



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


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Sunday 2nd February 2020 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Retiring Collection Maesteg Levy	Aberkenfig 9am	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 4.45pm	Michael & Peter Harpur RIP (M&f) People of the Parishes
Monday 3rd February 2020 St Blaise “Blessing of Throats”	Maesteg 10 am	Jackie & Paul Waters RIP (SW) Reader: Tess White
Tuesday 4th February 2020 Fourth Week of Ordinary Time	Aberkenfig 10 am	Bernard Tipping RIP
Wednesday 5th February 2020 St Agatha	Maesteg 10 am	O’Brien & Rawlings families RIP (B&G) Reader: Bernard Rawlings
Thursday 6th February 2020 St Paul Miki and Companions	Aberkenfig 10 am	Shella Kenny RIP (Kf)
Friday 7th February 2020 Fourth Week of Ordinary Time	Maesteg 10.30 am	REQUIEM MASS Mrs Elizabeth Bolger RIP <i>Coychurch Crematorium</i>
Saturday 8th February 2020 Votive Memorial Our Blessed Lady	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am to 11 am	Connie Williams RIP (C&P) Reader: Maria Cahalane Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 9th February 2020 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Maesteg: Retiring Collection Maintenance</i>	Aberkenfig 9 am	Edda Jones RIP (PC) People of the Parishes
 Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: <i>Special Intention</i> Our Blessed Lady’s Lamp: <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	Maesteg 11 am	Jimmy Roche RIP (LR&f) Readers: Keith Lewis & Eileen Davies BP Eirlys Furlong
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Coleman Family RIP (AD&f) Readers: Michelle Bumford BP Stephanie Davies

THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE: There will be Blessing of Throats for the healing of any disease of the throat and any other illness through the intercession of St. Blaise on Monday at 10am Mass. All who are in need of healing and protection from illness are welcome.

NOTICES

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.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR & COURSE: There will be a marriage Seminar & Course on Saturday 29th February 2020 from 10am to 1pm at Our Lady & St. Patrick, Maesteg. All those Preparing for Marriage and those seeking to renew their marriage commitment in the Lord are welcome. There will be shared Lunch.

“WHY MEDJUGORJE?”: There will be a Talk on the Apparition of Our Lady at Medjugorje and the messages of Our Lady on Thursday 13th February 2020 at 6pm at the Presbytery Hall by Mr. Philip Illsley. All are cordially invited. Tea & Coffee will be provided.

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.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2020: 19th – 24TH 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 Welsh Youth to Lourdes to help care for sick pilgrims. For more information contact the pilgrimage director, Fran Mainwaring by emailing 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 26th JANUARY 2020:

Gift Aid £283.50, Planned/Loose £235.20, Maintenance £145.26

300 PLUS CLUB 2020: Membership cards available today. 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. PLEASE SEE – JANE AND CATH (am), GILLIAN AND BARBARA (pm).

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PRAYER CIRCLE: On Wednesday 5th February, 10.30 am followed by coffee in the Sacristy.

COLLECTIONS: 26th January 2020: Gift Aid £274, Loose £70.50.

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

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