



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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) 24th April 2021
(Psalter Week 2 Sunday Reading Cycle C)



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

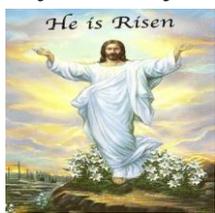
Reader: Maria Cahalane

MAESTEG 5pm Mass

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

Reader: Angela Brennan

Retiring Collection for the Restoration Fund

Monday 25 th April 2022 St Mark Evangelist	<i>Mass Rome</i>  6 PM	Dante Ascari RIP (AA) ROSARY – IN CHURCH We pray for unborn Babies and for Sanctity of life from Conception to Death
Tuesday 26 th April 2022	Second Week of Eastertide	NO MASS
Wednesday 27 th April 2022 2 nd Week of Eastertide	Aberkenfig 10 am  6pm-6.30pm	Private Intention (BL) ROSARY - AT THE WAR MEMORIAL
Thursday 28 th April 2022 2 nd Week of Eastertide	Maesteg 10 am	Ken Jenkins (1 st Anniv) RIP (M,A&f) Private Intention (C,F,F)
Friday 29 th April 2022 St Catherine of Siena Virgin & Doctor of the Church	Aberkenfig 10.45 am	REQUIEM MASS John Took RIP Coychurch Crematorium 12 noon
Friday 29 th April 2022 St Catherine of Siena 	Maesteg 10 am 11 am – 6 pm	Henry Patrick McDonald RIP (CM&D) Nicholas, Winifred & Terence Pierce RIP (ED) <i>We pray for the Clergy & Religious Orders</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration
FRIDAY 29th 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 30 th April 2022 4 th Week of Lent	Maesteg <i>Private Mass</i>	<i>Aurora, Conversion of Federica & Edoardo.</i> All Souls in Purgatory (AA)
3 rd SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday 1 ST May 2022 	Aberkenfig 9 am Maesteg 11 am Readers: Paul Donoghue & Tess White Bidding Prayers Maria Cahalane Maesteg 5 pm Reader: Maria Browne	Marcia Roberts RIP. (A&D) People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers Morris Kehoe RIP (Lf) People of Ukraine, Russia and World Peace Frances & Vince Kelly RIP (JF&f)



Today is celebrated as DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. St. Pope John Paul II declared it as a Feast of the Universal Church in 2000, on the occasion of the Canonisation of Sister Faustina Kowalska. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified". As we celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy, we remember the words of St Faustina: "that in difficult moments we might not despair... but with great confidence submit ourselves to God's holy will, which is love and mercy itself".

APPRECIATION

I will like to express my sincere gratitude to you all for your kind Easter offerings, wishes, cards and presents; and most especially for your prayers and participation in the Celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is my Hope and Prayer that we will continue to live in the Joy of Easter and grow in the oneness of purpose in mind and heart, as true witnesses of the Resurrection in our community, for the Glory of God, for our Good and the Good of His Holy Church. May God reward you abundantly for your kindness. Thank you very much.

Thanks to all who made time for our Parish General Meeting recently. 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 co-operation. 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.

Grateful thanks to Fr. Tim and the Priests of our Deanery who have kindly offered to cover Masses today and to attend to all emergency pastoral needs whilst I am in Rome.

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. 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 souls of **PAUL LUCAS and JOHN TOOK**
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, Anthony Roche, 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.

MAESTEG PARISH

Parish Prayer Group “GWEDDIWN” will meet this Wednesday, 27th April, at 1.30 pm in the Parish Function Room. All welcome. Why not come along and reflect, find peace and pray for the needs of our Parish and the World.

MAESTEG COLLECTIONS 10/17th April: Gift Aid £258.50; Standing Orders March £891; Planned Giving/Loose £223.00; Restoration £25; Retiring Collection Maintenance £135.40; Bricks £3.60; Holy Places £221.40; Lenten Alms £103 (Total for Ukraine Relief Fund £269.80).

200+ Club: 281 registered members now form the ‘200+ Club’ for 2022. (The doors are not closed to anyone who wishes to renew membership for 2022, you may contact us at any time to join, with your full membership payment of £12). The April draw shall take place on Tuesday, 26th April.

Easter Egg Raffle 2022: Well, what can be said about Our Lady & St Patrick’s Easter Raffle, 2022? – **WOW!!!** All 17 prizes were generously donated to the draw, which means, that, less the cost of printing raffle tickets, **the raffle realised an astounding £664.86**; this is a terrific achievement. Grateful appreciation to everyone who donated a prize, sold and bought tickets. The names of the lucky 17 prize winners are displayed on the porch notice board. If you have not already received your prize, please see stewards at the back of Church at Mass.

Fundraising Events: The fundraising group shall shortly meet to review opportunities for new and exciting fundraising events for 2022. We welcome your input and suggestions for parish gatherings and events. Please pass on your suggestions verbally to a steward, or log your suggestions in writing addressed to Michael Banks.

ABERKENFIG PARISH:

COLLECTIONS 27th March, 3rd/10th April: Gift aid £213.00; Loose £34; Lenten Alms £37.09; Donation £100. Thanks to all who contribute to the upkeep of our Church building and the support of our Parish Priest, resident at Our Lady and St. Patrick’s Parish, Maesteg.



THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2022 12 noon ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL CARDIFF

Marriage is at the heart of all family life and something worth celebrating, especially during National Marriage Week (May 10-16th) and would seem a good time to launch our plans for celebrating the upcoming World Meeting of Families (June 22nd - 26th). **It would be so lovely to have at least one couple from each parish mentioned in the Mass booklet and or represented at the Mass**, so please do share this as widely as possible and encourage couples to attend; there may even be couples in your own family or circle of friends who are celebrating a milestone anniversary, or some significant milestone in their marriage (first anniversary, newly engaged, first baby, empty-nesters, or any private significance) or simply to give thanks. It would be lovely to include them also in our thanksgiving.

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, **extended submission date 1st May** - to 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.

Details also available on our Website and notice boards at both Parishes.

PLEASE NOTE EXTENDED SUBMISSION DATE 1ST MAY TO SEND DETAILS

COVID: Safety continues to be of vital importance. 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.