



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

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th January 2020 “Bibles will be blessed at all Masses today” Retiring Collection Maintenance	Aberkenfig 9am	Sean Casey RIP Thelma Leyshon RIP
	Maesteg 11 am School Mass	Jim & Winnie Connolly RIP (SG) Adrian Scourfield RIP (Sf) Readers: Maria Cahalane & Bernard Rawlings BP Eirlys Furlong
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Winifred Cleary RIP (MMcD) People of the Parishes Readers: Michelle Bumford BP Grandchildren
Monday 27 th January 2020	Maesteg 10 am	Private Intention Reader: Tess White
Tuesday 28 th January 2020	Aberkenfig 6.30 pm	Private Intention
Wednesday 29 th January 2020	Maesteg 10 am	Garry Donoghue RIP (ND) Reader: Bernard Rawlings
Thursday 30th January 2020	Aberkenfig 10 am	Holy Souls
Friday 31 st January 2020	Maesteg 10.30 am	Tommy Seldon RIP (LR&F) Reader: Eirlys Furlong
Saturday 1 st February 2020	11 am to 6 pm	Exposition and Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am to 11 am 11.30 am Maesteg 5.30 pm PRESENTATION of THE LORD	Janet Butler RIP (CT) Reader: Maria Cahalane <i>Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> Baptism of Theo Nathan Enoch Candlelight Procession and Vigil Mass Readers to be confirmed.
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2nd February 2020 Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: <i>Special Intention</i> Our Blessed Lady's Lamp: <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	Aberkenfig 9 am	Thomas Keane RIP (KR) People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Wayne Tanner RIP (CT) Mary & Ron Browne RIP (MTB) Readers: Maria Browne & Paul Donoghue BP Eileen Davies
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	People of the Parish Readers to be Confirmed



NOTICES

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Please pray for Mrs Elizabeth Bolger who has recently died and her family at this sad time. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 7th February 2020 at 10.30 am followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 12 noon. 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.

SACRAMENT: Please pray for Theo Nathan Enoch who will be Baptised on Saturday 1st February 2020 and for his parents who will be the first teachers of the faith to their Child.

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.

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 RETREAT AT THE HOLY LAND: Thanks be to God we had an amazing retreat with you always in my thoughts and prayers. I may not have enough space to share all my experiences in this newsletter, but that which remained with me throughout our retreat is the Symbol and significance of the **JERUSALEM CROSS** for us Christians. This cross is made up of One Big Cross in the Middle with Four small crosses at the Four corners. It was explained by our guide as the Christian faith beginning from Jerusalem and spreading to the four corners of the world and it also represents the Five Wounds of Jesus on the Cross by which we are healed. Visiting the Holy Land and walking in the footsteps of Christ Jesus is for me an experience that I will wish for anyone seeking to grow in the faith.

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Next Weekend we Celebrate “THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD”.

There will be a Vigil Mass on Saturday 1st February at 5.30pm with the Blessing of Candles at a separate gathering in the Presbytery Hall and procession to the Church for Mass. Children preparing for first Holy Communion will be officially presented for Enrolment. All are cordially welcome.

PARISH GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 6pm at the Presbytery Hall to evaluate last Year's Programme and to discuss A Programme for the Year 2020. All interested Parishioners are welcome.

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

PARISH COLLECTIONS 19th JANUARY 2020: Gift Aid £307.50, Planned/Loose £198.76, Maintenance £226.78.

300 PLUS CLUB 2020: Apologies in the delay. Membership cards will be available from next Sunday, 2nd February; fees. £12 per annum, can be paid quarterly, half yearly or in full. The January and February 2020 draw will take place at the end of February. Thanks to all members for their continued support **PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER. ENCOURAGE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN.**

Speak to team members to join you up.

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PARISH MEETING ON TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2020 IN THE SACRISTY AFTER 6.30 PM MASS.

100 CLUB FOR 2020: Subscriptions will be taken during February and March. If you not a member and would like to join, please speak to Bill Ennis.

COLLECTIONS: 19th January 2020 Gift Aid £65.00, Loose £96.25.

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