



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

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**28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
MESSAGE FROM FR. EDMUND**

Dearly Beloved Parishioner,

May the peace and joy of Christ be with you.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that: “Jesus enjoins his disciples to prefer him to everything and everyone, and bids them “renounce all that [they have]” for his sake and that of the Gospel. Shortly before his passion he gave them the example of the poor widow of Jerusalem who, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on. The precept of detachment from riches is obligatory for entrance into the Kingdom of heaven. (CCC 2544)

My dear people of God, Solomon in our first reading of today, speaks of the seductive beauty of wisdom and the value of seeking it actively. Acquiring true wisdom consists in trusting God and allowing Him to lead and inspire us. Nothing can be compared with wisdom in value

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the word of God is living and active because it always speaks to the human person in every moment. Contemplating the word of God, especially the Gospels, and integrating it into our daily lives will lead us to holiness and everlasting life. Through His Word, God touches the spiritual component of every human person in the intimacy of the heart.

In the Gospel, Christ teaches that a wholehearted spirit of poverty is necessary to be a true follower of Him. While the man had kept the commandments, true perfection required him to detach himself from all his possessions in order to follow Christ wholeheartedly. His sadness reflected the consequences of being distant from Christ. While Christ commended him for keeping the commandments, he needed to give his entire self to reap the joy and peace flowing from Christ’s life.

Christ’s analogy of the camel and the eye of the needle describes an impossible situation. The point is not that the rich are barred from heaven but that their wealth, like the camel’s burden, poses a very formidable obstacle to overcome.

Beloved, we need God’s wisdom to appreciate the value of God’s Word in our lives. We need the same wisdom to recognise that even though riches are not evil in themselves, they can be dangerous to our spiritual health. Wisdom guides us to appreciate the real value of things in this world. We need the wisdom of God to utilise the resources of this world, so that unlike the rich young man, we will not become victims of material wealth.

We are therefore, called to place Christ – the Word of God - above any other love, even familial relationships. The reward for sacrificing everything to follow Christ surpasses any possible earthly reward, hence the phrase “one hundredfold” in this life and eternal life in heaven.

May the Lord endow us with true wisdom and humility so that nothing will come between us and Christ Jesus, the Word, through whom we have life Eternally. God love you!

United in prayer.



“Scripture tells us that everything that exists does not exist by chance but is willed by God and part of his plan, at whose centre is the invitation to partake, in Christ, in the divine life. Creation is born of the *Logos* and indelibly bears the mark of the *creative Reason which orders and directs it*; with joy-filled certainty the psalms sing: “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth” (Ps 33:6) (Verbum Domini n8)



28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B – SUNDAY 10th October 2021:

(Psalter Week 4 Sunday Reading Cycle B)

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents

AT ALL MASSES TODAY - STATISTICS COUNT 2

ST. ROBERT’S ABERKENFIG

9am: People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers

Elizabeth Ingham RIP (KL)

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK’S MAESTEG

11am: Ann & James Keane & Elizabeth RIP (CK) 5pm: Maureen Lucas RIP (C&TJ)



MONDAY: 11th October 2021: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 28

Private Mass: Special Intention (FFM)

6 pm ROSARY at OUR LADY’S GROTTTO

TUESDAY, 12th October 2021: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 28

10 am MAESTEG: Thanksgiving for Friends & Parishioners for support & prayers (Kf)

Vince Kelly RIP (EF)

We pray for the souls of unborn Babies

WEDNESDAY: 13th October 2021: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 28

10 am ABERKENFIG: The sick and housebound of our Parishes

THURSDAY, 14th October 2021: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 28

10 am MAESTEG: Elizabeth Dawkins RIP (S&MK)

FRIDAY: 15th October 2021: St Theresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

10 am MAESTEG: Theresa Griffiths RIP (KK)

We pray for All the Clergy & Religious Orders, to always & ever follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit



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

In Church, before the Lord’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament, let us open our hearts, lay down our burdens and grief and pray for the healing of our world. Silent prayer and adoration before the mystery of Christ, present to us in the Blessed Sacrament, is where we receive the grace to grow in love of Christ and experience His merciful love for each one of us.

Why not take the opportunity to pray and reflect!



CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION and SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

11am – 6 pm Fr. Edmund will be available TODAY at Our Lady & St. Patrick Church, Maesteg.

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

SATURDAY: 16th October 2021: Votive of Memorial of Our Blessed Lady

Private Mass: Janet, Paddy & Michael Butler RIP (Mr MB)

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

29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B – SUNDAY 17th October 2021:

(Psalter Week 1 Sunday Reading Cycle B)

ST. ROBERT’S ABERKENFIG

9am: Moira Costain RIP (KL) Mr Dorino Civetta RIP (DC)

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK’S MAESTEG

11am: Thanksgiving New Granddaughter (KHf) Louise & Vince RIP (Kf)

5pm: People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers

Philip Colston RIP (MB&f)

RETIRING COLLECTION RESTORATION FUND

Please only attend Church if you are symptom free

SUNDAY OBLIGATION REMAINS SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME

MAESTEG PARISH:

ANY QUERIES REGARDING MASSES to 17th October PLEASE CONTACT:

Tuesdays 10am, Maria Kelly Harris 07964965152

Sundays 11am, Thursdays 10am, Fridays 10am - Collette 07702023565 Sundays 5pm-Michelle 07488322929

ABERKENFIG PARISH:

Sunday Mass 9am, Wednesday Mass 10am - Bill Ennis on 724855/Bernadette 725911, after 6.30 pm

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. In this month, let us continue to pray the Rosary which will help us draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

ETERNAL REST:

In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the soul of **TERRANCE O'NEILL** who passed away on **1ST October 2021**; his Funeral Service will be on **26th October, 2 pm** Maesteg Cemetery.

May he rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory.

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

Please pray for all our Parishioners who have recently died and those who have anniversaries at this time.

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



PRAY FOR OUR SICK: "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"

Let us pray for the sick of our Parishes remembering in a very special way:

Gerald Hughes, Maurice Kehoe, Linda Pryce, 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 to always & ever follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit
- Vocations to the Priesthood; our Seminarians - Dale Cutlan and Deacon Elliot Hanson
- All Prisoners and their dependents
- An end to the Pandemic and for our parishioners and all who work in the hospitals/care homes and our frontline workers/volunteers
- the faithful departed parishioners, family, friends and those who have died from the Pandemic and from the Afghanistan crisis and disasters in the world; 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 the Pandemic
- those who have no-one to pray for them
- our young people & students, Headteachers, Teachers, Staff & Governors of our Schools
- the souls of unborn Babies

Today we celebrate World Mental Health Day. We pray especially for all mothers experiencing difficulties in their pregnancies, whose mental health has, as a result, been negatively impacted. We pray that, as a society, we would do all we can to support mothers through these circumstances, and keep the health and well-being of both mother and child at the centre of our communities.

"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."

ST ROBERT PARISH ABERKENFIG

CHANGES TO ATTENDING MASS: It is no longer necessary to book for Mass.

For track and trace purposes, Stewards will take names and telephone numbers on entry to the Church. If you wish to socially distance you will still need to book your place. Please contact Bill Ennis 724855 or Bernadette Lewis 725911 after 6.30pm. **OTHER RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE.**

MISSIO RED BOXES - Promoters are now collecting boxes and counting monies. Many thanks to those who have a box; if you would like to have box/have any queries please contact Bernadette Lewis -725911.

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK PARISH MAESTEG

IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES PRAYER IS OUR LIFELINE

Maria Browne invites you to a new Parish Prayer Group called "GWEDDIWN"
The next meeting will be in the Parish Hall at 2 pm on Wednesday, 20th October
(and every two weeks thereafter).

WHY NOT COME ALONG AND REFLECT, FIND PEACE and PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND THE WORLD



For your safety: Masks must be worn, sanitizer will be provided and we will be socially distanced

INVITATION TO ALL MOTHERS



Would you like an opportunity to chat about the "big questions" your child asks?

Would you like to extend the activities on offer for families in our Parish?

Do you just want time for a chat and relax with friends?

You are invited to join us for a cuppa after dropping your children at school.

Fridays 8:45 to 9:45am Parish Function Room

MISSIO (Red Boxes): Please, can promoters empty their boxes. We are still looking for a promoter for the Caerau area, if you can help please contact Paula 733605. If you need your box emptied, please leave it in the school office or Church for Paula. Wish to support MISSIO by having a Red Box contact Paula.

Many thanks for your continued support.

INCOME 3rd October: Gift Aid £226.50; Planned /Loose £251.40; CAFOD £285.10, CAFOD (School) £202.70.

Details soon: Grand Christmas Raffle, Advent Christmas Prayer Tree: An evening event to remember and celebrate the performances of 'CHAD' Catholic Hall Amateur Dramatics.

AN INVITATION

Dear Parishioners, as social restrictions ease, what would you like to do for future parish social and fundraising events? We invite you to submit your thoughts and ideas to assist the fundraising group to provide a focus for events in 2022. *Please submit your ideas in note form, or just share your ideas with committee members or stewards.*

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS (Maesteg/Aberkenfig Parishes):

Traditionally, during the month of November, we remember and pray for those who have died and gone before us. It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for our dead. The "November Dead Lists" will be distributed at all Masses next Sunday, 17th October; also available online (News tab).

Please return to the Stewards or post to Father Edmund, The Presbytery, Our Lady & St Patrick, Monica Street, Maesteg, CF34 9AY. Your lists will be compiled in a special book and placed on the Altar at your Parish Church. A Mass each day throughout November will be offered for departed family and friends.

Red grave candles available at the Maesteg/Aberkenfig Repositories.



Archdiocese of Cardiff "The God Who Speaks"

This month "The God Who Speaks" team takes a closer look at St Luke's Gospel ahead of his Feast Day on 18th October. St. Luke is being celebrated in preparation for the new lectionary cycle with a range of new resources. There is a special pocket sized edition of St. Luke's Gospel (also discount on bulk buys - packs of five £7.50) at godwhospeaks.uk/nrsv-lukes-gospel

Scripture Study Days

The next Scripture Study Day will be given on Saturday, November 6th from 11am-12.30pm.

Deacon Philip Manghan will be giving a talk on "The Gospel of St. Luke". Deacon Philip hails from St. Mary's Bridgend. He will be familiar to many people for his knowledge of the Scriptures and his friendly and engaging speaking style. He will bring our study of the four Gospels to an excellent end.

Details of the programme of talks for the year can be found on the Archdiocesan website <https://rcadc.org/events>

You can access the talks on the day via Zoom at: <http://tinyurl.com/RCADCscripture>

Meeting ID 863 9669 5727 Passcode: 068790

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