



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

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - MESSAGE FROM FATHER EDMUND

Dearly Beloved Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to God who is, who was, and is to come.

The Church teaches that: "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith". The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin".

The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the "mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God". To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Beloved, our faith in the Trinity begins with the experience of God's Love. God the Father so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ for our Salvation, and He sent His Holy Spirit for forgiveness and healing, so that being sanctified, we will be united in Love for God and for one another, as brothers and sisters of Christ Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with us now and forever. Amen.

United in prayer!

God love you all.

MASS INTENTIONS: Father Edmund continues to celebrate a private Mass each day during this difficult period. 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 (number above) or ring Parish Secretaries, clearly stating the intention for which the Mass is to be offered and your preferred date. *Father agrees to celebrate these Masses on trust and the Mass Offering can be made when things return to normal.*

'We are invited to contemplate, so to speak, the Heart of God, his deepest reality which is his being One in the Trinity, a supreme and profound communion of love and life. The whole of Sacred Scripture speaks to us of him. Indeed, it is he who speaks to us of himself in the Scriptures and reveals himself as Creator of the universe and Lord of history.'

(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Sunday Missal on the feast of The Most Holy Trinity)

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY: SUNDAY 7th June:

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

Monday: 8th June: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 10

Seamus Corcoran RIP (TW), William Evans RIP

Tuesday: 9th June: St Ephrem

Kathleen Thomas RIP (GW)

Wednesday: 10th June: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 10

Charles Downey RIP (MD)

Thursday: 11th June: St Barnabas

Eddie Doyle RIP (MB&F)

Friday: 12th June: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 10

Eileen, Mansel and Griffiths/Grady families RIP (M&F)

Saturday: 13th June: St Anthony of Padua

John and Mary Kehoe RIP (KK), Mavis & Jack Harris RIP (MC)

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: SUNDAY 14th June:

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

ETERNAL REST: Let us pray for the Repose of the souls of **EDDIE DOYLE**, the father of Fr. Michael, whose Funeral will take place this Thursday 11th June in Maesteg Cemetery; **GERARD DOMINIC EDWARD WILLIAMS** whose funeral will be on Friday 12th June at 12.30pm at Margam Crematorium; and **RAYNOR LEWIS**, the son of Moya and Keith Lewis who has recently passed away. Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to the bereaved families at this sad and difficult time.

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 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:

Father Tim You Tube, St Mary's Bridgend, Monday/Wednesday/Friday/Sunday
St Mary & All Saints, Stowhill, Newport (Father Michael Doyle)

- Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 6 pm - Weekday 10 am

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

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

RE-OPENING OF OUR PARISH CHURCHES

Dear Beloved Parishioners, as you will have read from the Archbishop's letter, published on our Website, there are many things which will need to be put into place before our parishes will be able to open even for private prayer.

Following a meeting on the 3rd June the Archbishop has reported that there was an indication that the First Minister, Wales Government, will address the phased re-opening of churches in his next statement in two weeks' time. The first phase of such a re-opening would be based on the traffic light system.

The lights will be at red, which will mean controlled entry of individuals for private prayer, subject to the Health and Safety regulations being in place. The time scale for this to happen is mid-July, although this may be subject to change.

Volunteers are required, from each of our Parishes, who would be 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 with your name and contact details. Stay safe. God Bless.

VACANCY FOR HEADTEACHER

Christ the King Catholic Primary School, Everest Avenue, Llanishen, Cardiff CF14 5AS.
Headteacher required from January 2021. Full details are available on our Website "NEWS".

THANKS:

STANDING ORDER PAYMENTS & BANK TRANSFERS FOR APRIL 2020

St Robert Parish: £155; Our Lady & St Patrick Parish £704.00.

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.)

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 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

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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.

Please send this form to your bank

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