



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

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4th Sunday of Advent 22nd December 2019	Aberkenfig 9am	Winnie Hollyman <i>RIP</i> Mary Ann Lane <i>RIP</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Pitman & Jones families <i>RIP</i> (T&A) People of the Parishes Readers: Keith Lewis & Maria Browne BP Jacqui Summers
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Margaret Tew <i>RIP</i> (R&f) Thanksgiving 60th Wedding Anniversary John & Pat Winstone Readers: Michael Lawler BP Paula Davies
Monday 23rd December 2019 4 th Week of Advent	Maesteg 10.30 am	Mary Paget <i>RIP</i> (GB&G) Eileen Davies (Margam) <i>RIP</i> (F&VK) Reader: Eirlys Furlong
Tuesday 24th December 4 th week of advent THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST VIGIL MASS EVENING MASS EVENING MASS	Aberkenfig 10 am 10.30 - 11 am Maesteg 6 pm Aberkenfig 8 pm Maesteg 10 pm	Martyn Davies Special Intention Exposition & Reconciliation <i>Final opportunity to prepare for the coming</i> <i>of the Lord</i> Mary & Ron Browne & Aidan & Irene Doyle <i>RIP</i> (MTB) Angelo Rossetti <i>RIP</i> James & Elizabeth Banks <i>RIP</i> (MB) Brian Crowley <i>RIP</i> (MB&f) Readers: Keith Lewis/Tess White BP Maria Cahalane
Wednesday 25th December THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	Maesteg 9 am Aberkenfig 11 am	Louise, Teresa, Lloyd, Alex, Bethan, Rebecca and Paola <i>RIP</i> (F&VK) Readers: Paul Donoghue/Michelle Bumford BP Stephanie Davies Jules & Renea Lagaule <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 26th December 2019 St Stephen	Aberkenfig 10 am	Father John Meredith <i>RIP</i> (All Altar Servers are encouraged to attend to renew their commitment to serve the Lord)
Friday 27th December 2019 St John Apostle & Evangelist	Maesteg 10 am	Margaret Whitty <i>RIP</i> (LR&f) Thomas & Lucas families <i>RIP</i> (ML) Reader: Keith Lewis
Saturday 28th December 2019 Holy Innocents, Martyrs	Maesteg 10 am	Brian Maddock <i>RIP</i> (A&R) Michael Keane <i>RIP</i> (CEJ&f) Reader: Maria Cahalane
Sunday 29th December 2019	Aberkenfig 9 am	Lewis family (BL) People of the Parishes

<p style="text-align: center;">The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady & St Patrick Parish <i>Blssed Sacrament Lamp:</i> Special Intention <i>Our Blessed Lady's Lamp:</i> Sick of the Parish</p> 	Maesteg 11 am	Bob McGee RIP (JA&f) Readers: Maria Cahalane & Bernard Rawlings BP Eileen Davies
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Edward, Don, Des & Mahoney Family RIP (KH) Reader: Angela Brennan BP: Michael Lawler

My dear Brothers & Sisters, God is good all the time... Christmas is here again. 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 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. 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: At the back of the Church are envelopes for our Christmas offering to the Parish Clergy. There is no obligation attached to this, please give freely. Your offering will be appreciated and shared equally among the Clergy of the Deanery. Thank you. *Parishioners with Gift Aid (Pink) and Planned Giving Boxes (Yellow) can use their White Envelopes which will be shared equally. COLLECTION TAKEN UP AT ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES.*

WELSH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2020: Tuesday 22nd – 29th 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 Reynolds of Aberkenfig on 07845477960.

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

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jean Collins and for her family at this sad time.
CONGRATULATIONS AND EVERY BLESSING TO PAT AND JOHN WINSTONE ON CELEBRATING THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: 15TH December: Gift Aid £429.50 , Planned/Loose £174.87, Restoration £280.48.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: £200 (3878) Marion Orban, £100 (2428) Angy, £50 (3521) Margaret Wells, Hamper (2068) Anne Docker, Wine Hamper (2055) Pat Davies, Whisky (2181) Deanna Evans, Wine (3131) Vincent Kelly (3101) Morgan Rey. Thank you for your support.

300 PLUS DRAW WINNERS: November: £50 (216) Kath Richards, £30 (11) Deanne Evans, £20 (125) Eirlys Furlong, £10 (157) Bernie Blackmore. December: £500 (270) Emma Clark, £250 (42) Isabella Fowler, £100 (181) Veronica Brennan, £10 (255) Marsha Davies, (257) Bamford Jones, (119) Sean Kehoe, (280) Anthony Roche, (57) Bella Mills, (40) Margaret Buckley

PARISH OF ST ROBERT'S ABERKENFIG

COLLECTIONS: 15.12.19 Gift Aid £141, Loose £141.30.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS - there is a basket at the back of the Church if you would like to make a donation.

CHURCH CLEANING: tomorrow from 9a.m. Please come along and help to prepare our Church for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.

100 CLUB WINNERS: 1st £85 The Braithwaites (181), 2nd £35 Mr. D Riley (173), 3rd £20 Mrs. L Townsend (44), 4th £10 Mr. P. Collins (14), 5th £10 Mr. M. Brett (20).