



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

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<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday 15th December 2019</b>  <b>Maesteg Retiring Collection Restoration Fund</b>	Aberkenfig 9am	Margaret Williams/Ron Richards/ Valerie Collins <i>RIP</i> People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am School Mass	Matthew Morgan, Martin & Catherine Burns <i>RIP</i> (MLD) Readers: Paul Donoghue & Eileen Davies BP Bernard Rawlings.
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Nancy & Terry Hayes <i>RIP</i> (TP&S) Readers: Michelle Bumford BP Grandchildren
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 Third Week of Advent	Maesteg 10.30 am	Requiem Mass Mary Paget <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 Third Week of Advent	Aberkenfig 10 am Aberkenfig 10.30-11 am	Thanksgiving (James & Peter Jones) Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 Third Week of Advent	Maesteg 10 am	Tom & Elizabeth Bumford <i>RIP</i> (R&P) Thanksgiving 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (Eileen Horton) Reader: Michelle Bumford
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 Third Week of Advent	Aberkenfig 10 am	Healing for Wales (Tony Foder) Monica Enos <i>RIP</i> (R&MD)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 Third Week of Advent	Maesteg 10 am	Daniel Pryce <i>RIP</i> (P&CD) Peggy & Jim Ronan <i>RIP</i> (TB) Reader: Tess White
	Maesteg 12.45 pm	Requiem Mass Eileen Margaret Coombes <i>RIP</i>
	Maesteg 6 pm	Joint Carol Festival
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 Third Week of Advent	Maesteg 10 am	John Kehoe <i>RIP</i> (KK) Joe Dwyer <i>RIP</i> (MD&f) Reader: Maria Browne
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Expectant Mothers' Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019</b>  Our Lady & St Patrick Parish <i>Blessed Sacrament Lamp:</i> <i>Special Intention</i> <i>Our Blessed Lady's Lamp:</i> <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	Aberkenfig 9 am	Winnie Hollyman <i>RIP</i> Mary Ann Hale <i>RIP</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Pitman & Jones families <i>RIP</i> (T&A) People of the Parishes Readers: Keith Lewis & Maria Browne BP Jacquie Summers
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Margaret Tew <i>RIP</i> (R&f) Thanksgiving 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary John & Pat Winstone Readers: Michael Lawler BP Paula Davies



## NOTICES

**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.

**JOINT CAROL FESTIVAL:** Beloved, we all encourage to make our Carol Festival on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6 pm a successful and joyful day, by our full support and participation, for a Happy Christmas.

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of **Mrs. Mary Paget**, who Passed on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. Her Requiem Mass is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 10.30am at Our Lady & St. Patrick Church, Maesteg. And **Mrs. Eileen Margaret Coombes**, who passed on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Her Requiem is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12.45pm at Our Lady & St. Patrick Church, Maesteg. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Eternal Glory. May our sympathies go to the bereaved families.

**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 to this and every Thursday to the Bible and Faith sharing at 6pm in the Presbytery Hall.

**WELSH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORIE 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 Jenifer at Maesteg and Anne Reynolds at Aberkenfig or Fr. Edmund.

**2020 LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** Monday 7 – 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.

**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 OUR LADY & SAINT PATRICK, MAESTEG

**CONGRATULATIONS AND EVERY BLESSING TO MARIA BROWNE ON CELEBRATING HER SPECIAL BIRTHDAY.**

**PARISH COLLECTIONS: 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Gift Aid £296.50, Planned/Loose £160.55. Thanks for your generous donations to the SVP Appeal. Details next week.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE and 300 PLUS DRAW:** Please see notice board for those who won.

### PARISH OF ST ROBERT'S ABERKENFIG

**COLLECTIONS 1<sup>st</sup> December:** Gift Aid £103, Loose £79.04

**AFTERNOON TEA TODAY** 3 to 5 pm. Tickets available, £5 adult, £2.50 child. Christmas Raffle to be drawn. ALL WELCOME.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 9 am. Please come along and help to prepare our Church for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.

**FOODBANK:** as we prepare for Christmas let us remember those less fortunate than ourselves – Christmas foodstuffs would be much appreciated.