








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



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**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter Week 1 Sunday Reading Cycle C)**

<p align="center"><b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Retiring Collection</b> <b>Easter Flowers</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Aberkenfig 9am</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Jeffrey Hollyman <i>RIP</i></b> People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Maesteg 11am</b> Reader: Paul Donoghue</p> <p align="center"><b>Maesteg 5pm</b> Reader: Michael Lawler</p>	<p align="center"><b>Ken Jenkins, Ellen, Brian, Peter &amp; Eddie <i>RIP</i> (MJ)</b> <b>Tom Bumford <i>RIP</i> (R&amp;PB)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Stephen Mark Walsh <i>RIP</i> (SW)</b> People of Ukraine, Russia &amp; World Peace</p>
<p align="center"><b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b></p>	<p align="center"><i>Private Mass</i></p>  <p align="center"><b>6pm</b></p>	<p align="center">Trefor Jones (PB) Special Intention (C/F/F)</p> <p align="center"><b>ROSARY – IN CHURCH</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Maesteg 10am</b></p>	<p align="center">Canon Felix Connolly <i>RIP</i> (A&amp;R) We pray for unborn Babies and for Sanctity of life from Conception to Death</p>
<p align="center"><b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Aberkenfig 10am</b></p>  <p align="center"><b>6pm-6.30pm</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Private Intention (BL)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>ROSARY - AT THE WAR MEMORIAL</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Maesteg 10am</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Maesteg 6- 7pm</b> The Light is on for you Confessions with Deanery Priests</p>	<p align="center"><b>Patrick Brennan &amp; Canon John Rohan <i>RIP</i> (VB)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Please make time to receive God's Love and Mercy in fulfilment of your Easter Duty</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b></p>  	<p align="center"><b>Maesteg Mass 10am</b></p> <p align="center"><b>12 HOUR PARISH VIGIL, 10am to 10pm</b></p>	<p align="center">People of our Parishes, our sick, frontline &amp; NHS workers, the people of Ukraine, Russia &amp; World peace. <i>We pray for the Clergy &amp; Religious Orders</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Details below</i></p>
<p align="center"><b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Maesteg</b> <i>Private Mass</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Aurora, Conversion of Federica &amp; Edoardo.</i> <b>All Souls in Purgatory (AA)</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b></p> 	<p align="center"><b>Aberkenfig 9am</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Maesteg 11am</b> Reader: Tess White <b>PASSION</b> N: Keith Lewis J: Father Edmund O: Paul Donoghue</p> <p align="center"><b>Maesteg 5pm</b> Reader: Clare Casey <b>PASSION</b> N: Michael Lawler J: Father Edmund O: Angela Brennan</p>	<p align="center"><b>Mary Ann Hale <i>RIP</i></b> People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers</p> <p align="center"><b>Patrick, Janet &amp; Michael <i>RIP</i> (MB)</b> <b>Patrick &amp; Mary Kehoe <i>RIP</i> (KK)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Frances &amp; Vince Kelly <i>RIP</i> (M&amp;f)</b> People of Ukraine, Russia and World peace</p>

**THE CRUCIFIX and STATUES are veiled this weekend in preparation for Holy Week; we deny ourselves their beauty to rejoice in them at Easter when they are unveiled!**

**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.  
*SUNDAY OBLIGATION REMAINS SUSPENDED.*

**ABERKENFIG PARISH**

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 10 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**MAESTEG PARISH**

**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 12 HOUR PARISH VIGIL, 10 am to 10 pm**

**The Vigil will begin with Mass at 10 am, followed by *EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR ADORATION* until 10 pm.**

In Church, before the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament, let us open our hearts, lay down our burdens and grief and pray for the healing of our world. Silent prayer and adoration before the mystery of Christ, present to us in the Blessed Sacrament, is where we receive the grace to grow in love of Christ and experience His merciful love for each one of us. ***Why not take this opportunity to pray and reflect!***

A list is available at the back of Church. Please enter your name along side the time slot you are able to cover. If you are unable to commit to a specific time, please be free to call in at anytime that suits you.

**Father Edmund will be available for Confession/Reconciliation and Spiritual Direction.  
Please contact Father Edmund to book an appointment (07964 366710).**

**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 **FRANCES KELLY** who recently passed away.

*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: Michael McGlade, 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 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.***

**Mission Together (Children helping children)** are looking for volunteers to present assemblies to our primary schools to encourage our children through their faith to reach out to other children around the world with help and prayer. All materials for the presentation will be supplied and training and assistance is readily available. All applicants will of course have to be vetted.

**If you are interested, please contact Keith Lewis on 01656 738159.**

**ABERKENFIG PARISH:**

**COLLECTIONS 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Gift Aid £114; Loose £26; Lenten Alms £35.

**100 PLUS CLUB WINNERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> £40 S Benjamin (120); 2<sup>nd</sup> £10 Mrs D Day (179); 3<sup>rd</sup> £10 Mrs Merchant (73)

**MISSIO Red Boxes** – promoters are opening the boxes. Any queries please contact Bernadette on 725911.

## MAESTEG PARISH

**PARISH GENERAL MEETING:** Fr. Edmund will be holding a Parish Meeting, open to all parishioners, to evaluate the past, consider the present and plan the way forward for the good of the Parish. The meetings will be held in the Parish Function room this **Thursday 7<sup>TH</sup> April** after morning Mass, 11 am **and at 7 pm** for those unable to attend the morning meeting.

**MAESTEG COLLECTIONS 27<sup>th</sup> March:**

Gift Aid £192; Planned Giving/Loose £149; Restoration £398.50, Bricks £19.30.

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

**Easter Egg Raffle 2022:** Tickets now available from Stewards, priced at 50p each. The 'first prize' *Chocolate Hamper of Easter Eggs and Treats* and supporting prizes are on display to tempt you to buy and sell tickets during these austere days of Lent. Thanks to everyone who have donated Easter Eggs so far and the exciting, luxurious and oh sooo..,tempting First Prize. Donations of Easter Eggs welcome. *Draw 12th April.*

**200+ Club MARCH WINNERS:** Congratulations to our lucky members:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50 Adrienne Treleavan (103); 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30 Norma Donoghue (195); 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £20 Eileen Davies (249)

Throughout the first quarter of 2022, all members registered in 2021 were included in the monthly draws, whether you had renewed membership or not. As of 31<sup>st</sup> March, if you have not already registered to renew your membership, your names shall be removed from the Master Register for 2022, only those names who have registered and paid their subscription shall carry through to the monthly draws for the rest of the year. That being said, this does not mean that membership renewal is closed to those former members who have still not had the opportunity to join the reformed 200+ Club, you may join at any point during the year, making full annual payment of £12.00 to ensure you are included in the BIG December prize draw. As in previous years, we have again celebrated a terrific response from parishioners and friends of the parish, thanks so much to each and every one of the 280 people who joined this year. **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 this week.

Please contact the office if you have any questions. <https://catholicchurchbridgend.org.uk/sacraments-and-formation/confirmation/>

**“EVERY SAINT HAS A PAST & EVERY SINNER HAS A FUTURE”** (*Oscar Wilde*)

“See, I am doing something new,” as posited in the First Reading, is realised in the Person of Jesus. The theme of newness is the connecting factor in today’s readings. In Jesus, every sinner has a future and every saint has a past. In His mercy He aids a sinner to press forward in hope and a saint to let go of his/her past in trust. Jesus has come to save us. He does not do this with a strong hand but rather, with the weapon of mercy. In His mercy, as seen in the Gospel, He reaches out to both the woman caught in adultery and those desiring to condemn her. Mercy is the true remedy for sin, not condemnation. Jesus wants us to treat others with mercy. Condemnation does not give the other a chance for conversion. Mercy speaks to the heart of the sinner, calling him/her to repentance.”

“It is precisely in the Passion, when the mercy of Christ is about to vanquish it, that sin most clearly manifests its violence and its many forms: unbelief, murderous hatred, shunning and mockery by the leaders and the people, Pilate's cowardice and the cruelty of the soldiers, Judas' betrayal - so bitter to Jesus, Peter's denial and the disciples' flight. However, at the very hour of darkness, the hour of the prince of this world, the sacrifice of Christ secretly becomes the source from which the forgiveness of our sins will pour forth inexhaustibly.” (CCC 1851)

May the Lord teach us to be merciful, as the Heavenly Father is merciful.

## THE SACRED TRIDUUM



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

**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**

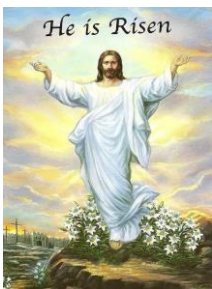
**9.30 am Stations of the Cross**

**3 pm Passion of the Lord**

**Retiring Collection for Holy Places**



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



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

**ABERKENFIG 9 am Mass**

**MAESTEG 11 am Mass**

**No Evening Mass**

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



### *Synodal Update*

#### **Letter received from Madeleine Walters, Diocesan Synodal Co-ordinator**

"I write to thank you all, parish representatives, parish teams, parishioners, priests and deacons for all the time and effort you have put in to carrying out the synodal process in your parishes and in writing your Report and sending it in. We received 41 Synodal Reports and one from the University Chaplaincy. They were all most interesting to read, the characteristics of your different parishes, the methods you used and the views of your parishioners, under the headings of Communion, Participation and Mission. It was a challenge to you all to start the "listening and discernment" process, to gather views in a variety of ways and to write a report, all in a reduced time frame. Members of the Diocesan Synodal Team each took one of the themes and read that section across all 42 reports. They wrote one or two pages about the emerging themes in their section. These constituted Draft One and these pages were then considered by the Team this week. One member has now written the final draft, Draft Two. All members of the Team are reading that Draft and will produce their comments so that Draft Three, the Final Draft, will be produced this weekend. This will then be sent to the Archbishop. It will be sent out to parishes on the weekend of April 9th-10th. The Report will appear in the May edition of the Catholic People and will also be put on the archdiocesan website. I believe that all of you who have been involved, in any way, great or small, can be rightly proud of your contribution. You have responded to Pope Francis's call to walk together and to enter into a "synodal" process of listening and discernment, walking humbly with God, being led by the Holy Spirit and recognising Christ in each other and listening to each other. The submission of the reports and the diocesan report are not the end of the road. It is hoped and expected that the synodal way of doing things will continue, that we will embark on an ongoing journey of synodal conversion and that we will work towards fulfilling Pope Francis's dream of a wholly synodal Church. You have begun at parish level and I wish you well as you continue to do things in the synodal way. May God bless your synodal endeavours."

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

**THE REPORTS FROM BOTH PARISHES ARE AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE.**