



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

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Sunday 16th February 2020 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Retiring collection Maesteg Restoration <i>Second Collection Aberkenfig</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Aberkenfig 9am	Canon Tom Keane <i>RIP</i> Ben & Kevin Keane <i>RIP</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Lily Bolger <i>RIP (SVP)</i> People of the Parishes Readers: Tess White & Maria Browne BP Keith Lewis
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Mary Paget <i>RIP (CW&F)</i> Readers: Michael Lawler BP Michelle Bumford
Monday 17th February 2020 Sixth Week of Ordinary Time	Maesteg 10 am	Sheila Edwards <i>RIP (L&S)</i> Reader: Tess White
Tuesday 18th February 2020 Sixth Week of Ordinary Time	Aberkenfig 10 am	Private Intention Helen & David Holmshaw
Wednesday 19th February 2020 Sixth Week of Ordinary Time	Maesteg 10 am	Elizabeth Rawlings <i>RIP (B&G)</i> Joseph, Meka and Irene Marach <i>RIP (AJ)</i> Reader: Bernard Rawlings
Thursday 20th February 2020 Sixth Week of Ordinary Time	Aberkenfig 10 am Maesteg 1 pm	John Williams <i>RIP (R&MD)</i> REQUIEM MASS: Noreen Blower <i>RIP</i>
Friday 21st February 2020 Sixth Week of Ordinary Time	Maesteg 10 am Maesteg 10.30am–6pm	Ann & Jim & Keane Family <i>RIP (C&E)</i> Eileen Coombes <i>RIP (R&M)</i> Reader: Maria Browne <i>Exposition & Adoration</i>
Saturday 22nd February 2020 Chair of St Peter	Maesteg 10 am Maesteg 10.30 -11am	David Treharne <i>RIP (CT)</i> Frank Davies <i>RIP (I&DW)</i> Reader: Maria Cahalane <i>Exposition & Reconciliation</i>
Sunday 23rd February 2020 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Maesteg & Aberkenfig:</i> <i>Retiring Collection Maintenance</i>  Our Lady & St Patrick Parish <i>Blessed Sacrament Lamp:</i> <i>Special Intention</i> <i>Our Blessed Lady's Lamp:</i> <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	Aberkenfig 9 am	Keith Casey <i>RIP</i> People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Charles Monaghan <i>RIP (CM)</i> Margaret, Mary & Thomas McDonald <i>RIP (SG)</i> Readers: Paul Donoghue & Maria Cahalane BP Eirlys Furlong
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Margaret Whitty <i>RIP (MMcD)</i> Readers: Michelle Bumford BP Stephanie Davies

NOTICES

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Noreen Blower whose Requiem is on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 1pm at Our Lady & St. Patrick, Maesteg and Rosa Jean Seldon whose Funeral Service is on Friday 28th 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.

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 on Saturday 29th February 2020 from 10am to 1pm at Our Lady & St. Patrick, Maesteg. All those Preparing for Marriage, those recently married and all those who seek and support the renewal of marriage commitment in the Lord are cordially invited. For planning purposes please give your names to Maria Cahalane or Michelle Bumford. Thank you

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 at Maesteg on 07866228930/01639896828 and Anne Raynolds at 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 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

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.

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 Valley Parishes at St. John's Church, Rhymney on Saturday 7th March 2020 from 10am-1pm. There will be bring and share Lunch. To help 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. Thank you.

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 9th February 2020:

Gift Aid £416.20, Planned/Loose £132.43, Maintenance £137.49.

300 PLUS CLUB 2020: The team are available today for you to collect your membership cards/fees. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER. ENCOURAGE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN. DRAW THE END OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY.

PARISH OF ST ROBERT ABERKENFIG

TEA/COFFEE: after Mass today in Sacristy. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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

COLLECTIONS: 9.2.20 Gift Aid £116, Loose £103.29, Maintenance 2.2.20 £85.68, 9.2.20 £109.57.

100CLUB FOR 2020: subscriptions now being taken for 2020. Envelopes available.