



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

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<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C</b> <b>EDUCATION SUNDAY</b> <b>8th September 2019</b>  <b>Maesteg Retiring Collection</b> <b>Levy Fund</b>	Aberkenfig 9am	<b>Ron Richards <i>RIP (PC)</i></b> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	<b>Thanksgiving Mrs Emily McNamara</b> <b>Celebrated 101 years</b> <b>Mary and Maureen <i>RIP (ML)</i></b>  <b>Readers: Paul Donoghue &amp;</b> <b>Maria Cahalane</b> <b>BP: Bernard Rawlings</b>
	Maesteg 4.45pm	<b>Brian Crowley <i>RIP (P&amp;AD)</i></b> <b>Readers: Michelle Bumford</b> <b>BP Stepanie Davies</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> <b>Week Day in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 23</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Connie Maroney <i>RIP (TM)</i></b> <b>Reader: Eirlys Furlong</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> <b>Week Day in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 23</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 6.30 pm</b>  <b>Aberkenfig 7 pm</b>	<b>Exposition and Confessions</b>  <b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> <b>Week Day in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 23</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>Thomas Bolger <i>RIP (B&amp;JB)</i></b> <b>Reader: Bernard Rawlings</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> <b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>	Aberkenfig 10 am	<b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> <b>St John Chrysostom</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>  <b>10.30 am to 6 pm</b>	<b>Brian Crowley <i>RIP (R&amp;BJ)</i></b> <b>Reader: Keith Lewis</b>  <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> <b>The Triumph of the Cross</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>  <b>10.30 am to 11 am</b> <b>12.30 pm Wedding</b>	<b>Maurice &amp; Glenys Fitzgibbon <i>RIP (LR)</i></b> <b>Reader: Maria Cahalane</b> <b>Exposition and Confessi</b>  <b>Jordann Marchetti &amp; Steven Jones</b>
<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> <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>Brian Crowley <i>RIP (M&amp;LB)</i></b> <i>People of the Parishes</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	<b>Margaret Meehan &amp; Dianne Pearce <i>RIP (MC)</i></b> <b>Readers: Maria Cahalane &amp;</b> <b>Bernard Rawlings</b> <b>BP: Eileen Davies</b>
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	<b>Margaret Whitty <i>RIP (P&amp;JW)</i></b> <b>Readers: Angela Brennan</b> <b>BP Michael Lawler</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.

**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 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TREDEGAR, ST JOHN, RHYMNEY AND ALL SAINTS, EBBW VALE; ALSO THE PARISHES' HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS.

**PARISH FINANCE:** Our Sincere Gratitude to all those who Gift Aid their offerings to the Church. This year Our Lady and St. Patrick's Account with the Archdiocese is credited with Gift Aid claim of £8667.11 to reduce the Parish Debts and St. St. Robert's Parish Account is credited with £3131.08. 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.*

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

**CONGRATULATIONS AND EVERY BLESSING TO MRS EMILY McNAMARA WHO CELEBRATED HER 101 YEARS BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY. PLEASE REMEMBER HER IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

**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.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY:** Please pray for JORDANN MARCHETTI & STEVEN DAVID JONES who would be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony next Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at 12.30pm at Our Lady & St. Patrick's, Maesteg. God Love them.

**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.

**APOLOGIES: PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMANCES THE PARISH AFTERNOON DAY ARRANGED FOR NEXT SATURDAY HAS TO BE POSTPONED – NEW DATE AVAILABLE SOON.**

**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 next Sunday (they are both away today).**

**PARISH COLLECTIONS 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST/1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER:** Gift Aid £735.56, Planned/Loose £410.23, Flower Fund £290.70, Steps/Maintenance £48.30, Restoration £15.

### PARISH OF ST ROBERT ABERKENFIG

**COLLECTIONS: 1<sup>st</sup> September:** Gift Aid £122, Loose £121.16.

**TEA/COFFEE** today after Mass. All welcome.

**FOODBACK:** Food is collected weekly at the back of the Church and taken on a Thursday to the collection point in Aberkenfig Community Church. In addition donations of shower gel, bodywash, shampoo, conditioners, sanitary items and toilet rolls would be appreciated.