



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

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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C World Day of the Poor 17th November 2019 Maesteg Retiring Collection Restoration Fund	Aberkenfig 9am	Peter Malloy <i>RIP</i> People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Johanna Evans <i>RIP</i> (TW) Readers: Keith Lewis & Tess White BP Bernard Rawlings
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Brian Crowley <i>RIP</i> (CW) Readers: Michael Lawler BP Angela Brennan
Monday 18th November 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 33	Maesteg 10 am	Ralph & Winnie Cornish <i>RIP</i> (M&R) Holy Souls (M&R) Reader: Tess White
Tuesday 19th November 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 33	Aberkenfig 6.30 pm	Ona Worrall <i>RIP</i> (CT) Holy Souls
Wednesday 20th November 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 33	Maesteg 10 am	Jill John <i>RIP</i> (VO'D) Holy Souls Reader: Maria Browne
Thursday 21st November 2019 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Aberkenfig 10 am	Louise Ann Patricia <i>RIP</i> (Kf) Denis Burke <i>RIP</i> Holy Souls
Friday 22nd November 2019 St Ceclia	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am to 6 pm	Margaret Whitty <i>RIP</i> (GB&G) Holy Souls Reader: Keith Lewis Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 23rd November 2019 Votive Memorial Our Blessed Lady	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am to 11 am	Mona & Morgan Maloney <i>RIP</i> (A&IA) Holy Souls Reader: Maria Cahalane Exposition and Confession
Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 24th November 2019 Maesteg: Retiring Collection Maintenance  Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: Special Intention Our Blessed Lady's Lamp: Sick of the Parish	Aberkenfig 9 am	Billy, Mollie, Liam, Marcia Stocking <i>RIP</i> (D&AD) People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am Llangynwyd Cemetery 12.15 pm	Kelly & Davies Families <i>RIP</i> (Kf) Holy Souls Readers: Michelle & Nicola BP Stephanie
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Albert & Connie Williams <i>RIP</i> (C&P) Readers: Angela Brennan BP Michael Lawler

NOTICES

IMPORTANT PLEASE RESPOND – CONSULTATION ON RE AND RSE IN WALES AND

PARENTAL RIGHTS : *This is totally against faith schools and the Christian message.*

The Welsh Government wants to take away the rights of parents to withdraw their children from both Religious Education (RE) and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). They also want to dumb-down the subject of RE and force schools to teach children about worldviews instead. Archbishop George urge our Schools, parents and Parishioners to contact their Assembly Member and demand that the Welsh Government does not take away parents' rights to decide how they teach these sensitive topics to their children. The consultation closes on 28th November 2019. To contact your AM about this issue please visit the Catholic Education Service's website catholiceducation.org.uk All you have to do is fill in your name and address and the letter is automatically generated. Or write to our Assembly Member, Huw Irranca=Davies, Unit 2, 112-113 Commercial Street, Maesteg, CF349D **making clear the objections of the Catholic Community to the proposed changes in RE and RSE in Wales and parental rights.**

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: Tuesday 19th November 2017 at 1pm at St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff. All are invited to come and pray with your Priest.

FAITH & BIBLE SHARING: There will be Faith and Bible Sharing this Thursday at 6 pm at the Presbytery Hall, 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.

CARE FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY: Our sincere thanks go to you all for your generous donations towards the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund. God richly bless you all.

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: Every blessing and congratulations to Rosie Alys & Thomas George Lewis... 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: 10th November 2019: Gift Aid £328.50, Planned/Loose £218.47, Sick & Retired Clergy £488.00.

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

PARISH MEETING : This Tuesday, 19th November, after evening Mass. ALL WELCOME.

COLLECTIONS: 10th November: Gift Aid £120.00, Loose £ 108.60, Sick & Retired Clergy £180.15.

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.

AFTERNOON TEA , 15TH December. Tickets will be available from next week £5 adult, £2.50 child.

NEW ROTAS: Please collect from the back of the Church. We are looking for more people to help with cleaning, flowers, reading and the Fatima statue – please speak to Christine Took or Bernadette Lewis if you can help. Many thanks.