



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


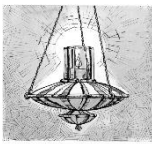
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Sunday 5th January 2020 Epiphany of the Lord 	Aberkenfig 9am	Ita Laydon (Sligo) <i>RIP</i> (KR) People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Patrick, Janet & Michael Butler <i>RIP</i> (BF) Readers: Paul Donoghue & Maria Cahalane BP Jacqui Summers
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Edward, Don, Des & Mahoney Family <i>RIP</i> (KH) Reader: Angela Brennan /Michael Lawler
Monday 6th January 2020	Maesteg 10 am	Mary Paget <i>RIP</i> (R&BJ) Reader: Eirlys Furlong
Tuesday 7th January 2020	Aberkenfig 10 am	Hycinth & Paul Cobb's Intention (HC) John Lowe <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 8th January 2020	Maesteg 10 am	Linda Evans <i>RIP</i> (TW) Reader: Tess White
Thursday 9th January 2020	Aberkenfig 10 am	Thanksgiving 70 th Birthday Mary Daubney
Friday 10th January 2020	Maesteg 10 am 10.30am-6pm	Matthew Morgan <i>RIP</i> (L&AM) Reader: Maria Browne Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 11th January 2020	Maesteg 3 pm	Thanksgiving for all who volunteer for the good of our Parishes Reader: Maria Cahalane
Sunday 12th January 2020 BAPTISM OF THE LORD Our Lady & St Patrick Parish <i>Blissed Sacrament Lamp:</i> <i>Special Intention</i> <i>Our Blessed Lady's Lamp:</i> <i>Sick of the Parish</i> 	Aberkenfig 9 am	Paddy Bailey <i>RIP</i> Took and Carey families
	Maesteg 11 am	Brian Crowley <i>RIP</i> (KHf) Readers: Bernard Rawlings & Eileen Davies BP Eirlys Furlong
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Peter & Michael Harpur <i>RIP</i> (M&f) People of the Parishes Reader: Angela Brennan /Michael Lawler

REQUIESCANT IN PACE:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mr Tommy Seldon and Mrs. Lilly Bolger who have recently died and their families at this sad time. Let us also remember our deceased brothers and sisters who have gone before us on our pilgrimage of faith, especially those who have died recently and those with Anniversaries at this time.

NOTICES

APPRECIATION & THANKSGIVING TO ALL VOLUNTEERS OF OUR PARISHES:

Our sincere gratitude goes to all who volunteer for the good of our Parishes. There will be “A day of Thanksgiving and Celebration” for all who have been volunteering their resources, talents, gifts, time and commitment for the smooth running of our Parishes, on Saturday 11th January 2020 at the Presbytery Hall. Anyone who is interested to contribute towards the success this day should please contact Fr. Edmund or Mr. Michael Banks.

COFFEE MORNING: Once again, our sincere thanks go to the organisers, patrons and supporters of the Coffee Mornings in the Parish for raising an additional **£601.00** from September - December 2019. In Sum they have raised a total of **£2,039.60** for the Year 2019 to Parish Fund. God Love You All.

FAITH & BIBLE SHARING: Resumes on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 6pm at The Presbytery. Tea & Coffee would be served. All interested persons are welcome.

RCIA: People seeking to be received into communion with the Catholic Church are invited every Thursday to the Bible and Faith sharing at 6pm in the Presbytery Hall.

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.

2020 LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Monday 7th – Friday 11th 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

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 Raynolds of Aberkenfig on **07845477960**.

ECUMENICAL CLERGY PILGRIMAGE: Fr. Edmund will be travelling with some Priests from the Archdiocese of Cardiff for an Ecumenical Clergy Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from the 13th – 20th January 2020. Please keep them in your prayers and be assured that your prayers and intentions will be prayed for during this period.

YEAR BOOK 2020 ON SALE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR £3.50 EACH. PLEASE GRAB A COPY.

PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST PATRICK MAESTEG

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION: Resumes on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 4pm at the Presbytery Hall. Let us continue to pray for the children and their families.

PARISH COLLECTIONS 29TH DECEMBER 2019: Gift Aid £302.55, Planned/Loose £166.36, Maintenance £121.90.

The SVP would like to thank you for your very generous giving to their Christmas collection which realised £1006.12. You were able to support 18 very grateful families. The SVP thank you for your incredible weekly donations to the Foodbank. Many thanks to all.

PARISH OF ST ROBERT'S ABERKENFIG

TEA/COFFEE: after Mass in the Sacristy next Sunday.

COLLECTIONS: 29.12.19 Gift Aid £108, Loose £65.10, Christmas Flowers £73.

FUNDRAISING: Christmas Raffle £450, Sunday Coffee £105, Advent Breakfast £40, Harvest Supper £33, Christmas Tea £125. Many thanks for your support.

PRAYER CIRCLE: meet 10.30a.m. next Wednesday 8th January in the Church. Tea/ coffee afterwards in the Sacristy. All welcome.

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