



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

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**PRIEST IN CHARGE DURING MONTH OF JANUARY 2022**

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*SUNDAY MASSES ONLY IN OUR PARISHES UNTIL FATHER EDMUND RETURNS*

<p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C Peace Sunday</b></p> <p align="center"><b>16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022</b></p> <p align="center">Psalter Week 2 Reading Cycle</p> <p><b>MAESTEG RETIRING COLLECTION RESTORATION FUND</b></p>	<p><b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Maesteg 11 am</b> Reader: Maria Cahalane</p> <p align="center"><b>Maesteg 5 pm</b> Reader: Michelle Bumford</p>	<p><b>People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers</b> <b>John Lowe RIP (KL)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Maureen, Ken, Lucas &amp; Thomas families RIP (L family)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Bill Heath RIP (GBG) Margaret, Edwin, Keane &amp; Jenkins families RIP (MB)</b></p>
<p><b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C Sunday of the Word of God</b></p> <p align="center"><b>23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2022</b></p>	<p><b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Maesteg 11 am</b> Reader: Keith Lewis</p> <p align="center"><b>Maesteg 5 pm</b> Reader: Mike Lawler</p>	<p><b>People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers</b> <b>Bernard Tipping RIP (KL)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Edward &amp; Adrian Scourfield RIP (Sf) Allan Hughes RIP (J&amp;PO'B)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Cristina Bisagni RIP (CW) Maurice Kehoe RIP (MB&amp;f)</b></p>

**IMPORTANT: Due to the need to reintroduce social distancing restrictions, places at Sunday Mass must be booked beforehand. In order to be fair to everyone Stewards are unable to take bookings more than a week in advance; therefore you need to confirm with the Stewards at Mass or telephone them if you need to reserve a place for the following week.**

**PLEASE DO NOT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE STEWARDS  
DO NOT ATTEND IF NOT BOOKED; THEY ARE UPSET TURNING PARISHIONERS AWAY  
THEY ARE FOLLOWING THE REGULATIONS TO ENABLE CELEBRATION OF THE  
MASS TO CONTINUE AND MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELLBEING**

**To attend Sunday Masses January 2022 please telephone the following Stewards:**

**MAESTEG PARISH:**      11am: Derek & Denis - 01656 731767 (after 2.30pm)  
5pm: Michelle Bumford - 07488322929

**ABERKENFIG PARISH:**    9 am: Bill Ennis on 01656 724855, after 6.30 pm

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION REMAINS SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME**

**By registering to attend Mass the restrictions/rules below still apply.**

**COVID:** Safety continues to be of vital importance. A reminder of the following:

Social Distancing reintroduced ; face coverings are mandatory; hand sanitisers available – please use on the way in and out of the church; requirement to register on entering the Church; wrap up warmly as the Church needs to be well ventilated; cleaning will remain a high priority

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*Do whatever he tells you.'*

In the *First Reading* this week, Isaiah uses the beautiful imagery of a wedding to describe the ways in which the deep love of God for his people will transform our lives. God delights in us:

*'As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride so will your God rejoice in you'.*

Another wedding scene is described in today's Gospel.

At the beginning of his public life, Jesus's love and care transform a wedding feast from disaster to joyous celebration by turning water into wine.

St Paul teaches the church in Corinth about how God works through the many different people in the church so that they (and we) can use their gifts in a variety of ways in his service, united by the one Spirit working through them all to transform the lives of others. (*Second Reading*)

The *Psalm* invites us to praise God and to proclaim the good news of God's transforming love to all peoples.

In what ways do we need the Lord to transform our lives this week?

### **ETERNAL REST:**

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, relatives and friends, remembering in a very special way:

Gerald Hughes, Max Buckley, Fr. Dennis Opoku, Marian Smith,  
Violet Ronan, Teresa Boast, Carmel Roach, Lewis Lee.

For those suffering from COVID within our Communities.

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.*

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER EDMUND:** *My sincere thanks go to you all for your presence at the Christmas and New Year celebrations, for the Christmas presents, best wishes and offerings, I am forever grateful. To all our stewards/volunteers who deep clean our Churches, without them it would not have been possible to open our Churches for Mass over the past months, I say thank you very much and God bless you. To all those who have kept all the many other tasks under control in order to keep both our Parishes functioning – preparing our Churches for Christmas, washing the Altar linens and Albs, taking care of the website, newsletters, events and finances; those caring for and staying in touch with the housebound/shielding and the sick, may you all be rewarded accordingly and favoured by the Lord.*

Love and blessings to all the faithful of our Parishes; may God keep all of you safe and blessed. United in prayer!

### **MAESTEG COLLECTIONS 9<sup>th</sup> January:**

Gift Aid £224.50; Planned Giving/Loose £86; Retiring Maintenance £44.10.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** This week Christians all over the world will be joining in Christ's prayer, 'That they all may be one'. The theme for 2022 is, 'We saw His star in the East', prepared by countries in the Middle East. Please join in these special prayers with your local Christian community or at home using the Christian Unity website, [www.rcadc.org](http://www.rcadc.org) or the Churches Together website, <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

**200+ Club 2022:** You are kindly requested to make your membership payments, cash or cheques £12 for the year, made payable to 'The 300+ Club', in a sealed envelope, together with the members names, addresses and membership numbers if known; the sealed envelope should to be addressed to '**THE 200+ CLUB**', handed to a steward or put into the designated box. If you are unable to attend Mass and would like your Membership card delivered, where we can pick up your £12 subscription at the same time, please contact any of the following who shall coordinate collection: Angela Brennan 07572 274646; Michael Banks 07584 177456; Derek/Denis 01656 731767 (after lunch). Subscriptions can be paid monthly or quarterly. The subscription payment period for 2022 remains open to the end of March 2022. To be included in the **BIG** Christmas draw, full annual subscription must be paid. Thanks for your continued support.