



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

Maesteg 10 am

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<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C</b> <b>Home Mission Sunday</b> <b>15th September 2019</b>  <b>Maesteg Retiring Collection</b> <b>Restoration Fund</b>	Aberkenfig 9am	<b>Brian Crowley <i>RIP</i> (M&amp;LB)</b> <b><i>People of the Parishes</i></b>
	Maesteg 11 am	Margaret Meehan & Dianne Pearce <i>RIP</i> (MC) <b>Readers: Maria Cahalane &amp;</b> <b>Bernard Rawlings</b> <b>BP: Eileen Davies</b>
	Maesteg 4.45pm	<b>Margaret Whitty <i>RIP</i> (P&amp;JW)</b> <b>Readers: Angela Brennan</b> <b>BP Michelle Bumford</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> <b>Ss Cornelius Pope, and Cyprian Bishop</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Tom Bolger <i>RIP</i> (M&amp;SK)</b> <b>Reader: Maria Browne</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> <b>Week Day in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 24</b>	Aberkenfig 10 am	<b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September &amp; Com 2019</b> <b>Week Day in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 24</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Margaret Whitty <i>RIP</i> (F&amp;VK)</b> <b>Reader: Keith Lewis</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> <b>Week Day in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 24</b>	Aberkenfig 10 am	<b>Noreen and Breda <i>RIP</i> (M&amp;RD)</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> <b>Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gan, Priest,</b> <b>Paul Chong Ha-sang Companions, Martyrs</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Brian Crowley <i>RIP</i> (F&amp;VKJ)</b> <b>Reader: Tess White</b>
	10.30 am to 6 pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>for Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019</b> <b>St Matthew</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Mal Stokes <i>RIP</i> (A&amp;E)</b> <b>Reader: Maria Cahalane</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C</b> <b>HARVEST SUNDAY</b> <b>22nd September 2019</b> <b>Retiring Collection both Parishes</b> <b>Mission Congregations - England/Wales</b>  <b>Our Lady &amp; St Patrick Parish</b> <b><i>Blessed Sacrament Lamp:</i></b> <i>Special Intention</i> <b><i>Our Blessed Lady's Lamp:</i></b> <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	Aberkenfig 9 am	<b><i>People of the Parishes</i></b>
	Maesteg 11 am	<b>John Utting and</b> <b>Matthew Morgan <i>RIP</i> (L&amp;AM)</b> <b>Readers: Paul Donoghue &amp;</b> <b>Maria Cahalane</b> <b>BP: Eirllys Furlong</b>
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	<b>Alex and Bethan <i>RIP</i> (M&amp;RC)</b> <b>Readers: Michelle Bumford</b> <b>BP Ezme &amp; Iona</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.

**MISSION APPEAL:** In response to the directives of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales, Sr. Sujata, a missionary sister Servant of the Holy Spirit, will visit Our Parishes on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to tell us about her Congregation and their work in the world and make an appeal on behalf of the mission congregations in England and Wales.

**NATIONAL ANNUAL MASS COUNT** begins this Sunday for 4 weeks; until Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE – SATURDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019:**  
*A great prayer for Life is urgently needed.* (Pope St John Paul II). Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed as there was a large increase in the number of abortions in this country last year. For details of the life saving work see [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com) Poster with full details displayed on our Notice Boards.

**CYCLE OF PRAYER:** TODAY WE PRAY FOR ST DAVID LEWIS AND SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, USK, USK PRISON, PILGRIMAGE TO SAINT DAVID LEWIS.

**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**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR ADORATION:** This Friday and Every Friday, Our Lady & St. Patrick Church, Maesteg, would remain open with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration after Mass till 6pm. Please make time and come into the presence of the Lord. To have someone in Church at all time during the period, please put your name on the sheet provided at the back of the Church each Week.

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

**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 BUS TRIP TO SALISBURY;** SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER LEAVING 7.45 AM FROM COMMERCIAL STREET. RETURNING 5.30/5.45 PM. NOW FULL – THANK YOU. Please pay monies (£20 each) to Tess and Cheryl.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:** Gift Aid £426.85, Planned/Loose £173.54, Levy Fund £125.19, Red Brick £106.00 (thank you for your continued support), *God Bless you.*

**GRATEFUL THANKS:** Tony Whitty and family thank you for your prayers and support, Mass and sympathy cards and attendance at Margaret's funeral.

### **PARISH OF ST ROBERT'S ABERKENFIG**

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

**MACMILLAN CANCER CARE COFFEE DAY:** on Friday Sept. 27th between 10.30a.m. and 5p.m. at Carol & Keith's, 164, Bridgend Rd, Aberkenfig. Coffee, tea and cake £3. There will be a selection of craft items, gifts, cakes and jams to buy. Raffle tickets on sale next Sunday.