



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

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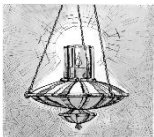
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<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 15th March 2020 Third Sunday in Lent DIMENTIA PRAYER WEEK 12th – 19th March 2020 <i>Retiring Collection Maesteg: Restoration</i> <i>Aberkenfig: Building Fund</i> During Lent – Lenten Arms Box will be placed at the back of Church for your Voluntary donations</p>	Aberkenfig 9am	Help of St Anthony (KH) People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Louise Ann Patricia RIP (Kf) Readers: Michelle & Nicola BP: Stephanie & Grandchildren
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Connie & Albert Williams RIP (CW) Reader: Michael Lawler
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 16th March 2020 Weekday of Lent</p>	Maesteg 10 am Aberkenfig 7 pm	Ona Worrall RIP (R&BJ) Reader: Tess White Lenten Reflection
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 17th March 2020 ST PATRICK BISHOP PATRON OF IRELAND</p>	Maesteg 11 am	Dennis, Brian, Terry & Eddie RIP (M&f) Annie Scourfield RIP (Sf) Reader: Keith Lewis
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 18th March 2020 Weekday of Lent</p>	Maesteg 9.30 am Maesteg 10 am	James Robinson RIP (KK) Reader: Bernard Rawlings Stations of the Cross
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 19th March 2020 ST JOSEPH Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	NO MASS	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 20th March 2020 Weekday of Lent</p>	Maesteg 10 am 10.30 am to 5 pm	Winnie & Ralph Cornish RIP (MB&f) Holy Souls Reader: Eirlys Furlong Exposition and Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 21st March 2020 Weekday of Lent</p>	Maesteg 10 am Maesteg 10.30 am	Connie Williams RIP (C&P) Reader: Maria Cahalane First Reconciliation Service
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 22nd March 2020 Fourth Sunday in Lent (LAETARE SUNDAY) “MOTHER’S DAY” <i>Retiring Collection Maesteg/Aberkenfig:</i> <i>Maintenance Fund</i> Our Lady & St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: <i>Special Intention</i> Our Blessed Lady’s Lamp: <i>Sick of the Parish</i></p>	Aberkenfig 9 am	Molly Stocking RIP (D&AD) People of the Parishes
	Maesteg 11 am	Thanksgiving 90th birthday Mary McDonnell Patrick Butler RIP (MB&MB) Readers: Michelle & Nicola BP: Stephanie & Grandchildren
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Rose & Jim Lawler RIP (MDL) Reader: Michael Lawler



Archdiocese of Cardiff = Office of the Archbishop – CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

In the light of the developing Coronavirus situation, the following precautionary measures are given to Parishes as an elaboration on that already circulated by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales.

- The usual handshake at the Sign of Peace should not be given. If the sign of Peace does take place, a bow or cursory nod of the head will be sufficient during this time.
- The offering of the Chalice at Holy Communion is suspended until further notice.
- The Holy Water stoups should be emptied in order to limit the possibility of cross infection.

+George Stack Archbishop of Cardiff

NOTICES

DEANERY LENTEN PROJECT: The Big Picture – An Inspirational Bible Course - Every Tuesday in Lent at 7 pm at St. Mary's, Bridgend. *All parishioners are invited to attend.*

'LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU': Our next Deanery Exposition and Reconciliation will take place at St Mary's Church, Bridgend, this Friday 20th March 2020 from 6pm-7pm.

DEANERY STATION MASS: We welcome his Grace Archbishop George Stack to celebrate this Mass with us on the *Feast of the Annunciation*, Wednesday 25th March at 7pm at St. Mary's Church, Bridgend. **Please make every effort to attend and support his Grace and your clergy. Thank you. Please if you want to join the Bus to the Station Mass put your name on the sheet provided at the back of the Church today and no later than Wednesday. Bus will leave Maesteg 5.45 pm and picking up in Aberkenfig.**

RCIA: Please pray for Michelle Lucas (Catecheumen), Grace Phillips and William Bamford Jones (Candidates) who are preparing for Baptism and Reception into the Faith of the Church at the Easter Vigil.

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – Thanks for your generous support which will help ensure that no-one is beyond the reach and care they need to flourish. Thank you for fasting in solidarity, and please keep our sisters and brothers in your prayers throughout Lent.

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. **There will be First Reconciliation Service on Saturday, 21st March 2020 at 10.30am. Parents please note and bring the children for reconciliation.**

PARISH COLLECTIONS: 8th March 2020: Gift Aid £373.70, Planned/Loose £163.65, CAFOD £489.66.

300 PLUS CLUB DRAW: January: 1st £50 (341) Theresa Boast, 2nd £30 (152) Michael Lawler, 3rd £20 (230) Carol Woodhatch, 4th £10 (42) Isabella Fowler. February: 1st £50 (207) Hugo Greilly, 2nd £30 (220) Barbara Evans, 3rd £20 (134) Lucas Jordan, 4th £10 (177) Peter Bumford. **PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHEQUE FROM THE SACRISTY.** Grateful thanks for your continued support.

EASTER RAFFLE: TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE at 50 pence each, lots of prizes. YOUR SUPPORT AGAIN THIS YEAR IS SINCERELY APPRECIATED, PLEASE SELL TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

GIFT AID/PLANNED ENVELOPES FOR 2020/2021 WILL BE GIVEN OUT NEXT SUNDAY, 22ND MARCH.

PARISH OF ST ROBERT ABERKENFIG

COLLECTIONS: 8th March: Gift Aid £176, Loose £96.20, CAFOD £107.15.

100 CLUB FOR 2020: subscriptions welcomed before 1st April. Envelopes available, cheques payable to St Robert Parish. If not a member please speak to Bill Ennis.

A.D.U.C. LENTEN LUNCHESES: This Friday, 20th March, Bettws School from 12noon.

MS TRUST COFFEE DAY: Wednesday 18th March between 1 and 6 pm at Eileen's, Trefonnen, Derllwyn Road, Tondy. *All welcome.*

Stations of the Cross Wednesday April 1st 2020 at 11 am, followed by Lenten soup lunch.