



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

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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2019 RETIRING COLLECTION Care for the Sick & Retired Clergy	Aberkenfig 9am	For those who died in Wars <i>RIP</i> People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	For those who died in Wars <i>RIP</i> Ted Treleaven <i>RIP</i> (A&R) Readers: Paul Donoghue & Maria Cahalane BP Eirlys Furlong
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Margaret Heath <i>RIP</i> (GBG) Readers: Michelle Bumford BP Michael Lawler
Monday 11th November 2019 St Martin of Tours	Maesteg 10 am	Roger Maddock <i>RIP</i> (A&R) Holy Souls Reader: Eirlys Furlong
Tuesday 12th November 2019 St Josaphat	Aberkenfig 10 am Aberkenfig 7 pm Requiem Mass	Holy Souls <i>We remember those who died throughout the year and our departed brothers and sisters</i>
Wednesday 13th November 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 32	Maesteg 10 am Maesteg 7 pm Requiem Mass	Margaret & Edward Jenkins <i>RIP</i> (MB) Holy Souls Reader: Bernard Rawlings <i>We remember those who died throughout the year and our departed brothers and sisters</i>
Thursday 14th November 2019 St Dyfrig	Aberkenfig 10 am	Holy Souls
Friday 15th November 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 32	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am to 6 pm	Ona Worrall <i>RIP</i> (EDH&F -NZ) Holy Souls Reader: Maria Browne Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 16th November 2019 Votive Memorial Our Blessed Lady	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am to 11 am	Graham White <i>RIP</i> (TW) Holy Souls Reader: Tess White Exposition and Confession
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C World Day of the Poor 17th November 2019 Maesteg: Retiring Collection Restoration Fund	Aberkenfig 9 am	Peter Malloy <i>RIP</i> People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Johanna Evans <i>RIP</i> (TW) Readers: Keith Edwards & Tess White BP Bernard Rawlings
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Brian Crowley <i>RIP</i> (CW) Readers: Michael Lawler BP Angela Brennan



**Our Lady & St Patrick Parish
Blessed Sacrament Lamp:**
Special Intention
Our Blessed Lady's Lamp:
Sick of the Parish

NOTICES

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ona Elizabeth Worrall; John McAuliffe and Maureen Jones. Our sympathies go to the bereaved Families.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Thursday 14th November at 11am – Sarn Cemetery; Saturday 16th November at 11am – Maesteg Cemetery; Sunday 17th November at 12.15am – Llangynwyd Cemetery.

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

CARE FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY confirms our promise that they will not be forgotten after a life of service. The Archdiocese of Cardiff is blessed by retired clergy who remain active in or around the parishes in which they have retired. Over the next 10 years just under half of all diocesan priests will reach retirement age. The cost of care will rise dramatically as a result. But with your help, we will keep the promise and show our gratitude. There will be a special collection today in both Parishes to support the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund; please use the envelopes provided and give generously. You may Gift Aid your donations. Thank you

“THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: The Year of the Word 2020” – In partnership with the Bible Society the Catholic Church in England and Wales will focus on Celebrating, living and sharing God’s Word 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.

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 Presbytery Hall at 6pm.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS: available at the back of both of our Churches. Your list will be placed in a book placed on the altar at each Mass during November. **Red grave candles are available at the back of the Church and cost £2.50 each.**

2020 LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Monday 7 – Friday 11th September 2020. Full Board Cost Approx. £550 - £600, Details on the notice board or contact Deacons Robert Coyne (783540) Anthony Martin (772270) of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Porthcawl, for more details.

PARISH OF OUR LADY & SAINT PATRICK, MAESTEG

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Let us pray for Rosie Alys & Thomas George Lewis who will be Baptised on Saturday 16th November 2019 at 2 pm. May our prayers also go to their parents, Rebecca & Daniel, who will be the first teachers of the faith to their children.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION every Thursday at 4pm at the Presbytery Hall. Let us pray for the children and their families.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: 3rd November 2019: Gift Aid £388.00, Planned/Loose £206.95, Levy £154.33.

WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET DAY TRIP - Saturday, 7TH December 2019. Winchester Cathedral’s Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe because of its unique location, high quality exhibitors and bustling atmosphere. Wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations and festive foods can be found in abundance, with a delightful Food Court, British Crafts Village, and over 100 chalets to explore, voted 2nd best in the UK and one of the top 8 Christmas Markets in Europe. Join us for a great day out. **Book your tickets with Tess and Cheryl.**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: This is a great opportunity to raise funds; if each Parish family would just sell an envelope of raffle tickets to friends, family members, a work colleague, or anyone you know, it will be possible to raise £2000. Draw takes place second Sunday of December. Tickets now available.

PARISH OF ST ROBERT’S ABERKENFIG

TEA/COFFEE after Mass today in the Sacristy. All welcome.

COLLECTIONS: 3rd November: Gift Aid £132.00, Loose £95.86.

CHRISTMAS MEAL: Saturday December 7th, 1 pm, at Blancos, Port Talbot. Please pay balance for meal (£16) as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TO SUPPORT PARISH FUNDS: Tickets available today, draw Sunday 15th December at the Christmas Afternoon Tea, Coytrahen, 3 to 5 pm. If you can support by providing suitable raffle prizes we would be very grateful. **MANY THANKS.**