday to the Bible and Faith sharing at 6pm in the Hall of the Presbytery at 6pm.

**PARISH FINANCE:** We will Like to encourage all tax payers to Gift Aid their Offerings to the Church. For any clarification do not hesitate to contact Fr. Edmund, Mrs. Margaret Buckley or Mr. Bill Ennis. God Love You All.

**CYCLE OF PRAYER:** TODAY WE PRAY FOR ST HELEN, CAERPHILLY AND ST HELEN SCHOOL.

**MISSIO RED BOXES MAESTEG AND ABERKENFIG PARISHES:** Promoters please collect monies from APF Red Boxes. If you would like a box to keep in your home please speak to Bernadette Lewis (Aberkenfig), Telephone 07854 699349) and Paula Davies (Maesteg) Telephone 733605). If promoters do not call to your home to empty box, please contact Bernadette (Aberkenfig number) and Paula Davies (733605)

### PARISH OF OUR LADY & SAINT PATRICK, MAESTEG

**PARISH GENERAL MEETING:** Sincere gratitude to all who found time to attend the Parish General meeting.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION:** There will be a meeting of Fr. Edmund, Parish Catechists, the School and Parents whose children are seeking First Holy Communion on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 5pm in the Presbytery

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** 15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September: Gift Aid £702.00, Planned/Loose £386.05, Mission £459.60, Restoration £275.33

### PARISH OF ST ROBERT’S ABERKENFIG

**COLLECTIONS:** 22.9.19 Gift Aid £145 Loose £54.83 Mission Collection £226.41

**PARISH MEETING:** in the Sacristy next Tuesday 1st October after 6.30p.m. Mass.

**PRAYER CIRCLE:** in the Church next Wednesday 2nd October at 10.30a.m. followed by tea / coffee in the Sacristy.

**CHRISTMAS MEAL:** Saturday December 7th 1p.m.at Blancos, Port Talbot. There is a list at the back of the Church for names if you would like to come. A £5 non- refundable deposit is required at the time of booking. We hope you will consider coming.

**MACMILLAN CANCER CARE COFFEE DAY:** *thanks to everyone who supported this event. Total to be announced.*

**ST.ROBERT’S SCHOOL:** due to staff changes the school is looking to recruit Relief Lunchtime Supervisors. If this role interests you or you require further information please contact the school on 815515.

**SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER AUTUMN HARVEST SUPPER:** 6p.m. to 9p.m. in Coytrahen Community Centre. Details to follow. PARISH OF ST ROBERT’S ABERKENFIG.