



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

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Psalter Week 2 Sunday Reading Cycle C)**

<p align="center"><b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b></p> <p align="center">Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022</p> <p align="center">Psalter Week 2 Sunday Reading Cycle C</p> 	<p align="center"><b>Aberkenfig 9am</b></p>	<p align="center">Mary Ann Hale <i>RIP</i> People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers</p>
	<p align="center">Maesteg 11am Reader: Tess White <b>PASSION</b> N: Keith Lewis J: Father Edmund O: Paul Donoghue</p> <p align="center">Maesteg 5pm Reader: Clare Casey <b>PASSION</b> N: Michael Lawler J: Father Edmund O: Angela Brennan</p>	<p align="center">Patrick, Janet &amp; Michael <i>RIP</i> (MB) Patrick &amp; Mary Kehoe <i>RIP</i> (KK)</p> <p align="center">Frances, Vince &amp; Louise <i>RIP</i> (M&amp;f) People of Ukraine, Russia and World peace</p>
<p align="center">Holy Week</p>  <p align="center">Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022</p>	<p align="center"><i>Private Mass</i></p>  <p align="center">6pm</p>	<p align="center">Special Intention/thanksgiving for our Stewards, Cleaners and all Volunteers</p> <p align="center"><b>Special Intention (C/F/F)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>ROSARY – IN CHURCH</b> We pray for unborn/aborted Babies and for Sanctity of life from Conception to Death</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022</p> 	<p align="center">Cathedral Cardiff 11.30 am Maesteg 6 pm</p>	<p align="center"><b>CHRISM MASS</b></p> <p align="center">Reception of the body of Frances Kelly <i>RIP</i> followed by <b>HOLY MASS</b></p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022</p>	<p align="center">Maesteg 10 am</p>  <p align="center">6pm-6.30pm</p>	<p align="center"><b>REQUIEM MASS</b> Frances Kelly <i>RIP</i></p> <p align="center"><b>ROSARY - AT THE WAR MEMORIAL</b></p>

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM**



**EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER MAESTEG 14<sup>TH</sup>April 2021: 7 pm Holy Mass**

Maureen & Jack Jenkins *RIP* (C&T)  
Henry Patrick McDonald *RIP* (CMcD)  
Procession of Oils: Rosemary Jones, Alina Ascari, Maria Cahalane  
Readers: Maria Cahalane and Maria Browne

**WATCHING AND PRAYING AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE UNTIL 10 pm**



**GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: MAESTEG 15<sup>th</sup>April 2021**

9.30 am STATIONS OF THE CROSS

3 pm **PASSION OF THE LORD**

**READERS:** Tess White and Maria Browne

**THE GOSPEL:** N: Keith Lewis J: Father Edmund O: Maria Cahalane

**SOLEMN PRAYERS:** Collette Matchett and Sarah Lewis

**Retiring Collection for Holy Places**



## **EASTER VIGIL MAESTEG: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 7.30 pm**

Margaret Banks & Banks family *RIP* (MB&f)  
Thanksgiving Birthday - Derek & Denis Horton (AA)

**READERS:** Genesis 22:1-18 Alina Ascari Exodus 14:15-15:1 Michael Banks Isaiah 55:1-11 Collette Matchatt  
Epistle Romans 6:3-11 Sarah Lewis



## **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

### **ABERKENFIG 9am Mass**

Winnie Hollyman *RIP* Jules & Renea Lagaule *RIP* (MM)  
People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers

### **MAESTEG 11am Mass**

Dave Noye-Allen *RIP* (M&A) Frances Kelly *RIP* (KK)  
People of Ukraine, Russia and World Peace  
Reader: Keith Lewis

## **Retiring Collection Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday Masses – Easter Offerings**

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



### **ABERKENFIG 9am Mass**

Thanksgiving (MM)  
People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers

### **MAESTEG 11am Mass**

Ken Jenkins, Ellen, Brian, Peter & Eddie *RIP* (MJ)  
People of Ukraine, Russia and World Peace

### **MAESTEG 5pm Mass**

Derek & Roche Family *RIP* (LM&f)  
Connie & Albert Williams *RIP* (CW)

## **Retiring Collection for the Restoration Fund**

### **GOD'S WORD – REFLECTION FOR THE HOLY WEEK**

Palm Sunday, ushers us into the Holy Week. We begin our liturgical inroads into the core mysteries of our faith. In today's readings we notice the twists and turns, ups and downs, as they play out in our world. From the passion narrative we notice the abuse of power for selfish gain, betrayal, rejection and excruciating pain and death. To safeguard their position and silence Jesus, the leaders have Him put to death. Judas out of greed and avarice betrays Him; Peter denies Him, others forsake Him. They love their life and want to save it. The soldiers not to be left out, treat Him cruelly and with so much disgust until He breathes His last. Death seems like the end. But the story doesn't end with death. Instead, it is the beginning of new life and true freedom. There is resurrection and new life. Jesus conquers death. The core of today's celebration is one of hope and newness of life. Life may present us with many challenges and difficulties, even to the point of dying, but if we remain with Jesus, we will conquer them all. May the Lord Jesus, give us strength to persevere in all things.

“Although Jesus had always refused popular attempts to make him king, he chooses the time and prepares the details for his messianic entry into the city of "his father David". Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (Hosanna means "Save!" or "Give salvation!"), the "King of glory" enters his City "riding on an ass". Jesus conquers the Daughter of Zion, a figure of his Church, neither by ruse nor by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth. And so the subjects of his kingdom on that day are children and God's poor, who acclaim him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds. Their acclamation, "Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord", is taken up by the Church in the "Sanctus" of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord's Passover.” (CCC 559)

May we have a Spirit-filled and fruitful Holy Week that leads to acclamations of Hosannas and Alleluias to the “New Life” of Easter.

I WISH EACH AND EVERYONE A HAPPY EASTER.

# APPRECIATION

Thanks to all who made time for our Parish General Meeting last Thursday. I pray for the guidance and support of the Holy Spirit for a clear Vision, Passion and Mission for the future of our Parishes

My sincerest gratitude to all the Stewards, Cleaners, Sacristans, Catechists, SVP, Social & Fundraising Team, Synodal Team, Gardeners and all volunteers of both Parishes for their commitments, selflessness and dedicated service in helping to keep the Parishes running smoothly, especially during these difficult periods. May Divine favours and Heavenly blessings be with you always.

Dearly beloved parishioners, grateful thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support and cooperation. It is my prayer that with the "New Life" of Easter, we will be more generous with our time, gifts and talents in support of the vision and mission of our Parishes, and work together in unity and oneness of purpose for the Glory of God and for our good, the good of our parishes and the good of the Church.

I will be leaving for Rome to a meeting of Missionaries of Mercy with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, from 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Be assured that my thoughts and prayers will remain with you and your families. May I please ask that you keep me and all Missionaries of Mercy in your prayers for a fruitful meeting. Should you want Masses said for you or your families in Rome please send the intentions by next Sunday.

Grateful thanks to Fr. Tim and the Priests of our Deanery who have kindly offered to cover Masses for the weekend and to attend to all emergency pastoral needs.

**May the Good Lord and the Risen Christ bless each and every one of you with the New Life of Easter and abundantly reward you with heavenly favours.**

**I wish you all a HAPPY EASTER.**

**God love you all.**

*Father Edmund*

## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for  
the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

## ETERNAL REST:

In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the soul of **JOHN TOOK** and **FRANCES KELLY** who recently passed away.

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

*Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to their bereaved families 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: Michael McGlade, Gerald Hughes, Max Buckley, Fr. Dennis Opoku, Marian Smith, Violet Ronan, Teresa Boast, Carmel Roach, Lewis Lee, Keith Furlong, Clare Furlong, Savanna Fulong, Rebecca Furlong and for those suffering from COVID within our Communities.

***Please 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.***

## **COVID REGULATIONS REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:**

- Risk assessments still have to be completed to ensure safety continues to be of vital importance
- We still have a duty to be careful of others and ourselves so please do not come to Mass if you are showing any Covid symptoms or feel unwell
- one way system for entry and exit
- receiving of Holy Communion – those wishing to receive on the tongue, please wait until distribution by hand is completed
- cleaning remains a high priority

*SUNDAY OBLIGATION REMAINS SUSPENDED*

### **MAESTEG PARISH**

**MAESTEG COLLECTIONS 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** Gift Aid £274.50; Planned Giving/Loose £124.50;  
Restoration £80; Lenten Alms £61.20; Easter Flowers £177.10.

**PLEASE NOTE RESTORATION RETIRING COLLECTION FOR APRIL WILL BE SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**Easter Egg Raffle 2022:** Roll up, roll up, and buy your tickets here for Our Lady & St Patrick's Easter Egg Raffle!!! Don't miss your last opportunity today to join in the fun and anticipation of our exciting raffle, to be drawn on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets priced at just 50p, with two luxury, indulgent Easter Egg Hampers and Easter Eggs galore as prizes.

**200+ Club:** The April draw takes place on - **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022 DEANERY OF BRIDGEND**

Candidates should be in year 8 or above. Details and form on Website; please return form as soon as possible to St Mary's Catholic Parish Bridgend, 39 Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF31 3HS.

Please contact the office if you have any questions. <https://catholicchurchbridgend.org.uk/sacraments-and-formation/confirmation/> or telephone 01656 652034, option 2.



### ***SYNODAL UPDATE***

**The Diocesan Synodal Report is available on our Website which contains the views expressed by Parishioners/Schools across the Diocese. If you wish to receive a copy please advise the Stewards at both our Churches and a copy will be made available for you.**

**Thank you for supporting the Synodal process.**

**Please continue to pray the prayer daily as the process continues.**



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### **THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 12 noon ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL CARDIFF**

This year's celebration is for all couples who wish to celebrate their marriage, whether it's a milestone anniversary, a significant anniversary for specific life experiences (e.g. first child, first-time empty-nesters, following a particular challenge in their relationship, or any private significance) or simply to give thanks. **We would ask that all parishes encourage couples from their communities to attend the Mass, and represent the married couples of your parish community.**

We would like to include the names of couples who wish to be recognised, in the Mass booklet, as we did last year; this was considered a lovely keepsake of the Mass by those who attended. It can also be posted out for couples who wish to be mentioned but are unable to attend the Mass. The Thanksgiving Mass will be live streamed enabling all other couples to participate.

Similarly, again as we did last year, we hope to compile a reflective Power Point to be shown during the refreshments in the Cornerstone after Mass. Therefore, couples are invited to send photos of themselves now, and on their wedding day, with details of when and where they got married, as well as the parish they now worship. Please send to Family Life Commission before the 18<sup>th</sup> April - [flc@rcadc.org](mailto:flc@rcadc.org) or post to Family Life Commission, Archbishop's House, 43 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9HD.

**Couples will be invited to make the Renewal of Commitment. Refreshments in Cornerstone after Mass.**

**PLEASE RETAIN YOUR NEWSLETTER – COVERS TWO WEEKS**