



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

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<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 9am</b>	<b>Lewis family (BL) People of the Parishes</b>
	<b>Maesteg 11 am</b>	<b>Bob McGee RIP (JA&amp;f) Readers: Maria Cahalane &amp; Bernard Rawlings BP Eileen Davies</b>
	<b>Maesteg 4.45pm</b>	<b>Edward, Don, Des &amp; Mahoney Family RIP (KH) Reader: Angela Brennan BP: Michael Lawler</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019 6<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of Christmas</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>	<b>Patricia Whane RIP (MD) Reader: Eirllys Furlong</b>
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 7<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of Christmas  NEW YEAR'S EVE - VIGIL MASS MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 10 am</b>  <b>MAESTEG 11 pm</b>	<b>In Thanksgiving to God</b>  <b>Margaret &amp; Edwin Jenkins RIP (MB) Readers: PLEASE VOLUNTEER – SEE FATHER EDMUND BEFORE HOLY MASS.</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 NEW YEAR'S DAY MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>	<b>Maesteg 9 am</b>  <b>Aberkenfig 11 am</b>	<b>Elsie Fowler RIP (MG&amp;f) John, Julia &amp; Rowlands family RIP (MB) Readers: Lucy and Jessica</b>  <b>A &amp; M Hughes Family Intentions (EN)</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 Sts Basil and Gregory</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>	<b>Neizer &amp; Allied Family Intentions (JN)</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>	<b>Maureen &amp; Jack Jenkins RIP (C&amp;TJ) Reader: Tess White</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Weekday before the Epiphany</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>	<b>David Treharne &amp; Frank Davies RIP (CW) Reader: Maria Cahalane</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Epiphany of the Lord  Our Lady &amp; St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: Special Intention Our Blessed Lady's Lamp: Sick of the Parish</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b>	<b>Ita Laydon (Sligo) RIP (KR) People of the Parishes</b>
	<b>Maesteg 11 am</b>	<b>Patrick, Janet &amp; Michael Butler RIP (BF) Readers: Paul Donoghue &amp; Maria Cahalane BP Jacqui Summers</b>
	<b>Maesteg 4.45 pm</b>	<b>Edward, Don, Des &amp; Mahoney Family RIP (KH) Reader: Angela Brennan /Michael Lawler</b>

***We Wish You A Happy New Year 2020***

*Dear Brothers & Sisters, God is good all the time... Jesus Christ the Saviour is born for us. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and the part you have individually and collectively played for our good and the good of the Church. I wish you and your families and loved ones a Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year. May the HOLY FAMILY- Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Pray for us. God Love you all. Fr. Edmund*

**CRIB OFFERING:** Please consider making a donation at the Crib. Your donation will help Catholic Children's Society provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR THE CLERGY:** Your Christmas Wishes, Presents and Offerings for the Clergy, are very much appreciated. May God abundantly pour His blessings upon you and give back to you in multiples of hundreds of your kind offerings. God Love you all.

**2020 LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Full Board Cost Approx. £550 - £600, Please contact the notice board or Deacons Robert Coyne/Anthony Martin of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Porthcawl for more details.

**WELSH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2020:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Return flight from Bristol, Hotel Grace, 23kg Luggage Allowance, Breakfast and Dinner, Local Guide, Full Religious Programme & 100% Financial Protection at £569. Full details on Parish Notice Board. Interested persons should Please contact Jen Smith of Maesteg on 07866228930/01639896828 and Anne Raynolds of Aberkenfig on 07845477960.

**YEAR BOOK 2020 ON SALE:** Please pick a copy at the back of the Church for £3.50

#### **LAST WEEK TO TAKE PART IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS**

**PROVISION OF SCHOOL TRANSPORT BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH:** The Local Authority are again looking at the provision of transport to schools. Details of the consultation process can be found using this link: <https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/my-council/equalities-and-engagement/consultations/current-consultations/>

The main changes in the proposal are to withdraw transport for all nursery aged pupils, siblings will no longer be protected to travel under the old guidelines (as they were previously) and the distance of transport allowed will be increased to greater than 2 miles (previously 1.5 miles). This is a negative impact on our Catholic Schools. We are urged to complete the response online using the above link.

#### **PARISH OF ST ROBERT, ABERKENFIG**

**COLLECTIONS:** 22.12.19      Gift Aid £163      Loose £87.46

**MANY THANKS:** to all those who helped prepare our Church in any way for the Nativity of the Lord.

**FOODBANK:** Donations of cereals, small tea & coffee, rice, pasta, soup, tin veg, corned beef, tuna, tooth paste & toiletries would be appreciated. Thank you.