



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

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Psalter Week 1 Sunday Reading Cycle C)

Advent is a season of HOPE, LOVE, JOY & PEACE – Stay awake, praying ceaselessly

<p align="center">1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 28th November 2021 <i>Maesteg: Retiring Collection SVP Christmas Appeal</i></p>	<p align="center">Aberkenfig 9 am Maesteg 11 am Reader Keith Lewis Maesteg 5 pm Reader: Mike Lawler</p>	<p align="center">People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers Michael Davies <i>RIP (1st Anniv)</i> (ED) Wayne Tanner <i>RIP</i> (CT) Thomas & Margaret Maloney & Mal Hughes <i>RIP</i> (PH) November Lists and Faithful Departed</p>
<p align="center">Monday 29th November 2021 1st Week of Advent</p>	<p align="center">Maesteg <i>Private Mass</i>  6 PM</p>	<p align="center">November Lists & Faithful Departed Christine Davies <i>RIP</i> (R&BJ) Special Intention (<i>FEM</i>) ROSARY AT OUR LADY'S GROTTA</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday 30th November 2021 St Andrew Apostle Patron of Scotland</p>	<p align="center">Maesteg 10 am Maesteg 1 pm Cemetery 2 pm</p>	<p align="center">November Lists & Faithful Departed Johanna Evans <i>RIP</i> (TW) Anthony Cahill <i>RIP</i> Funeral Service Anthony Cahill <i>RIP</i></p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 1st December 2021 1st Week of Advent</p>	<p align="center">Aberkenfig 10 am</p>	<p align="center">Father Dewi Davies <i>RIP</i> (BL) Dennis Burke <i>RIP</i> (MD)</p>
<p align="center">Thursday 2nd December 2021 1st Week of Advent</p>	<p align="center">Maesteg 10.30 am Coychurch Crematorium 12 noon</p>	<p align="center">Funeral Mass Maurice Kehoe <i>RIP</i></p>
<p align="center">Friday 3rd December 2021 St Francis Xavier, Priest </p>	<p align="center">Maesteg 10 am 11 am – 6 pm</p>	<p align="center">Graham White <i>RIP</i> (TW) Nick & Hilda Whitty <i>RIP</i> (KK) <i>We pray for the Clergy & Religious Orders</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration</p>
<p align="center">FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2021 CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION and SPIRITUAL DIRECTION</p>	<p align="center"> MAESTEG 11 am – 6 pm</p>	<p align="center">Fr. Edmund available TODAY Please call the Mobile 07964366710 to book an appointment</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 4th December 2021 1st Week of Advent</p>	<p align="center">Maesteg 11 am <i>Followed by Blessing of the Advent Christmas Prayer Tree</i></p>	<p align="center">Maurice Kehoe <i>RIP</i> (KK) Nellie Thomas <i>RIP</i> (CT) Conversion of Federica & Edoardo All Souls in Purgatory (AA)</p>
<p align="center">2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT BIBLE SUNDAY 5th December 2021 <i>Maesteg: Retiring Collection Christmas Flower Appeal</i></p>	<p align="center">Aberkenfig 9 am Maesteg 11 am Reader Collette Matchett Maesteg 5 pm Reader: Angela Brennan</p>	<p align="center">People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers Mollie, Liam, Billie & Marcia Stocking <i>RIP</i> (A&D) Edward Scourfield <i>RIP</i> (Sf) John Kehoe <i>RIP</i> (KK) Kathryn Richards <i>RIP</i> (GBG) Neil Stanton <i>RIP</i> (MB&f)</p>

PLEASE ONLY ATTEND CHURCH IF YOU ARE SYMPTOM FREE



“See the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.’”



ETERNAL REST:

In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of

ANTHONY CAHILL and MAURICE KEHOE, whose Funerals will take place this week, and for those who have anniversaries at this time. *May they rest in perfect peace and rise in Eternal Glory.*

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



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, Linda Pryce, Fr. Dennis Opoku, Marian Smith, Violet Ronan, Teresa Boast, Carmel Roach, Lewis Lee.

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.*

MAESTEG PARISH:

“GWEDDIWN” Prayer Group: The next meeting will be at 2pm, on Wednesday, 1st December.

Congratulations and every blessing to Christine Treharne who celebrates her 90th birthday this week.

300+ Club Draw: The November draw shall take place on Tuesday, 30th November.

Advent/Christmas Prayer Tree Blessing - This Saturday 4th: Mass will be celebrated at 11am, followed by the Blessing of The Prayer Tree, during which time warm mulled wine shall be served, as we switch on the lights and you are invited to hang your personalised blessing card on the tree. Following the Blessing of the Tree, hot vegetable soup with a bread roll, and mince pies shall be served in the Parish Hall. Tickets: £7.50 adults; £3.50 children. The maximum seating capacity is 40. A register for names is available at the rear of church; some spaces still available. Please note; the register shall close after Mass on Tuesday, 30th November.

Grand Christmas Raffle: The Grand Christmas Raffle progresses through Advent, with the draw taking place on the 14th December. *Great Prizes.* Ticket price £1.00. Please take the opportunity to participate in our annual Grand Christmas Raffle, selling tickets to family and friends spreading the fun and excitement as we lead up to Christmas.

PIETY SHOP: Christmas cards/items now available. **Red grave candles available at both Churches. £3 each.**

Collections Sunday 21st November: Gift Aid £306.50; Planned/Loose £90.10; Restoration £886.00. Thank You

ABERKENFIG PARISH:

100 CLUB Winners: 1st (14) Mr P Collins £40; 2nd (7) Mrs E A Reynolds £10; 3rd (134) Mrs M P Benjamin £10.

Collections Sunday 21st November: Gift Aid £84; Loose £60.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



Friday 24th December: Christmas Vigil Masses

Our Lady & St Patrick’s Maesteg: 5 pm & 10 pm

St Robert’s Aberkenfig: 7 pm

Saturday 25th December: Christmas Day Masses

Our Lady & St Patrick’s Maesteg: 9 am

St Robert’s Aberkenfig: 11 am

Sunday 26th December: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

St Robert’s Aberkenfig: 9am. Our Lady & St Patrick’s Maesteg: 11am. Please note no evening Mass.

HONOURING SUNDAY: The Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales have recently issued a Statement, *attached.* This document was originally written to mark the official re-opening of our churches for ‘normal’ worship as the pandemic came to an end; however, as we know, we are being warned that there are signs of a resurgence. Whilst there is an invitation at the beginning of Advent to be “Welcomed Home”, “Come Home for Christmas” the Bishops recognise that for some Parishioners there are valid reasons why they are yet unable to fulfil the duty to attend Sunday Mass. Please continue to take care, stay safe and keep your faith.

May the Good Lord graciously bless you with His love and favours. God Bless you all. Fr Edmund.

BELMONT ADVENT RETREAT: The Road to Bethlehem: Please contact the Retreat Secretary, Fr Augustine on retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk or phone 01432 374750. Also online via Zoom on 1st, 8th and 15th December 2021. <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/the-road-to-bethlehem>