





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

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**6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(Psalter Week 2 Sunday Reading Cycle C)**

6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Racial Justice Day Sunday 13th February 2022	Aberkenfig 9 am	Thanksgiving Lewis family (BL) People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers
	Maesteg 11 am Reader: Paul Donoghue Maesteg 5 pm Reader: Maria Browne	Coleman family RIP (AD) Sheila Allan RIP (MD) Ann, Bob & Sean Hayes RIP (EH)
Monday 14th February 2022 St Cyril Monk and St Methodius Bishop	Maesteg Private Mass  6 PM	Elizabeth Bumford RIP (P&RB) Special Intention (FFP) ROSARY – IN CHURCH
Tuesday 15th February 2022 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year II Week 6	Maesteg 9.30 am Mass	Raymond Dunphy RIP (Anniv) (MD) <i>We pray for the souls of Unborn & Aborted Babies</i>
Wednesday 16th February 2022 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year II Week 6	Aberkenfig 10 am  6pm-6.30pm	Special Intentions ROSARY - AT THE WAR MEMORIAL
Thursday 17th February 2022 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year II Week 6	Maesteg 10 am 2pm	Trefor Jones RIP (M&JB) FUNERAL SERVICE of Trefor Jones
Friday 18th February 2022 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year II Week 6 	Maesteg 10 am 11 am - 6 pm	Margaret Wells RIP (CM) <i>We pray for the Clergy & Religious Orders</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration
FRIDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2022 CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION and SPIRITUAL DIRECTION	 MAESTEG 11 am– 6 pm	Fr. Edmund is available TODAY NO need to book an appointment. First come first served
Saturday 19th February 2022 Votive Memorial of Our Lady	Maesteg Private Mass	John Connolly (Ireland) (M&SK) <i>Aurora, Conversion of Federica & Edoardo.</i> All Souls in Purgatory (AA)
7th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Sunday 20th February 2022	Aberkenfig 9 am Maesteg 11 am Reader: Maria Cahalane Maesteg 5 pm R: Michelle Bumford	Daphne Hennelly RIP (LT) People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers John & Jean Pearce RIP (SW) Brian Jarvis & A.R. Richards RIP (CW)

PLEASE ONLY ATTEND CHURCH IF YOU ARE SYMPTOM FREE. SUNDAY OBLIGATION REMAINS SUSPENDED
COVID: Safety continues to be of vital importance. **A reminder of the following:** 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; cleaning will remain a high priority. Social Distancing – restrictions have now been relaxed, however please be respectful of other parishioners who may wish to maintain a social distance. We still have a duty to be careful with others and ourselves so please do not come to Mass if you are showing any Covid symptoms or feel unwell.

SACRAMENTS: Please pray for *Edi, Emilia, Holly, Imogen, Isaac, Samantha, Seren and William* who have accepted Jesus' invitation to follow Him, as they make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 26th February at 11am.

Let us also congratulate the children and their families who have committed themselves weekly to preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist since September, by listening to The Word of God and welcoming The Word of God in their lives."

ROSARY AT WAR MEMORIAL: Following the idea from an international grassroots movement called <https://www.ukprays.org>. In many villages, towns and cities, Catholics in the UK and abroad have now taken the Rosary among all people. In Maesteg we will meet every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 6.30 pm by the War Memorial, in the town centre to pray for our country, for our Town and for the Church, for true freedom and for the consecration of our Town and country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Just show up at the given time and place with your Rosary beads and bring family members and friends if possible. May the consecration to our Lady's Immaculate Heart happen everywhere soon in the world!"

ETERNAL REST: In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the soul of **TREFOR JONES**

who passed on 22nd January 2022 and whose Funeral Services will be on Thursday 17th February at 2 pm at Our Lady & St. Patrick's Church; Margam Crematorium 3.15 pm and for

MARGARET WELLS who had recently passed.

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

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

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

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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.



The God Who Speaks Sharing the Word of God Through Ministry
A Day of Reflection **via Zoom** for Ministers of the Word, Catechists and Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Saturday 5th March 2022 10.30am – 3pm Keynote Speaker: Deacon Rob Coyne
To confirm a place and further information, please email Diocesan Scripture Champions madeleine.walters@rcadc.org or kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk

ABERKENFIG PARISH

100 Club Subscriptions will be taken during February and March 2022. Cheques to be made payable to St. Robert's Parish - £12 for the year. Please contact Bill Ennis 01656 724855 to arrange collection or bring to Church in a sealed envelope with your name on the front.

COLLECTIONS January 23 - February 6th: Gift Aid £195.00; Loose £68.81

MAESTEG PARISH

"GWEDDIWN" PRAYER GROUP: Meet this Wednesday, 16th February at a new time of 1.30 pm.

MAESTEG COLLECTIONS 6th February: Gift Aid £181.50; Planned Giving/Loose £166.00; Restoration £5.00; Red bricks £3.87; Crib Offering £130.30; Standing Orders December £901.00.

Our Lady & St Patrick's 200+ Club 2022

The 200+ Club for 2022 has got off to a good start, with 238 paid up members confirmed as of 8th February. The books for 2022 membership shall remain open until 31st March to receive subscriptions from those members who have not yet had the opportunity to make their payments.

If you have not already received your membership card and wish to subscribe to the scheme, please contact any of the below, who shall be pleased to assist you with completing your membership. To participate in and to be included in the BIG Christmas draw, the full annual subscription of £12 must be paid.

- Angela Brenna – 07572 274646
- Michael Banks - 07584177456
- The Horton Boys - 01656 731767 (after lunch)

Membership Payments: Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we are not permitted to congregate at the back of church to receive monies or to mark off membership cards, consequently, you are kindly requested to make your membership payments, cash or cheques, 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 box designated for the purpose, situated at the back of church.

We are very happy to confirm the winners for the January draw as follows:

- 1st prize, £50, Paula Roberts; Membership 139
- 2nd prize, £30, Theresa Powell; Membership 111
- 3rd prize, £20, Mary Jenkins; Membership 211

The February draw shall take place after Mass on Tuesday, 22/02/2022

Our Lady & St Patrick's and St Robert's - Shrove Tuesday & The Feast of St David; Tuesday, 1st March, 2022.

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday and the Patron Saint of Wales on his Feast Day, we shall be offering a social hour, served in the Parish Hall, Maesteg, following Mass; tea, coffee, Welsh Cheese and biscuits, and of course Welsh Cakes shall be served for your delectation, and given it is Shrove Tuesday, we shall even throw in a pancake for good measure. You might even be tempted to test your knowledge of Wales and *the Church with Questions from Year Book 2022*, by participating in our 'Fun Quiz'. Naturally, there shall be a 'RAFFLE'!!!

To facilitate catering purposes, please register your name on the registration form at the back of churches.

Anyone wishing to make a small donation to the church on the day, a collection box shall be made available at the parish hall.

The Feast of St Patrick; Thursday, 17th March, 2022.

Details to be advised

Easter Egg Raffle.

Our Lady & St Patrick's Easter Egg Raffle, 2022, shall launch on Sunday, 27th February.



Team members of our Parishes:
Paul Donoghue, Collette Matchett, Maria Browne and Keith Lewis,
Martin Braithwaite, Sarah Lewis, John Morgan, Ruth Howells
Feel free to contact any of us

The Parish Team explained at all Masses that a Synod is a meeting between the Pope and his Bishops where they discuss matters of the Church. The next Synod is in 2023 but Pope Francis has made history by stating he doesn't just want the opinions of the Bishops but of every Catholic around the world (practising and lapsed) and he wants every voice to be listened to and heard.

We are asked to answer some basic questions:

“What are the good things about the Church?”

“What are the areas needing improvement and how do we do that?”

To that end we have a parish team who have been commissioned to collate the responses. We want to listen to YOU.

All opinions will be anonymous and will be valued. We will do this in a variety of ways:

We will be holding meetings in groups, phoning you, inviting you to respond to a questionnaire and making ourselves available to you. Please take part in this moment of history. Be honest and say what you feel. We are there to listen, to record, but not to react or to resolve any issues.

A report will then be written and sent to the Cardiff Team. They will report to London and London will report to Rome.

You will receive the questionnaire on Sunday Feb 13th to be returned on the 20th. After Masses on the 20th, team members will be available in the Meeting Room (Maesteg) and Sacristy (Aberkenfig) if anyone wishes to clarify or give verbal responses.

We thank you in anticipation and ask you to pray the synodal prayer each day so that the Holy Spirit will inspire us.

Synod Prayer

Prayer of Invocation to the Holy Spirit

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
As we gather together in Your name
With You alone to guide us,
Make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
And how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
Do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may
journey together to the eternal life and not stray
away from the truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every
place and time, in the communion of the Father
and the Son, forever and ever.
Amen.*