



**PARISHES OF  
OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK, MAESTEG  
ST ROBERT, ABERKENFIG**

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**THE BODY & BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
MESSAGE FROM FR. EDMUND**

Dearly Beloved Parishioners,

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I Say Rejoice!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ or what is known as Corpus Christi. The Holy Eucharist has been called the “Gift of Gifts” and we are eternally grateful to the Lord Jesus Christ who in His infinite wisdom, decided to bequeath to us the very gift of Himself, under the appearance of bread and wine. He comes to us every time the Holy Mass is celebrated. At Mass we receive Jesus who truly becomes “Present” in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity! We receive Jesus, the Son of God, the “Emmanuel” (God with us). The same Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, who taught the multitudes in the Sermon on the Mount, the same Jesus who cured the blind, healed the lepers, and raised the dead; He is really present in the consecrated Host at the very moment of consecration! The Lord who is with us – that is what we celebrate today.

Beloved in Christ, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us: “Worship of the Eucharist. In the liturgy of the Mass, we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. “The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession” (CCC 1378)

My Dear People of God: “It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to his Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take his departure from his own in his visible form, he wanted to give us his sacramental presence; since he was about to offer himself on the cross to save us, he wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which he loved us “to the end,” even to the giving of his life. In his Eucharistic presence he remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave himself up for us, and he remains under signs that express and communicate this love: The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.” (CCC 1380)

“That in this sacrament are the true Body of Christ and his true Blood is something that ‘cannot be apprehended by the senses,’ says St. Thomas, ‘but only by faith, which relies on divine authority.’ For this reason, in a commentary on Luke 22:19 (‘This is my body which is given for you.’) St. Cyril says: ‘Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Saviour in faith, for since he is the truth, he cannot lie.’” (CCC 1381)

My dear people of God, let us develop special love for the Holy Eucharist and avail ourselves to receive the Lord in Holy Communion whenever the opportunity is offered us. For, the Holy Eucharist bestows an INCREASE IN SANCTIFYING GRACE; STRENGTHENS OUR UNION WITH CHRIST JESUS; IMPROVES OUR SPIRITUAL HEALTH; and PREPARES US FOR ETERNAL LIFE WITH THE LORD. And may we also try to make time to visit and adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection at every moment it is exposed in our Church and in all the tabernacles in the world, now and until the end of time. Amen.

God Love you all!

United in prayer.



'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord;  
anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.' (Jn 6:51)



**(Psalter Week 2 Sunday Reading Cycle B)**

*(Restrictions apply)*

**THE BODY & BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**VIGIL MASS: Saturday: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021: ST. ROBERT'S**

**5pm: Reynolds Family**

**People of our Parishes, Those, suffering from Coronavirus,  
NHS/Care Home' Staff/frontline workers/volunteers**

**HOLY MASS: Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021: OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S**

**9am: Deceased of Coleman Family *RIP (AD)***

**11am: Raynor Lewis *RIP (M&KL)***

**5pm: Hilda & Douglas Woodhatch *RIP (CW)***

**Monday: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 10**

***Private Mass: Ken Jenkins (M&JB)***

***Special Intention (F&F)***

**Tuesday: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 10**

**10 am MAESTEG *(Restrictions apply):***

**Father Eric Wastell *RIP (CJ)***

**We pray for the souls of unborn Babies**

**Wednesday: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 10**

**10 am ABERKENFIG *(Restrictions apply): Terry Isaac *RIP****

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 10**

***Private Mass: Thanksgiving (Terence & Anthony)***

**11am ABERKENFIG: Funeral Service: Joan Davies**

**Friday: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**10 am MAESTEG *(Restrictions apply): The Sick of our Parish & their Carers (SVP)***

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

**10.30am – 6pm EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR ADORATION**

***(Restrictions apply: Please book a time slot with Collette on 07702023565)***

**CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION and SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:**

Fr. Edmund will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) and Spiritual Direction on Friday from 11am – 6pm at Our Lady & St. Patrick Church, Maesteg.

**You may please call the Mobile 07964366710 to book an appointment.**

**Saturday: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021: The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

***Private Mass: Eileen, Mansel & Grady family *RIP (L&M)****

**Aurora, Conversion of Federica & Edoardo *All Souls in Purgatory (AA)***

**(Psalter Week 3 Sunday Reading Cycle B)**

*(Restrictions apply)*

**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

**VIGIL MASS: Saturday: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021: ST. ROBERT'S**

**5pm: People of our Parishes, Those, suffering from Coronavirus,**

**NHS/Care Home' Staff/frontline workers/volunteers**

**HOLY MASS: Sunday: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021: OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S**

**9am: Jeff Wyatt *RIP (R&BJ)***

**11am: Mary & Ron Browne/Irene & Aidan Doyle *RIP (MTB)***

**5pm: Kitty McGee *RIP (A&JB)***

**ETERNAL REST: In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of VINCENT KELLY who passed away on Wednesday, 2<sup>ND</sup> June 2021: and JOAN DAVIES who passed on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Her Funeral Service will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 11am at St. Robert's Church, Aberkenfig.**

***May they rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory.***

***Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to his bereaved families at this sad and difficult time.***



## **JUNE the month of the SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

During this month we should often stop and pray in thanks to God for the great love of Jesus which is celebrated in the Sacred Heart. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation Nun in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart. True devotion to the Sacred Heart is devotion to the Divine Heart of Jesus, as His Heart represents and recalls His love for each one of us. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart takes place this year on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

*As part of your devotions, you are invited to pray the Novena, Prayers of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, each day from June 2nd to the 10<sup>th</sup>.*

“O my Jesus, You have said: “Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.” Behold, I knock, I seek, and ask for the grace of (*name your request*).

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You. O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for Whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of You, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your tender mother and ours.

Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: “Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.”

**SICK OF OUR PARISHES:** “Is any among you sick? Let him call on the elders of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed any sin, he will be forgiven”

(James 5: 14-16). Let us pray for the sick of our Parishes remembering in a very special way: David Lonergan, Maureen Lucas, Gerald Hughes, Maurice Kehoe, Anthony Roche, Linda Pryce, Sue Walsh and Theresa Griffiths. Fr. Dennis Opoku, Marion Smith, Violet Ronan. Please do not hesitate to inform Fr. Edmund to add your love ones who are sick to the prayer list and to visit them where possible to administer the sacrament of the sick for their healing and strengthening. God love them.

### **WE PRAY FOR:**

- His holiness Pope Francis, Archbishop George, all clergy & men/women of Religious Orders, our sick and retired clergy; several who remain active in our parishes
- Vocations to the Priesthood; our Seminarians - Elliot Hanson, Dale Cutlan, and Gwyn Jones
- People of India who have died and suffering from the devastating second wave of the Coronavirus
- An end to the Pandemic and for our parishioners and all who work in the hospitals/care homes and our frontline workers/volunteers, as pressure is constantly on them
- the faithful departed parishioners, family, friends and those who have died from the Pandemic; may they rest in peace
- the sick at home/hospital/residential homes and housebound of our Parishes, those who are affected by and suffering with Coronavirus, the homeless, our friends, relatives, neighbours, fellow Parishioners, those suffering with loneliness, financial difficulties, job losses due to this Pandemic
- our young people & students, Headteachers, Teachers, Staff & Governors of our Schools

*“Lord hear us ..... Lord graciously hear us”*

**Act of Spiritual Communion St Alphonsus Liguori:** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come 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 in the midst of the Covid Pandemic:**

“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.”

**Congratulations and Every Blessing** to Rhoda Elizabeth Jassoy Daniels and Patrick Edward Morgan who received their First Holy Communion yesterday at St. Robert’s Church. *God Love them.*

**GRATEFUL THANKS:** Mary, Gerald & family sincerely thank you for your prayers, mass cards, messages of sympathy and for your generous donations of £375 for Marie Curie Charity who provided great care and support to Ken.

**To attend Masses: please telephone the following Stewards:**

**MAESTEG PARISH:**

**TUESDAY: 10am: Derek or Denis - 01656 731767 (Any afternoon after 2pm)**

**FRIDAY: 10am: Collette - 07702023565**

**SUNDAY: 9 am: Derek or Denis - 01656 731767 (Any afternoon after 2pm)**

**11am: Collette - 07702023565 5pm: Michelle - 07488322929**

**EXPOSITION & ADORATION: FRIDAY: 10.30am -6.00pm: Collette on 07702023565**

**ABERKENFIG PARISH:**

**WEDNESDAY 10 am & SATURDAY Vigil Mass 5 pm - Bill Ennis on 724855, after 6.30 pm.**

**Please Note:** Only those who have received confirmation of bookings from the Stewards are able to attend.

**Please do not attend if not booked as we do not want to turn people away at the door**

**By registering to attend Mass the published restrictions still apply.**

**Archdiocese of Cardiff "The God Who Speaks":** The next Scripture Study Day will be given on Saturday, June 12th from 11am-12.30pm. Rev. Bernard Sixtus will be giving a talk on "The Vision of St. John's Gospel".

Fr. Bernard Sixtus PhD, MA, BA(Hons) is Director of Education (Schools) for the Archdiocese and is well known as a very engaging speaker, well versed in theology. Details of the programme of talks for the year can be found on the Archdiocesan website <https://rcadc.org/> events.

**St Mary's and St Patrick's Nursery Class 2021**

If you have a child who will be 3 before September 2021 or require entry to nursery the following year please contact the school for an admission form. We currently have places available.

Contact details: 01656815585 or email [admin.stmpprimary@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:admin.stmpprimary@bridgend.gov.uk)

School prospectus and further information on the Nursery Class available on our Website, "News Tab".

**MAESTEG:** Income 30<sup>th</sup> May: Gift Aid £231.50; Planned /Loose £163.10; Maintenance £90.70; Bricks £3.90.

**OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S GARDEN PARTY: PLACES NOW AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS UNDER "70":**

Thanks to everyone who has already registered for this year's garden party 'Fundraiser' in the Church grounds following social distancing COVID regulations:

**Date:** Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, **Time:** 2.00pm; **Ticket fee** £7.50 per head; (includes welcome drink, afternoon tea picnic box, served with tea and coffee); **Events:** Bingo and raffle.

**Places still available - now open to the wider parish**

**IMPORTANT:** Attendance is strictly by advanced registration only, numbers are restricted; to confirm your reservations please contact the following:

Michael Banks: 07584177456; Denis & Derek Horton, any day after 2pm: 01656 731767;

Maria Davies: 07779532212; Collette: 07702023565.

***TO SECURE YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE PAY FOR YOUR TICKET NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE (not refundable).*** Please put your money or cheques, made payable to The Flower Group, into a sealed envelope and give to the Stewards for banking.

**Donations:** To keep costs down to a minimum we welcome donations of bottles of Buck's Fizz, Bingo and Raffle prizes. **All proceeds shall go towards the ongoing costs of the church structural restoration currently underway.**

**Our Lady & St Patrick's 'Sizzling Summer Raffle'**

Our first ever parish 'Summer Raffle' shall be launched on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> June when tickets shall be available for collection at church, or they can be dropped off to you at home by request. Tickets are priced at £1 each; prizes include: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: £100 cash; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Indulgent basket of cheese & wine; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: £25 voucher for Summer BBQ meat selection; plus more exciting prizes.

**What impact has the pandemic had on you and your family?** Is this impact temporary? Or are the effects of it likely to last for months/years to come? How has your family life changed? Are there any areas of your life that you need advice about? Do you miss having people to share your experiences with? Would talking with others in similar situations help? The Family Life Team for the Archdiocese would like to invite **YOU** to a 'Drop in Zoom' if you would like a bit of advice, support or information **or just chat with likeminded parents/grandparents** about the joys and challenges they face within their families and maybe discover how the Church can support the families of our community, directly or through signposting to appropriate organisations. **Zoom Drop In Sessions will be held by Zoom on Tuesdays as follows:**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am.** Parents and grandparents can 'drop in' to the sessions as suits your availability and as one off or several as you wish.....but you will need to get a joining invitation, so, please email [fle@rcadc.org](mailto:fle@rcadc.org) and a joining invitation will be sent by reply.

*Further details available on our Website on "Events tab".*