



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

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**27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 4th October 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: "At all times and in every race, anyone who fears God and does what is right has been acceptable to him. He has, however, willed to make men holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness. He therefore chose the Israelite race to be his own people and established a covenant with it. He gradually instructed this people. . . . All these things, however, happened as a preparation for and figure of that new and perfect covenant which was to be ratified in Christ . . . the New Covenant in his blood; he called together a race made up of Jews and Gentiles which would be one, not according to the flesh, but in the Spirit." (CCC,781)

In today's Gospel, God is the owner of the vineyard and the prophets are the servants sent to warn the labourers. When they refused to listen to the prophets, God sent His Son, who was rejected and killed. Christ is also the stone who was rejected by the builders, but became the cornerstone upon which His Church is built and by which she [the Church] remains solid and unified through the authority and ministry of the Apostles and their successors.

The Church is often compared to a vineyard or a fertile field cultivated by God Himself. In the Gospels Christ uses the image of the vineyard to describe the Kingdom of God. Christ says in John's gospel, for instance, that He is the vine and we the members of His Mystical Body [the Church] are His branches and therefore receive life and nourishment from Him.

Beloved, our second reading encourages us to have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving [the Eucharist] make our request known to God. Then the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. In Christ Jesus, everything that is good, just and virtuous reflects the Goodness of God and thus gives us a glimmer of the Glory of God. So "Whatever is good, true, honourable, just, pure, lovely and gracious: if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things".

As we begin this new month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary, let us join with Catholics all over the world and most especially Catholics across England, Wales, Scotland and the Isles to take our Rosaries for an intensive Rosary Whirlwind Mission as we pray together as a Mystical Body of Christ, for Faith, Life and Peace during these difficult and uncertain times.

I will like to wish each one of you and your families and loved once a Happy New Month. A month filled with the blessings and favour of God through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

God love you all.

United in prayer!

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). there are several days free in the forthcoming months.* If you wish to have Mass celebrated, give your intention 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



'Let the Word of Christ, in all its richness, find a home in you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God, and whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father, through him.' (Col 3:16)



Saturday 5pm VIGIL MASS 27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A
HOLY MASS AT ST. ROBERT'S (Restrictions apply)
Maria Whitty & Angelo Rossetti RIP (KR)

Sunday 27th September: 27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A
HOLY MASS OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S MAESTEG (Restrictions apply)

4th October: 27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

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

11am: Nance & Terry Hayes RIP (PTS)

5pm: Douglas Woodhatch RIP (CW) Maria Whitty & Whitty Family RIP (A&Gh)

Monday: 5th October: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 27

Private Mass: Dermot Keane RIP (CT)

Tuesday: 6th October: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 27

10am: Holy Mass (Restrictions apply)

Canon Sylvester O'Donnell RIP Robert Brown RIP (CJ)

Wednesday: 7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary

Private Mass: Private Intention

Thursday: 8th October: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 27

10 am: Holy Mass (Restrictions apply)

Special Intention (MFF)

Friday: 9th October: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 27

Private Mass: Archbishop George and Clergy of the Archdiocese We pray for the Clergy

Saturday: 10th October: Votive Memorial of Our Lady

Private Mass: Sick at home/hospital and housebound Souls in Purgatory (AA)

Saturday 5pm VIGIL MASS 28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

HOLY MASS AT ST. ROBERT'S (Restrictions apply)

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

Sunday 11th October: 28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their dependents

9am: Prisoners and their dependents

11am: Patrick, Janet & Michael Butler RIP (MB&f)

5pm: Sean Patrick Hayes RIP (EH)



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions, and includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). In this month, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary which will help us draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

- The Joyful Mysteries are taken mostly from Saint Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood - The Luminous Mysteries bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross.

- The Sorrowful Mysteries remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They recall how He suffered and died just for us. -The Glorious Mysteries tell us what happened after Jesus died - His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his Mother.

ETERNAL REST: Let us pray for the Repose of the soul of **BERNARD BOLGER** who died on Thursday 24th September; funeral service will take place on Monday, 12th October, at 12.30 pm followed by interment at 1.30 pm Maesteg Cemetery. May he rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory. Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to the bereaved family at this sad and difficult time.

We continue to pray for an end to the pandemic. Pray also for our parishioners and all who work in the hospitals/care homes, as pressure begins to grow on them once again.

Jesus, I trust in you.

WE PRAY FOR:

- the faithful departed parishioners, family, friends and those who have died from the pandemic; may they rest in peace. Amen.
- 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.
- our pupils, teachers and staff of our Schools, during this continued difficult time of the pandemic. Also, our young people who are now entering a new stage of their life at University; several having to isolate in new "lock down rules".



**NINE DAYS ROSARY OF DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA
4TH TO 13TH OCTOBER 2020. JOIN AS ONE FAMILY IN WALES**

as we pray the Rosary each day and bring to Our Lady and her beloved Son our prayers and needs. Live streaming throughout the Diocese; poster with details available on "NEWS" tab on Website.

SAINT OF THE MONTH - Saint Luke (18TH October)

St. Luke's two-volume work comprises the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. His Gospel is the only one written by a Gentile Christian and it is likely that he wrote it between 70 and 85 AD. Luke was thorough in his research and interviewed eye witnesses when composing his works. Luke's writing is warm and his Gospel is often summarised as the Gospel of Mercy. Luke was a disciple of Paul, first appearing in Acts during Paul's second missionary journey to Philippi. He was a faithful missionary companion of Paul's and stayed nearby when Paul was imprisoned. Paul refers to Luke as "our beloved physician". St. Luke is the Patron Saint of Artists and Painters and of Physicians and Surgeons. His symbol is an ox.



Congratulations and every blessing to Catherine and David Treharne who celebrate their Ruby Anniversary today.

ST. ROBERT, ABERKENFIG: Due to on-going maintenance and repair works at St. Robert's Church, there will be no week day Mass at the Church. Any inconvenience caused is regretted. Thank you.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY, 9th OCTOBER:

Please stand together and pray for all those affected with the coronavirus crisis and donate as much as you are able in one of the following ways: Online at CAFOD.org.uk/give; Text CAFOD to 70085 (to donate £10); using the CAFOD envelopes available today; **retiring collection for CAFOD Sunday, 11th October.** Our Parishes have been so very generous to CAFOD in the past and if we have proven anything in the lockdown it is that even when we are forced apart, we are together. Thank you. *'Only together we can do this.'* Pope Francis.

300 PLUS CLUB SEPTEMBER DRAW 2020 DRAW

1st Danny Thomas 120 £50.00; 2nd Maureen Gentle 47 £30.00; 3rd Emma Clare 270 £20.00; 4th Lucas Jordan 134 £10.00. Cheques have been sent to the winners. Thanks to Michael Banks for arranging the Draw, with his colleagues at work as witnesses.

UNIVERSE NEWSPAPER & CATHOLIC DIRECTORY and YEAR BOOK 2021: Please if you would like to purchase weekly copies of the Universe Newspaper or the Catholic Directory and Year Book 2021, can you give your name and contact to any to the Stewards or Father Edmund so that we can request for the numbers needed.

MISSIO (APF RED BOXES): Promoter needed for Caerau area; at present only delivering magazines. For more information please give Paula Davies a ring on 733605. Thank you.

FINANCE MAESTEG PARISH: (Income received 27th September)

Gift Aid £226.50; Planned Giving/Loose £116.70; (Retiring Maintenance/Restoration) £205.40.

Standing Orders August £839.00.

Restoration/Weekly Maintenance collections (Retiring Collections) – if you gift aid, could you please place in an envelope stating your gift aid number. Envelopes will be available shortly. *Sincere thanks.*

FINANCE ABERKENFIG PARISH: Collections - June £295, July £780, August £895. *Sincere thanks*

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

Book in advance for Mass by telephoning the following Stewards. **Please do not attend if not booked and please advise Stewards if you are unable to attend.**

MAESTEG PARISH:

TUESDAY 10.00am Telephone: Derek or Denis on 01656 731767 (Any afternoon after 2pm)

THURSDAY 10.00am Telephone: Collette on 07702023565

SUNDAY: 9.00am Telephone: Derek or Denis on 01656 731767 (Any afternoon after 2pm)

11.00am Telephone: Collette on 07702023565

5.00pm Telephone: Michelle 07488322929

ABERKENFIG PARISH

SATURDAY 5.00pm (Vigil Mass at St. Robert's Church)

Telephone: Bill Ennis on 724855, after 6.30 pm.

- Face masks are now required as advised by the Welsh Government
- Please 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 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.*

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.

SUNDAY AND DAILY MASS:

Live stream Masses available on "YOU TUBE" click on home page of Websites for:
St Mary's Bridgend, (Fr Tim McGrath); St Mary & All Saints, Stowhill, Newport (Fr Michael Doyle);
St Teilo's, Whitchurch, Cardiff, 10 am (Canon William Isaac)

Telephone 01633 982483 for a 10-15minute period of prayer and reflection relating to the Sunday readings.

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.