



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

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**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
(Psalter Week 3 Sunday Reading Cycle C)**

<b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>  Sunday 20th February 2022  Maesteg Retiring Collection Restoration Fund	<b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b>	Daphne Hennelly RIP (LT) People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers
	Maesteg 11 am Reader: : Maria Cahalane  Maesteg 5 pm R: Michelle Bumford	John & Jean Pearce RIP (SW)  Brian Jarvis & A R Richards RIP (CW)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year II Week 7	Maesteg <i>Private Mass</i>   6 PM	Alga, Gerwyn, Brian & Roger Maddock RIP (A&R) Special Intention (C/F/E)  ROSARY – IN CHURCH
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022 The Chair of St Peter the Apostle	Maesteg 10 am Mass	Ann, Jim, Elizabeth & Keane Family RIP (CK) David Treharne RIP (CT) We pray for the souls of Unborn & Aborted Babies
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2022 St Polycarp Bishop & Martyr	Aberkenfig 10 am   6pm-6.30pm	Kathy Tipping RIP (KL)  ROSARY - AT THE WAR MEMORIAL
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year II Week 7	Maesteg 10 am	Phyllis Ronan RIP (MD) Maureen Lucas RIP (R&BJ)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 Weekday in Ordinary Time Year II Week 7  	Maesteg 10 am  11 am - 6 pm	Maurice Kehoe RIP (SW) Trefor Jones RIP (J&Po'B) We pray for the Clergy & Religious Orders Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration
<b>FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022</b> <b>CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION</b> <b>and SPIRITUAL DIRECTION</b>	 <b>MAESTEG</b> 11 am– 6 pm	<b>First Holy Communion Children,</b> <b>Parents, God-Parents, Love ones,</b> <b>and All Parishioners are Invited</b>
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 Votive Memorial of Our Lady	Maesteg 11 am <i>Celebration of First                  Holy Communions</i>	Special Intention First Communicants & their families (MD) <i>Aurora, Conversion of Federica &amp; Edoardo.</i> All Souls in Purgatory (AA)
<b>8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>  Day of Prayer for the Unemployed  Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Aberkenfig 9 am  Maesteg 11 am Reader: Keith Lewis  Maesteg 5 pm Reader: Mike Lawler	Felicity Acquah RIP People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers Alan Hughes RIP (G&DW)  Cathleen & Howard Thomas RIP (CW)

**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. Congratulations to 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." God Love Them!

**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.

**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 **MARGARET WELLS** who passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 and whose Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10 am at Our Lady & St. Patrick's Church; Maesteg Cemetery 11.30 am.



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

*Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to her bereaved family and friends 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, 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](mailto:madeleine.walters@rcadc.org) or [kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk)

Dearly Beloved,

Let God handle your enemies and you just continue to keep them in your prayers as children of God. David in today's First Reading has, what some would say, a golden opportunity to do away with Saul, who was after his life, but he spared him. Even when Abishai said "God has delivered your enemy into your hands", David refused to follow his evil counsel. David's example is what the Gospel calls all Christians to follow. Jesus says, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." it is only when we live this way that we may be able to build a better world for ourselves and for posterity. To be a true follower of Jesus is to put on the garment of Mercy, Love, Kindness, Compassion, Forgiveness, and Meekness. By so doing we live in accordance to our spiritual nature and therefore become true Children of the Heavenly Father.

God Love You!

## 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 February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Gift Aid £150; Loose £16, Standing Orders £280.

## MAESTEG PARISH

**MAESTEG COLLECTIONS 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Gift Aid £227.50; Planned Giving/Loose £159.10; Restoration £185.00; Retiring Collection £106.00; Standing Orders January £931.00.

**200+ Club MAESTEG = 2022:** 249 new and existing members have registered for the 2022 draw – **THANK YOU**. 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. To participate in and to be included in the **BIG** Christmas draw, the full annual subscription of £12 must be paid. **Contact: Angela Brennan 07572 274646; Michael Banks 07584177456; Horton brothers 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.

**The February draw** shall take place on **Tuesday, 22<sup>ND</sup> February.**

### **Our Lady & St Patrick's & St Robert's - Shrove Tuesday & The Feast of St David; Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March:**

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

### **Easter Egg Raffle:**

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

### **DAMAGES CAUSED BY STORM EUNICE AT OUR LADY & ST. PATRICK CHURCH:**

Dearly Beloved Parishioners,

The heavy storm on last Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 brought down one of the Sanctuary windows of Our Lady & St. Patrick's Church, Maesteg, and some roof tiles as well. We thank the builder Krzysztof Kwiotek, David Matchett and the Horton brothers for securing the window to save the Church from flooding with rains after the storm.

Much as we appreciate the hard times facing all of us and your already many commitments to your families and the parish, on behalf of the Church and in the Name of Christ Jesus Our Lord and Saviour, I would like to appeal to your kindness and generosity to help support the restoration of the window and the sanctuary as a whole for the Glory of God and for our good and the good of His Holy Church.

Your kindness and generous support would be very much appreciated.

Looking forward to your positive response. God love you!

Fr. Edmund



**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.**

You should have all received the parish questionnaire. If not, please pick one up at Mass today or ask one of the team who will ensure you receive one. Please return by March 1<sup>st</sup> to the box at the back of Church or place in an envelope and post to The Presbytery, Monica Street, Maesteg, CF34 9AY, marked for the attention of either the “The Synod Team” Maesteg or Aberkenfig.

Please share the questionnaire with your family, anyone who has not yet returned to Mass or housebound, or anyone who is lapsed. Feel free to write on the back of the questionnaire sheets with any further comments.

**IF YOU WISH TO MAKE ANY FURTHER VERBAL COMMENTS, TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TODAY AFTER MASSES - IN THE MEETING ROOM, MAESTEG, AND IN THE SACRISTY, ABERKENFIG.**

**All opinions will be anonymous and will be valued.**

**Please keep praying the Synod Prayer and thank you for your kind co-operation.**

## **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.*