



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

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**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**  
**World Day of the Poor**

## 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: "Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven-through a purification or immediately, -- or immediate and everlasting damnation. At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love. (CCC 1022)

The Parable of the Talents teaches that, even though we do not each receive the same amount of gifts, we must make good use of what we have been given by God. If we are to be true disciples, we cannot simply bide our time on earth and ignore the need to grow in many deeds of love and mercy, especially in service to others. Though this parable is wide in scope in its application, it certainly applies to a growth in charity through personal effort for charity to increase.

Beloved, God has invested His gift of mercy and love in us. This gift multiplies when we use them. It is not meant to be guarded and kept but to be used for the glory of God. Like the worthy wife of our first reading of today and the servants in the gospel who doubled their talents by using them, thus multiplying mercy and love by sharing it, let us generously give the love and mercy we have received from the Lord to our families and to anyone we see in need, in imitation of the Lord who lavishes His Mercy and Love upon us, through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Brothers and Sisters, each one of us has been given God's precious gift of Love and mercy. It is not meant to be buried. We have the opportunity, no matter our state in life, to lovingly open our hands and hearts to invest the mercy and love of God in the lives of members of our immediate and wider families and all the people God bring around us, so that at the coming of the Lord we may have the greatest privilege to share in the joy of His kingdom.

The Gospel teaches us to be vigilant for the second coming of Christ. Everyone is invited to habitual fidelity to Christ's teaching in order to meet him worthily when he comes again. The time of this Second Advent is known only by God. Like a thief, the Lord will return suddenly and without warning. As children of light, let us live in righteousness as opposed to those who remain in sin and, therefore, live in darkness, let us always be ready that the coming of the Lord will find us waiting to be with Him eternally in His Kingdom.

God Love you!

United in prayer

**PRAYING FOR THE DEAD:** The resurrection of the dead is key to our hope of Eternal life. Therefore, in this month of November, let us continue to pray for our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of the Cross. Let us light candles in their memory and where possible visit their graves. Be assured that Holy Masses will be celebrated throughout the Month for those who names are given on our November dead list.

**Blessing of Graves:** It is a tradition in our Parishes to visit the Cemeteries in November to bless the graves. However, with restrictions in numbers brought about by the Pandemic, I will be available by appointment and upon request by any Parishioner who wishes me to accompany them to Bless the graves of their loved ones.

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory. God Love them.***

**MASS INTENTIONS:** *I will continue 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 the Stewards when you come to Church; post through the Presbytery letter box; send by post to The Presbytery, Monica Street, Maesteg, CF34 9AY; telephone the Parish number 01656 733282/mobile number 07964 366710 OR e-mail to [maesteg@rcadc.org](mailto:maesteg@rcadc.org)*



For I see no reason to be ashamed of the Gospel; it is God's power for the salvation of everyone who has faith. (Romans 1:16)



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**World Day of the Poor**

**HOLY MASS: OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S MAESTEG (*Restrictions apply*)**

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

**11am: Bernard Bolger *RIP* (KK)**

**5 pm: Margaret Heath *RIP* (GBG)**

**At all Masses we pray for the Faithful departed  
and deceased relatives and friends listed in November Dead Lists**

**Monday: 16<sup>th</sup> November: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Wk 33**

***Private Mass:* Mary Candlish *RIP* (TC)**

**Deceased on the November Dead' Lists**

**Tuesday: 17<sup>th</sup> November: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Wk 33**

**10 am: (*Restrictions apply*): Graham White *RIP* (TW)**

**Ralph & Winnie Cornish & Souls in Purgatory *RIP* (MB&f)**

**Deceased on the November Dead Lists**

**Wednesday: 18<sup>th</sup> November: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Wk 33**

**10 am: Holy Mass at St. Roberts (*Restrictions apply*):**

**Thomas Tinnelly *RIP* (MMcD&f) Deceased on the November Dead Lists**

**Thursday: 19<sup>th</sup> November: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Wk 33**

**10 am (*Restrictions apply*): Ursula James & Kath Thomas *RIP* (MTB)**

**Deceased on the November Dead Lists**

**Friday: 20<sup>th</sup> November: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Wk 33**

***Private Mass:* Private Intention Deceased on the November Dead Lists**

**We pray for Archbishop George and all Clergy & Religious Men and Women**

**Saturday: 21<sup>st</sup> November: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

***Private Mass:* Deceased on the November Dead Lists**

**Conversion of Federica & Souls in Purgatory (AA)**

**Saturday 5pm VIGIL MASS OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR A**

**ST. ROBERT'S (*Restrictions apply*)**

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

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR A SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

**HOLY MASS: OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S MAESTEG (*Restrictions apply*)**

**9am: Louise Ann Patricia *RIP* (Kf)**

**11am: Mary Paget *RIP* (R&BJ)**

**5 pm: Margaret Whitty *RIP* (LR&f)**

**At all Masses we pray for the Faithful departed  
and deceased relatives and friends listed in November Dead Lists**

**ETERNAL REST:** Let us pray for the repose of the soul of FATHER MICHAEL RONAN (Father Mike) who has died suddenly. His Requiem will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am Our Lady & St. Patrick Church, Maesteg. May he rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory. Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to his bereaved family; to our Parishioners and many friends in Maesteg, to all the Parishes he served throughout his 35 years of Ministry; and to all who fondly know him and are deeply saddened by his death. The family will like all Flower Donations to be made to Ty Hafan.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of **FATHER AMBROSE WALSH** who died last week following a long period of illness. May he rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory. Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to his bereaved family and to all the Parishes he served.

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

### **WE PRAY FOR:**

- His holiness Pope Francis, Archbishop George, all clergy & men/women of Religious Orders
- the faithful departed parishioners, family, friends and those who have died from the Pandemic; family and friends on the November Dead list; may they rest in peace.
- 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 and our students who are at Universities, during this continued difficult time of the pandemic.

**NOVEMBER INDULGENCE** – It is the usual custom of the Church that during 1st – 8th November we may gain Plenary Indulgences for the faithful departed. Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Apostolic Penitentiary has announced that the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery, even if mentally, is available on any day in November and devoutly prays for the faithful departed. The same principle applies for visiting the church devoutly and praying the Our Father and the Creed. For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including anti-Covid restrictions, the Plenary Indulgence can be obtained by uniting oneself spiritually to other members of the faithful.

**NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS (Maesteg/Aberkenfig Parishes):** Traditionally, during the month of November, we remember those who have died and gone before us. It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for our dead. As we are in very strange times and to give everyone an opportunity to submit their Holy Souls lists, the form is available online (News tab), available at our Churches or please write your own list. Please return to the Stewards, or send by post to Father Edmund, The Presbytery, OL&SP, Monica Street, Maesteg, CF34 9AY. Your lists will be compiled in a Remembrance Book and each day throughout November Mass will be offered for your departed family and friends.

## **Grand Christmas Raffle**

Dear Parishioners

We are very pleased to announce that Our Lady & St Patrick's '**Grand Christmas Raffle**' has ARRIVED, launching week commencing 19th October, with tickets available at all Masses from that date. Tickets are priced at £1.00, in books of 5 tickets. Prizes are:-

- **First prize:** £100 cash prize.
- **Second prize:** Festive Food Hamper
- **Third prize:** Celebration Wine Collection with Christmas Crackers.
- Plus many more exciting prizes.
- The draw shall take place, Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December.



With the '**COVID Firebreak Lockdown**' now in place until the 9<sup>th</sup> November, for those of you who would like to participate in the Grand Christmas Raffle' by taking the opportunity to support our only fundraising event for 2020, you may access tickets by contacting the following people, where we can drop off tickets securely and safely to your home, or rather like '**Children in Need**' you might like to ring us and make a '**PLEDGE**' to buy a number of tickets, where nominated stewards shall fill out ticket stubs on your behalf; once your payment is made, the completed tickets shall be allocated to the draw.

### **Contacts:**

Michael Banks: 07584177456 Denis & Derek Horton, any day after 2pm: 01656 731767  
Maria Davies: 07779532212 Maria Kelly Harris: 07964965152 Collette: 07702023565

We look forward to hearing from you and to helping us to make our Christmas Grand Raffle one of the best ever.

## **ADMISSIONS 2021 - ST MARY & ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MAESTEG &**

**ST ROBERT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ABERKENFIG:** The school admissions process for September 2021 intake is now open; for further information and application form please ring

St Mary & St Patrick's on 01656 815585 and St Robert's on 01656 815515.

**Prayer in the midst of the Covid Pandemic:** This week's prayer reminds us of the importance of faith in the Lord Jesus during these times, which are challenging and difficult for many people.

"Lord Jesus, Just as You journeyed alongside the disciples on the road to Emmaus, be alongside us as we journey through these dark times. Help us to reflect and find comfort from the comforting words of the Bible where divine love, mercy and justice are ever present. We remember all those whose lives have been touched by the Covid virus. May Your loving kindness keep them close to You. Inspire us with Your message of hope in the Resurrection, as we seek to keep ourselves and those who are close to us safe and well in these challenging times. We ask this prayer in your name's sake. Amen."

**Prayer for the Year of the God Who Speaks:** O God, who gave the priest St. Jerome a living and tender love for Sacred Scripture, grant that Your people, may be ever more fruitfully nourished by Your Word and find in it the fount of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

**FINANCE:** Maesteg: Standing orders October £949. Aberkenfig: Offertory and other collections £585.

I sincerely thank parishioners who have continued to support our Parishes financially during these difficult months.

### **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***

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

**Telephone: Bill Ennis on 724855, after 6.30 pm.**

**Conditions of attending Holy Mass:**

- You currently show no symptoms of Coronavirus (should you develop symptoms prior to attending Mass, please do not attend and stay at home)
- Face masks are now required as advised by the Welsh Government
- Use Hand-sanitiser before entry
- 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
- Please refrain from talking to friends who are not part of your household
- The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has confirmed that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.
- Online or phone Mass are valid alternatives and remain available; refer to previous Newsletter

#### **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.