



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

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Sunday 12th January 2020 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Aberkenfig 9am	Paddy Bailey RIP Took and Carey families
	Maesteg 11 am	Brian Crowley RIP (KHf) Readers: Bernard Rawlings & Eileen Daviesane BP Eirlys Furlong
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Peter & Michael Harpur RIP (M&f) People of the Parishes Reader: Michael Lawler
Monday 13th January to 18th January 2020 WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2020	NO MASS MAESTEG 10 AM	HOLY ROSARY COFFEE MORNING
Sunday 19th January 2020 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: <i>Special Intention</i> Our Blessed Lady's Lamp: <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	Aberkenfig 9am	Ann Doyle RIP (ED) Thanksgiving (MM)
	Maesteg 11 am	Catherine & Peter Codd RIP (C&TJ) Tess Keane RIP (M&SK) Readers: Paul Donoghue & Maria Browne BP Maria Cahalane
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Bill Heath RIP (GBG) People of the Parishes Reader: Michael Lawler

ECUMENICAL CLERGY PILGRIMAGE: Fr. Edmund will be travelling with some Priests from the Archdiocese of Cardiff to the Holy Land for an Ecumenical Scriptural Retreat for Clergy from the 13th – 20th January 2020. In this regard, there will be **NO WEEKDAY MASS** during this Period. Sunday Masses in both Parishes would be covered by Fr. Tim McGrath. Please keep Fr. Edmund and the clergy in your prayers and be assured that your prayers and intentions will be prayed for in the Holy Land.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mr Tommy Seldon, his Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 24th February 2020 at 11.30 am and Mrs. Elizabeth “Lily” Bolger whose Requiem Mass will be on Friday 7th February 2020. May our sympathies and prayers be with their families at this sad time

Please also pray for Jimmy Roche, Wexford, who died recently and his family in Ireland and in our own Parish. Let us also remember all 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

BIBLE SUNDAY: In his Apostolic Letter entitled *Aperuit illis* published in September 2019, Pope Francis established that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". In this regard, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is inviting us to bring our Bibles to Mass to be blessed on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the weekend of January 25th and 26th.

FAITH & BIBLE SHARING: There will be Faith and Bible Sharing every Thursday at 6pm at The Presbytery Hall. 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**.

YEAR BOOK 2020 ON SALE.

PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST PATRICK, MAESTEG

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION: Every Thursday at 4pm at the Presbytery Hall. Let us continue to pray for the children and their families.

PARISH COLLECTIONS 5th JANUARY 2020: Gift Aid £317.50, Planned/Loose £161.35, Levy £155.75. Retiring collection for Restoration Fund next Sunday, 19th January 2020.

FUNDRAISING: Our sincere thanks go to the Fundraising Team, volunteers and to Parishioners and Friends of the Parish for the following: **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE = £905.00; 300PLUS CLUB = £1000.00** and an additional **£113.00 from the RED BRICK INITIATIVE**. Total of **£2,018.00** presented to Parish Fund. God Love you all for your generosity and support.

300 PLUS CLUB 2020: Membership cards will be available Sunday, 26th January. The team will be at each Mass to take fees. £12 per annum, can be paid quarterly, half yearly or in full. We have lost a number of our faithful Parishioners (*RIP*) last year. Thanks to all members for their continued support. **PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER. ENCOURAGE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN.**

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TEA/COFFEE: after Mass in the Sacristy today.

COLLECTIONS: 5th January 2020 Gift Aid £113, Loose £81.89.

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