



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

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<b>Sunday 23rd February 2020</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>Maesteg &amp; Aberkenfig:</b> <b>Retiring Collection Maintenance</b>	Aberkenfig 9am	<b>Keith Carey <i>RIP</i></b> <b>People of the Parishes</b>
	Maesteg 11 am	<b>Charles Monaghan <i>RIP</i> (CM)</b> <b>Margaret, Mary &amp;</b> <b>Thomas McDonald <i>RIP</i> (SG)</b> <b>Readers: Paul Donoghue &amp;</b> <b>Maria Cahalane</b> <b>BP Eirllys Furlong</b>
	Maesteg 4.45pm	<b>Margaret Whitty <i>RIP</i> (MMcD)</b> <b>Readers: Michelle Bumford</b> <b>BP Stephanie Davies</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b> <b>Seventh Week of Ordinary Time</b>	Maesteg 10 am	<b>David Thomas (Cardiff) (NB)</b> <b>Reader: Tess White</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b> <b>Seventh Week of Ordinary Time</b>	Aberkenfig 10.30 am	<b>REQUIEM MASS</b> <b>Keith Patrick Carey <i>RIP</i></b>
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Holy Mass and Distribution of Ashes</b>	Maesteg 7 am St Roberts School 10 am Maesteg 1.30 pm Aberkenfig 7 pm	<b>Mrs Marlene Horton (NZ) <i>RIP</i> (D&amp;DH)</b> <b>Reader: Denis Horton</b> <b>Pupils, Staff and Governors.</b> <b>Pupils, Staff and Governors.</b> <b>Readers: Teachers/Pupils</b> <b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	Aberkenfig 10 am	<b>Kay White <i>RIP</i> (R&amp;MD)</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	Maesteg 10 am Maesteg 12 noon	<b>Rita Catt <i>RIP</i> (L&amp;S)</b> <b>Reader: Maria Browne</b> <b>FUNERAL SERVICE</b> <b>Rosa Jean Seldon <i>RIP</i></b>
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	Maesteg 10 am Maesteg 10.30 am – 1 pm	<b>Brian Jarvis &amp; Arthur Roy Richards <i>RIP</i></b> <b>Reader: Maria Cahalane</b> <b>Marriage Seminar/Course</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020</b> <b>First Sunday in Lent</b>  <b>Maesteg: Retiring Collection Levy</b> <b>Aberkenfig: Retiring Collection Maintenance</b>   <b>Our Lady &amp; St Patrick Parish</b> <b>Blessed Sacrament Lamp:</b> <i>Special Intention</i> <b>Our Blessed Lady's Lamp:</b> <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	Aberkenfig 9 am	<b>Tess Keane <i>RIP</i> (KR)</b> <b>People of the Parishes</b>
	Maesteg 11 am	<b>Thanksgiving 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Frances Kelly &amp; Louise <i>RIP</i></b> <b>Thanksgiving 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Keith Lewis</b> <b>Readers: Keith Lewis &amp;</b> <b>Michelle Bumford</b> <b>BP Nicola Kelly Fisher</b>
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	<b>Noreen Blower <i>RIP</i> (CW)</b> <b>Reader: Michael Lawler</b> <b>BP Gillian Williams</b>

## NOTICES

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the repose of the Souls Keith Patrick Carey whose Requiem is on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 10.30am at St. Robert, Aberkenfig and Rosa Jean Seldon whose Funeral Service is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 12noon at Our Lady & St. Patrick, Maesteg. May they rest in peace and rise in Eternal Glory. May our sympathies and prayers be with their families.

**LENT:** All too soon the season of Lent is here with us. To help with our preparation for Easter, we have the "Walk With Me" booklets at the back of the Church for £1 each. Please get your Copy. For our LENTEN RETREAT we shall join our brothers and sisters from the Heads of the Valleys Parishes at St. John's Church, Rhymney on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 10am-1pm. Lunch will be provided for all. To help with the preparation for Lunch and to arrange for an appropriate Bus to Rhymney, please register your names on the sheet provided at the back of the church or call Derick & Denis on 01656 731767, or register with Bernardette/Christine at Aberkenfig. Thank you.

**FAITH & BIBLE SHARING:** There will be Faith and Bible Sharing every Thursday at 6pm at The Presbytery Hall. Tea & Coffee will be served. All interested persons are welcome.

**MARRIAGE SEMINAR & COURSE:** There will be a marriage Seminar & Course this Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 from 10am to 1pm at Our Lady & St. Patrick, Maesteg. All those Preparing for Marriage and those recently married and those who are seeking/support the renewal of marriage commitment in the Lord are welcome. There will be a shared lunch. For planning purposes please register your name with Maria Cahalane or Michelle Bumford.

**WELSH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 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 Jen Smith at Maesteg on 07866228930/01639896828 and Anne Reynolds at Aberkenfig on 07845477960.

**WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2020:** 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> July 2020. The Pilgrimage departs from Cardiff Airport by chartered light. Transfers to and from Lourdes airport as well as full board accommodation are included in the price of the pilgrimage. Able bodied, sick, young people invited to join the pilgrimage. Young people can volunteer as part of the Welsh Youth to Lourdes to help care for sick pilgrims. For more information contact the pilgrimage director, Fran Mainwaring by emailing [welshnationalpilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:welshnationalpilgrimage@gmail.com)

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020:** Gift Aid £376.50, Planned/Loose £188.69, Restoration £237.55.

**300 PLUS CLUB 2020:** The team are still available today for you to collect your membership cards/fees. DRAW THE END OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY.

**EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets 50 pence, lots of prizes, available soon. YOUR SUPPORT AGAIN THIS YEAR IS SINCERELY APPRECIATED, PLEASE SELL TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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**COLLECTIONS:** 16.2.20 Gift Aid £89, Loose £70.82, Maintenance £33.50.

**100CLUB FOR 2020:** subscriptions now being taken for 2020. Envelopes available, cheques payable to St Robert Parish. If not a member please speak to Bill Ennis.

**PILGRIMAGE:** Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 8th July 2020. £649.00 per person sharing. Fly from Bristol with 10kg hand luggage, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Single extra £100. Call Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

**A.D.U.C. LENTEN LUNCHESES:** each Saturday during Lent at different churches. This Saturday, 29th February, in Smyrna Chapel, Penyfai, from 12noon – 1.15p.m. All welcome.