



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

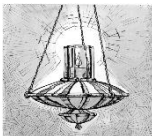
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Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 24th November 2019 Maesteg <i>Maesteg: Retiring Collection Maintenance</i>	Aberkenfig 9am	Billy, Mollie, Liam, Marcia Stocking <i>RIP (D&AD)</i> People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am School Mass	Kelly & Davies Families <i>RIP (Kf)</i> Holy Souls Readers: Michelle & Nicola BP Stephanie
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Albert & Connie Williams <i>RIP (C&P)</i> Readers: Angela Brennan BP Michael Lawler
Monday 25th November 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 34	Maesteg 10 am	Peter Catt <i>RIP (L&S)</i> Paul and Jackie Waters <i>RIP (S&f)</i> Reader: Tess White
Tuesday 26th November 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 34	Aberkenfig 10 am	Special Intention for Rachel Tom & Emily Sheila Kenny <i>RIP (ER/JB)</i> Holy Souls
Wednesday 27th November 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 34	Maesteg 10 am	Wayne Tanner <i>RIP (CT)</i> Holy Souls Reader: Maria Browne
Thursday 28th November 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 34	Aberkenfig 10 am	Special intention Helen & David Holmshaw Holy Souls
Friday 29th November 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 34	Maesteg 10.30 am 11 am to 6 pm Aberkenfig 12.30 pm	Thomas & Margaret Maloney & Mal Hughes <i>RIP (P&f)</i> Holy Souls Reader: Maria Browne Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Requiem Mass Monica Patricia Enos
Saturday 30th November 2019 St Andrew	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am to 11 am	Edward Scourfield <i>RIP (Sf)</i> Holy Souls Reader: Keith Lewis Exposition and Confession
1st Sunday of Advent 1st December 2019 Maesteg: Flower Collection for Christmas	Aberkenfig 9 am	Father Dewi Davies <i>RIP (BL)</i> People of the Parishes
 Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: <i>Special Intention</i> Our Blessed Lady's Lamp: <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	Maesteg 11 am	Margaret & Eddie Carroll <i>RIP (LT)</i> Readers: Maria Cahalane & Paul Donoghue BP Bernard Rawlings
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Hayden & Nell Burns <i>RIP (MLD)</i> Readers: Michael Lawler BP Michelle Bumford

NOTICES

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Monica Patricia Enos, whose Requiem would take place on Friday 29th November at 12.30pm at St Robert, Aberkenfig. May our sympathy go to the bereaved family.

WALK WITH ME-Advent Booklet to help with your meditation in preparation for the coming of the Lord is available at the back of the Church for £1 each.

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.**

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.

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.

PARISHES AND SCHOOLS OF OUR LADY & ST PATRICK & ST ROBERT CHRISTMAS CONCERT Friday, 20th December 2019, 6 pm, at Maesteg. Afterwards in the School Hall for refreshments; bring a plate to share. A night to wear your Christmas Jumpers!

PARISH OF OUR LADY & SAINT PATRICK, MAESTEG

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

SPECIAL PARISH RETIRING COLLECTIONS DECEMBER 2019:

1ST December – Flowers for Christmas; 8th December – Annual Appeal by the SVP for donations towards vouchers for special families in need.

WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET DAY TRIP - Saturday, 7TH December 2019, leaving Commercial Street entrance of Church at 7.45 am prompt calling at Aberkenfig. Join us for a great day out. Book your tickets with Tess and Cheryl. Cost £20. Thank you.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Thank you for your support to date. Tickets still available if you can sell to friends and family members. Draw takes place second Sunday of December.

PARISH OF ST ROBERT'S ABERKENFIG

COLLECTIONS: 17th November: Gift Aid £140.00, Loose £84.27.

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 available today, £5 adult, £2.50 child.

100 PLUS WINNERS : £40 Mr. J. Took, 2nd £10 Mr. D. Riley, 3rd £10 Mrs A. Hiddlestone.