



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

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**Ss PETER & PAUL – SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**MESSAGE FROM FR EDMUND**

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

May the peace and joy of the Lord be with you.

Today we anticipate the celebration of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the principal pillars of the Church, with Christ Jesus as her foundation.

As you may be aware, Christ chose St. Peter to be the first Vicar of His Church, and endowed him with powers of the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, when in the gospel of Matthew he professed the faith, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God", a Faith revealed to him through Divine Grace; and was charged with the role of shepherding the flock of Christ Jesus when he three times affirmed his love for Christ, in the gospel of John.

St. Paul on the other hand was chosen by Christ Jesus to be part of the apostolic college on the road to Damascus to persecute the disciples of Christ. He was chosen to be an "instrument of Christ Jesus, to carry His name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel" (Acts 9:10-16). St. Paul is the greatest missionary of all time.

Beloved, as we celebrate these great Apostles of the Church, who laid down their lives to proclaim the good news of our salvation, we are called as members of the body of Christ to imitate them by embracing the mission of Evangelization, in our own small way, to make the name of Christ Jesus known, wherever we may be, by professing our faith and love in spirit and in truth.

Thanking the Good Lord for the opportunity to re-open our churches for private prayers, let us open our hearts to the faith and the teachings of the Apostles, that by our love for God and His Church and for one another, we may become in our world the visible sign of unity and communion in faith and charity.

The First letter of St. Peter says, you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may announce the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful life. Let us support the mission of Christ handed on by the Apostles to the Church and become more fruitful in our life of faith.

Through the intercession of Saints Peter and Paul, may the Lord in His Mercy and Love grant us the grace to be faithful members of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Amen

God Love You All!

United in prayer!

***MASS INTENTIONS:*** Father Edmund will continue to celebrate a private Mass each day. *On Sundays, Father celebrates Mass for all the People of both our Parishes, for the NHS, Care Home Staff and Frontline Workers/Volunteers. On other days in addition to Mass for the people he will pray for a specific intention. If you wish to submit an intention for a Mass, please do so via Parish Mobile or ring Parish Secretaries, clearly stating the intention for which the Mass is to be offered and your preferred date (numbers above), OR e-mail to maesteg@rcadc.org. Father agrees to celebrate these Masses on trust and the Mass Offering can be made when things return to normal or if you prefer, drop through the Presbytery letter box or send cheque made payable to Father Edmund Neizer.*

'Then God, who had specially chosen me while I was still in my mother's womb, called me through his grace and chose to reveal his Son in me, so that I might preach the Good News about him to the pagans.' (St. Paul to the Galatians, Feast of Ss Peter and Paul).

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**Ss PETER & PAUL SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> June:**

**People of our Parishes. NHS, Care Home' Staff and frontline workers/volunteers.**

**Monday: 29<sup>th</sup>: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 13**

**Kathryn Richards & Arthur Williams *RIP* (GBG)**

**Tuesday: 30<sup>th</sup> June: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

**Canon John Rohan & Pat Brennan *RIP* (VB)**

**Wednesday: 1<sup>st</sup> July: Weekday in Ordinary Year II, Week 13**

**Maureen & Jack Jenkins *RIP* (C&TJ)**

**Thursday: 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Weekday in Ordinary Year II, Week 13**

**Canon Felix Connolly *RIP* (M&SK)**

**Friday: 3<sup>rd</sup> July: St Thomas Apostle**

**Wellbeing of McDonnell. Isaac & Lewis Families (BL)**

**Saturday: 4<sup>th</sup> July: Votive Memorial or Our Blessed Lady**

**Tom Bumford *RIP* (R&PB)**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 5<sup>th</sup> July:**

**People of our Parishes. NHS, Care Home' Staff and frontline workers/volunteers.**

**WE PRAY FOR**

- those suffering with Coronavirus and to the many who have died from the virus (*we plead for the end to the pandemic*)
- those who are working/volunteering in the NHS, Care Homes, on the frontline, in the fight against Coronavirus; WHICH INCLUDE SEVERAL OF OUR PARISHIONERS. (*Thank you for your care, love, commitment and compassion*)
- our Parishioners who are in hospital
- our Parishioners who are sick and housebound and for those who care for them
- our Parishioners undergoing tests and treatments
- our relatives, friends, neighbours and fellow parishioners during this difficult time of isolation (*let us be kind, keep safe, look after each other*)
- our Parishioners who have died recently. (*May they rest in peace and rise in Eternal Glory; our sympathies and prayers be with their families*).
- *our faithful departed Parishioners who have anniversaries at this time.*

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least Spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR THIS TIME OF TRIAL:** God Our Father, each person is precious to You. You are the Giver of life. Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the Coronavirus threatens health and life. You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble. Watch over those who are suffering, Give strength to those who are aiding the Sick and give courage to all in this time of anxiety. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR US IN THIS TIME OF NEED:**

*Heavenly Father, who sent the ten plagues to free his children, and protected them by the blood of the Lamb, bless all those affected by the Coronavirus. Encourage and strengthen those who seek a cure. Protect all who care or work in the NHS and FRONT LINE. Send your Holy Angels to guard us and bring us safely through this time of trial. May your Holy Mother care for us as she did for the sick child Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Follow this with one Our Father, three Hail Marys) Our Lady of Lourdes. Pray for us. St. Raphael Archangel. Pray for us. St Luke, the Physician. Pray for us. St. Bernadette. Pray for us.*

**HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, THE SICK & DYING:** Sadly because of the restrictions Priests are unable to visit the sick in hospital or at home at this time. If you have sick or dying family, please do continue to contact Father Edmund (07964366710) who will discuss the way forward.

**FUNERALS:** Please be advised that Priests and Deacons can only conduct a Funeral service in the Crematorium or at the graveside during this time. No Requiem Masses or services are allowed in Church. A Memorial Service for those deceased may be held later once all returns to normal.

**All funerals will take place privately in line with current advice from the Welsh Assembly Government.**

### **SUNDAY AND DAILY MASS:**

St Mary's Bridgend, (Father Tim McGrath) now LIVE STREAM –  
click on home page of their Website for timetable of Masses.

St Mary & All Saints, Stowhill, Newport (Father Michael Doyle)  
Change of times, check their Website.

St Teilo's, Whitchurch, Cardiff, 10 am (Canon William Isaac)

If you have no access to the internet and livestream Mass, a local telephone number has been set up which will lead you in a 10-15minute period of prayer and reflection relating to the Sunday readings. Telephone: 01633 982483

A service for those of our parishioners and others, who are without access to the Internet  
"DIAL FOR MASS" service - 029 2267 0999

2 PM on Sunday and available during the week.

Thanks for visiting "You Tube" and participating in the live streams within the Archdiocese, although we may be physically separated, we are spiritually united.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR JULY:** We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

**300 PLUS CLUB JUNE DRAW:** 1<sup>ST</sup> £250 – 99 Andrea Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> £100 – 215 Maureen Bevan, 3<sup>rd</sup> £50 – 344 Christopher Williams, 4<sup>th</sup> £10 – 338 Paula Roberts. Our Greatful appreciation to all members for your continued support. Draw taken at Claremont Care Home by residents and staff.

## **RE-OPENING OF OUR PARISH CHURCHES**

We hope to re-open Our Lady and St. Patrick's church for individual/private prayer as from next Sunday July 5th. We thank our brothers Derek and Denis for accepting the leading role to work with Mr. Chris Jones, the health and safety officer to help us acquire the health and safety certificate to enable us to re-open the Church. Many thanks also to our volunteers who have offered to serve as Stewards and cleaners of the Church. They have given the Church a thorough cleaning and continues to worked behind the scenes to enable us to re-open for private prayer. Due to the serious nature of this pandemic a lot have to go through in order to contain the spread of the Virus and to protect the health and safety of Parishioner. We are very grateful for the dedication and commitment of the volunteers. May our prayers and support be with them, that we may be able to have a safe church for our private prayers.

Pleased God when we are able to meet all the standards and issue with the health and safety certificate from the Archdiocese the church will be opened on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. As only a limited number of people can be allowed in the church for a particular time, we have to book a slot to be able to enter for private prayers. May God richly bless you. Stay safe and remain in God's love and care.

*(AS NUMBERS WILL BE RESTRICTED TIME SLOTS WILL NEED TO BE BOOKED)*

**TO BOOK A SLOT, PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:**

### **TIMES AND DAYS OF OPENING:**

**SUNDAY OPENING 11 am to 1 pm - COLLETTE 07702023565**

**TUESDAY OPENING 11 am to 1 pm - DEREK OR DENIS 01656 731767 (ANY AFTERNOON AFTER 2PM)**

**THURSDAY OPENING 10 am to 12 noon - COLLETTE 07702023565**

Since it will not be possible to open both churches at the same time for private prayers, the focus currently is on opening Our Lady & St Patrick's, and hopefully decide later on St Roberts. One of our challenges is that many of our regular volunteers are in one or other of the vulnerable groups, so we are looking for more volunteers from a wider group than usual to support re-opening.

We need more volunteers willing to supervise and implement the strict hygiene rules during private prayer times; however, you must be below the age of 70 and with no underlying health issues. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Fr. Edmund or any of the above with your name and contact details.

### **STANDING ORDER PAYMENTS & BANK TRANSFERS FOR MAY 2020**

St Robert Parish: £155; Our Lady & St Patrick Parish £699.00.

*Sincere thanks to all those who have responded giving via standing order to our Parishes.*

Your contributions are a very important part of our parish income and are very much appreciated and it would be most helpful if you could consider giving your donations by setting up a Standing Order. You can do this through your own bank by telephone, mobile or Internet banking. The details you need are contained below.

(However, if this is something you feel you are unable to do by all means hold onto your offerings until you are next able to attend Church or send a cheque, made payable to Our Lady & St Patrick's Parish OR St Robert's Parish and send to Father Edmund, The Presbytery, Monica Street, Maesteg, CF34 9AY.

*It is understandable that in these difficult and uncertain times it may not be possible for people to give. Whatever your circumstances thank you for your prayers and support.*

*To set up a standing order or Bank Transfer the details for each Parish are as follows:*

**Bank Name: BARCLAYS BANK PLC  
CITY OF CARDIFF, BRANCH CARDIFF, CF1 1SG**

**Account Name: ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF  
PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK CHURCH, MAESTEG**

**Sort Code: 20-18-23 Account Number: 43706869**

**OR**

**Account Name: ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF  
PARISH OF ST. ROBERT CHURCH, ABERKENFIG**

**Sort Code: 20-18-23 Account Number: 73394867**

**STANDING ORDER MANDATE**

**To ..... Bank / Building Society \***

**Address .....**

**..... Post Code.....**

**Please set up a new standing order to:**

**Barclays Bank PLC,  
City of Cardiff Branch,  
Cardiff CF1 1SG**

**Sort Code: 20-18-23**

**Account Name: ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF  
PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG  
Account No.: 43706869**

**Please debit my/our bank account as follows:**

**Account Name: .....**

**Account No.: .....**

**Sort Code: .....**

**the sum of £..... (amount in words) .....**

**starting on the..... day of (month) .....(year) .....**

**and on the same day every month until further notice.**

**Signature(s) .....**

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**Please cancel any previous standing order in favour of the same beneficiary. This standing order supersedes all former arrangements.**

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