



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

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**23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 6th SEPTEMBER 2020
MESSAGE FROM FR. EDMUND**

Dearly Beloved Parishioners,

May the peace and joy of Christ be with you.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that “The fruits of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence; it fosters reciprocity and remains disinterested and generous; it is friendship and communion: Love is itself the fulfilment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest.” CCC 1829

Today’s liturgy calls us to be responsible in telling our brothers and sisters what God wants them to hear when they go wrong. For the sake of love, we have a duty to bring our brothers and sisters to God whenever they deviate from the right path of the Lord. In doing so we gain our own life in God. For when we fail to speak the truth to our erring brothers and sisters and they perish we shall be held responsible.

Jesus, in the gospel reading gives us the steps we must take to bring our erring brothers and sisters to the right path. It must begin from a one-to-one bases, before the involvement of two or three others and then the community, only when the erring one refuses to listen. The aim of this correction is basically into invite the person to repentance and turn to the way of the true follower of Christ Jesus, therefore it must be done in love. For in love no one will be hurt for God is love, and in Him we have life and the fulness of redemption.

Beloved, let us not harden our hearts to fraternally correct our brothers and sisters when they go wrong in order to win them back to the body of Christ, for our own good and for the glory of God.

Remember, for us who are in Christ Jesus, Love is our calling and love must remain our guiding principle in all we do or say until we enter into rest in the kingdom of heaven.

God love you all.

United in prayer.

SACRAMENTS: Let us pray with MICHELLE LUCAS who will receive the full Sacrament of Christian Initiation, and her grandchildren IESTYN GARETH ALBERT JARRETT, LILLIE ROSE JARRETT AND RHYS ROBERT JARRETT, who will be Baptised and receive First Holy Communion, on Saturday 12th September 2020 at Our Lady & St. Patrick Church, Maesteg. May we continue to support and accompany them in their faith journey with Love.

Following all health and safety protocols, anyone who desires to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), the Sacrament of the Sick or Baptism, or any other pastoral care/visit, should call Fr. Edmund on 07964366710 for private arrangement. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS: *Father Edmund continues to celebrate Mass (public with restrictions and private Mass).*
The highest form of prayer for us is the Mass which is a noble and ancient tradition. Thank you throughout lockdown for your submission of Mass Intentions; there are several days free in the forthcoming months. If you wish to have Mass celebrated for someone who has died, for a particular intention or thanksgiving, either give to Stewards when you attend Church, post through the Presbytery letter box, send by post, telephone the Parish number 01656 733282/mobile number 07964 366710, OR e-mail to maesteg@rcadc.org Please make cheque out to Father Edmund Neizer.



'Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.'
(Gospel Acclamation 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)



Saturday 5pm VIGIL 23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A
HOLY MASS AT ST. ROBERT'S (Restrictions apply)

5pm: People of our Parishes, NHS, Care Home' Staff and frontline workers/volunteers

Sunday 6th September: 23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A
HOLY MASS OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S MAESTEG (Restrictions apply):

9am: Special Intention (TG)

11am: Thanksgiving 50th Wedding Anniversary, Noeleen & John McShane
Raynor Lewis RIP (M&KL)

5pm: Margaret Whitty RIP (B&G)

Monday: 7th September: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 23

Private Mass: Peter Fishwick (Recently Deceased) RIP (VB)

Tuesday: 8th September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10am: Holy Mass (Restrictions apply)

Mary & Sel Thomas RIP (ML) Emily McNamara (102nd birthday) RIP (TW)

Wednesday: 9th September: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 23

10am: Holy Mass at St. Robert's (Restrictions apply):

Sick at home, in hospital and Care homes and the housebound.

Thursday: 10th September: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 23

10 am: Holy Mass (Restrictions apply)

Lynn Daniel RIP (M&f) Active & Auxiliary Members of SVP (SVP)

Friday: 11th September: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 23

Private Mass: Viv Ramsey RIP (CT) We pray for the Clergy

Saturday: 12th September: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Private Mass: Henry Patrick McDonald RIP (FM&D) Souls in Purgatory (AA)

Saturday 5pm VIGIL MASS 24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A Education Day
HOLY MASS AT ST. ROBERT'S (Restrictions apply)

Molly Jean Kearle (CT)

Sunday 13th September: 24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A Education Day
HOLY MASS OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S MAESTEG (Restrictions apply):

9am: People of our Parishes, NHS, Care Home' Staff and frontline workers/volunteers

11am: Maureen & Glenys Fitzgibbon RIP (LR) Lynn Daniel RIP (M&JB)

5pm: Brian & Doris (Jarvis) RIP (CW)

ETERNAL REST: Let us pray for the Repose of the soul of GWYN JONES who died on Wednesday, 2nd September. Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to his bereaved family at this sad and difficult time.

WE PRAY FOR the faithful departed parishioners, family, friends and those who have died from the pandemic; may they rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR the sick at home/hospital and housebound of our Parishes, our friends, relatives, neighbours, fellow Parishioners and those who are suffering with Coronavirus; for the NHS/Care Home' staff and frontline workers/volunteers.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS our schools, as staff and pupils have returned. Also our students who will be entering a new stage of their life at University.

CONGRATULATIONS AND EVERY BLESSING TO NOELEEN & JOHN WHO CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. BEST WISHES FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS.

PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST PATRICK & PARISH OF ST ROBERT

Due to restrictions on numbers able to attend at each Mass, **you will need to book in advance** by telephoning the following Stewards which Mass you wish to attend. We need to know how many people to expect in order to protect your health and safety. **Please do not attend if not booked and please advise Stewards if you are unable to attend, so that another Parishioner can take your place.**

MAESTEG PARISH:

TUESDAY 10.00am Telephone: Derek or Denis on 01656 731767 (Any afternoon after 2.00pm)

THURSDAY 10.00am Telephone: Collette on 07702023565

SUNDAY: 9.00am Telephone: Derek or Denis on 01656 731767 (Any afternoon after 2.00pm)

11.00am Telephone: Collette on 07702023565

5.00pm Telephone: Michelle 07488322929

ABERKENFIG PARISH

SATURDAY 5.00pm (Vigil Mass at St. Robert's Church) & WEDNESDAY 10 .00am

Telephone: Bill Ennis on 724855, after 6.30p.m.

- **You should arrive between 20 and no later than 5 minutes before the start time of Mass**
- **Please adhere to the strict social distancing guidelines and follow the instructions and support of the Stewards**
- **Please note the toilet has to remain closed**
- **Offertory collection will be taken as you enter the Church and retiring collection will be taken as you leave the church**
- **If you have any COVID-19 symptoms or shielding please stay home.**
- **The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has confirmed that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. So please do not feel under any pressure to attend the Church.**
- **Online or phone Mass are valid alternatives and remain available; details below.**

Let us give thanks to God for this great mercy.

May God richly bless you. Stay safe and remain in God's love and care.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR PARISHES:

In order for Mass provision to continue it is absolutely necessary that more volunteers come forward to help the existing teams who have generously volunteered as stewards/cleaners to ensure our Churches continue to be open for restricted public worship. We still have to abide by the strict Covid-19 risk assessments. This new way of doing things is going to be ongoing long term; if you can help out please contact: **for Maesteg:** Derek/Dennis (after 2pm 731767) or Colette (07702023565);

for Aberkenfig: Bill Ennis on 724855 (after 6.30 pm) or **telephone Father Edmund (07964366710)**. The more volunteers we have, the less the work for each person. Please note that to volunteer you must be below the age of 70 and with no underlying health issues. *Thank you.*

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S, MAESTEG
THE ARCHBISHOP'S GARDEN PARTY FOR THE OVER 70S

We shall be staging a socially distanced garden party in the church grounds sponsored by the Archbishop, in Honour of OUR LADY'S NATIVITY on Saturday, 19th September, 13.30 for 14.00 until 16.00, for the over 70s. This is an opportunity for those of you who have been 'shielding' for the last twenty-four weeks, to come out and meet your friends and parishioners in a safe and controlled environment. Food shall be served in your own 'picnic box', seating shall be arranged in line with government recommendations and stewards shall be on hand to assist our guests to enjoy the fun and experience of the day. We shall be following the successful procedures adopted for Mass attendance, as numbers are restricted; that is to say you, you shall need to register and confirm your intention to attend 'The Archbishop's Garden Party', with any of the following people:-

☐ Michael Banks: 07584177456

☐ Denis & Derek Horton, any day after 2pm: 01656 731767

☐ Maria Davies: 07779532212

☐ Maria Kelly Harris: 07964965152

Hold on to your hats!! - There shall be a raffle!! Further details to follow.

FINANCE MAESTEG PARISH: INCOME RECEIVED FROM 9th to 30th August:

Gift Aid £1378.00; Planned Giving/Loose £756.90; (August standing orders information to be confirmed); Donations £100; Maintenance/Restoration £799.90; Easter Raffle donations £5.

300 PLUS CLUB JULY DRAW 2020 DRAW

1st Mrs Agnes Jones 86 £50.00; 2nd Cath Treharne 241 £30.00; 3rd Mr C Williams 344 £20.00; 4th Josh/Luke/Leah 122 £10.00. Cheques have been sent to the winners. Thanks to Michael Banks for arranging the Draw, with his colleagues at work as witnesses.

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.

PRAY THE 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.