



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

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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C 6th October 2019 Statistics Count 3 Retiring Collection Maesteg Parish Levy Fund	Aberkenfig 9am	<i>Thanksgiving Alan Davey (80th birthday)</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Janet, Michael , Patrick Butler <i>RIP (MB)</i> Readers: Tess White & Bernard Rawlings BP Maria Browne
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Maria Whitty <i>RIP (A&GH)</i> People of the Parishes Readers: Michael Lawler BP Stephanie Davies
Monday 7th October 2019 Our Lady of the Rosary	NO MASS	Please pray with Fr. Edmund as he attends an International Priests Retreat in Ars, France, from 7th - 10th October 2019. In this regard, there will be no Mass in the Parish from Monday to Thursday this week.
Tuesday 8th October 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 27	NO MASS	
Wednesday 9th October 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 27	NO MASS	
Thursday 10th October 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 27	NO MASS	
Friday 11th October 2019 St John XXIII Pope	Maesteg 10.30 am 11 am to 6 pm	Gary Fenlon <i>RIP (A&IA)</i> Reader: Tess White Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration
Saturday 12^h October 2019 Votive Memorial Our Blessed Lady	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am to 11 am	Frankie Banks <i>RIP (MB)</i> Reader: Michael Banks Exposition and Confession
28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependants Prisoners' Week 13th to 19th October 2019 Statistics Count 4 Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: Special Intention Our Blessed Lady's Lamp: Sick of the Parish	Aberkenfig 9 am	Margaret Whitty <i>RIP</i> Ann Doyle <i>RIP</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Pitman & Jones Families <i>RIP (T&AJ)</i> Readers: Keith Lewis & Maria Browne BP Maria Cahalane
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Nance & Terry Hayes <i>RIP (PTS)</i> People of the Parishes Readers: Michael Lawler BP Angela Brennan



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 20th 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 30th 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 DYFRIG, TREForest, WITH ALL HALLOWS, LLANTRISANT, AND THEIR HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS.

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

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 16th October 2019 at 5pm in the Presbytery

PARISH COLLECTIONS: 29th September: Gift Aid £311.50, Planned/Loose £162.16, Maintenance £157.18.

FUND RAISING: The Day Trip to Salisbury last Saturday raised £554.00 to Parish Fund and the Special Collection towards the cost of Blinds to the Presbytery Hall last Sunday amounted to £203.30. Our sincere gratitude to all Parishioners and Guests from the wider community of Maesteg for your generosity. God love you all.

PARISH OF ST ROBERT’S ABERKENFIG

COLLECTIONS: 29.9.19 Gift Aid £55 Loose £45.67.

TEA/COFFEE after Mass next Sunday. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS MEAL: Saturday December 7th, 1pm at Blancos, Port Talbot. List available 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.

DATE CHANGE - SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER AUTUMN HARVEST SUPPER: 6 - 9 pm in Coytrahen Community Centre. This will be a “Bring and Share”. List available for you to advise food you will bring