



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

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<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE</b> <b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> (Psalter Week 1 Sunday Reading Cycle C)  <b>Retiring Collection Maesteg Restoration Fund</b>  	<b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b>	<b>John Took RIP (G&amp;BL)</b> <b>Raymond Dunphy RIP(B'day) (MD)</b> <b>People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers</b>
	<b>Maesteg 11 am</b> Readers: Tess White Maria Cahalane BP: Keith Lewis  <b>Maesteg 5 pm</b> <b>R: Michelle Bumford</b>	<b>Damian Murphy RIP (LR&amp;f)</b> <b>People of Ukraine, Russia and World Peace</b>  <b>Vince, Frances &amp; Louise RIP (A&amp;f)</b> <b>Maureen Dawkin-Jones RIP (CW)</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide</b>	<i>Private Mass</i>	<b>Jerome Papa Amissah (Ghana) RIP (M&amp;f)</b> <b>Special Intention (C/F/F)</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>	<b>Deceased members of the Tidball &amp; Olphert families RIP (D&amp;PO)</b> <b>Frances Kelly RIP (J&amp;PO'B)</b> We pray for unborn Babies and for Sanctity of life from Conception to Death
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 10 am</b>	<b>Peter Reynolds RIP (AR)</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide</b>	<b>Maesteg 12 noon</b> <b>Maesteg Cemetery</b> <b>1.15 pm</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS</b> <b>for the repose of the soul of</b> <b>PAUL DAVID LUCAS RIP</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide</b>  	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>  <b>11 am - 6 pm</b>	<b>Ann, Jim, Elizabeth &amp; Keane Family RIP (CK)</b> <b>Paul Lucas RIP (D&amp;CJ)</b>  <i>We pray for the Clergy &amp; Religious Orders</i> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration</b>
<b>FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022</b> <b>CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION</b> <b>and SPIRITUAL DIRECTION</b>	 <b>MAESTEG</b> <b>11 am- 6 pm</b>	<b>Fr. Edmund is available TODAY</b> <b>ALL ARE WELCOME</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide</b>	<i>Private Mass</i>	<i>Aurora, Conversion of Federica &amp; Edoardo.</i> <b>All Souls in Purgatory (AA)</b> <b>People of Ukraine, Russia and World Peace</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE</b> <b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b>  <b>Maesteg 11 am</b> Readers: Keith Lewis Collette Matchett BP: Alina Ascari  <b>Maesteg 5 pm</b> <b>R: Clare &amp; Ava Casey</b>	<b>Marcia Rogers RIP (A&amp;D)</b> <b>Gerard Riley RIP (CR)</b>  <b>Annie Scourfield RIP (Family)</b> <b>People of our Parishes, our sick and NHS/frontline workers</b>  <b>Daniel, Nell &amp; Maureen Pryce RIP (P&amp;CD)</b>

**ROSARY DEVOTION AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO MAESTEG**  
 Throughout May at 6 pm – Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
 Wednesday at the Town War Memorial 6 pm  
*Everyone is WELCOME.*



## GOD'S WORD – REFLECTION

“Today’s First Reading marks the end of the first missionary journey. Before returning to Antioch the team returns to cities they have earlier visited to encourage the disciples. They teach them that Christian life is a life of integrity which won’t be rosy but accompanied by its struggles, oppositions and tough times. Christian life is not a “cakewalk”. But with prayer and fasting we can be assured that God won’t abandon us. In the Gospel reading, Christ taught the heart of Christian faith: Love. Though this love was there in the Old Testament as seen in Deut. 6:5, Jesus calls it a new commandment because we are now to love as Jesus does. His love is sacrificial, unconditional and practical. Mother Teresa of Calcutta would say, “For love to be real, it must cost. It must hurt. It must also empty us of self.” Let’s spread Love.”

“The Law of the Gospel requires us to make the decisive choice between "the two ways" and to put into practice the words of the Lord. It is summed up in the Golden Rule, "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; this is the law and the prophets."

The entire Law of the Gospel is contained in the "new commandment" of Jesus, to love one another as he has loved us.” (CCC 1970)

### 7 KEYS TO LIFE

1. **GOD FIRST**
2. **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**
3. **NEVER HATE**
4. **GIVE GENEROUSLY**
5. **LIVE SIMPLY**
6. **FORGIVE QUICKLY**
7. **BE KIND ALWAYS.**

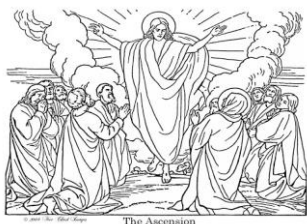


### MONTH OF MAY

**“In this thine own sweet month of May, do thou remember me!”**

**During the month of May, we traditionally crown Our Lady, and with prayers and processions, invoke her intercession.**

**In this month of MAY, let us reflect on the importance and beauty of praying the Holy Rosary. In praying the Rosary, we contemplate the mysteries of Jesus, that is, we reflect on the key moments of His Life, so that, as with the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother and St. Joseph, Jesus remains the centre of our thoughts, our attention and our actions. May we remain in His Love.**



### ADVANCE NOTICE = ASCENSION THURSDAY MAY 26TH

**Parish St Roberts Aberkenfig - Mass 9.30AM**

**Parish Our Lady & St Patrick Maesteg – Masses 11AM AND 6PM**

**ROSARY WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH AT 5.30PM**



**On 27th April 2002, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Mark O’Toole as Archbishop-elect of Cardiff, in succession to Archbishop George Stack, and Bishop-elect of Menevia. Archbishop-elect Mark O’Toole is due to be installed as 8th Archbishop of Cardiff on Monday, 20th June 2022 at Cardiff Cathedral, the feast day of Welsh martyrs Saints Julius & Aaron.**

## ETERNAL REST:



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of: **MARY McDONNELL**. Her body will be received into Our Lady & St. Patrick Church on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 5.30pm. Her Requiem: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 11am followed by burial at 12.15 in Maesteg Cemetery; and **HYWEL WATTS**, who have recently passed away; **DAMIAN MURPHY** (Recently passed away in America – nephew of Lynn Roche) and **JEROME PAPA AMISSAH** the Godson of Father Edmund who passed away in Ghana on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

*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 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.***



## **OUR LADY & ST PATRICK PARISH**

### **APPEAL FOR PARISHIONERS TO JOIN A SINGING GROUP**

For a Mass attendance of approximately 200 people, it is incredible that we cannot get 3 or 4 parishioners to join a singing group. You do not need to be soloists, we just need at least 3 or 4 to lead the congregation in Sunday Worship. The intention is that we practice fortnightly to prepare for the Sundays following. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated by Father Edmund, myself and many of the congregation.

Please contact me if you are able to help-**07599 057987. Paul Woods.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS ONLY ONE HOUR A FORTNIGHT FOR THE GOOD OF OUR PARISH**

## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:**

**PARENTS/GUARDIAN MEETING** will be held tomorrow, Monday 16th May, at 6 pm, in St Mary's Church, Bridgend, to clarify sponsor information.

**The preparation course will take place as follows:**

Years 9 & 10 – 21st May in St Mary's Church from 10am – 2pm

Year 8 – 11th June in St Mary's Church from 10am – 2pm

Prior to the course candidates are asked to provide proof of baptism. If you were baptised outside the Parish you will need to contact the Parish in which you were baptised for a certificate, if you do not have one.

Candidates **must** attend the course if they wish to be confirmed.

**Dates for confirmation 2022 are as follows:**

Year 8 candidates – Friday 17th June 7.00pm

Year 10 candidates – Saturday 18th June 11am

Year 9 candidates – Sunday 19th June 3.00pm

**Check our website for further details and updates.**



## **SACKCLOTH AND ASHES - Monthly National Days of Prayer & Fasting**

A great prayer for Life is urgently needed. Saint John Paul II

**21st May Vigil of St Rita - please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia.**

*Your prayer and fasting are urgently needed.* For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740, [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

Further details on our Website 'News Tab'/Notice Boards.



## ABERKENFIG PARISH

### COLLECTIONS 24<sup>th</sup> April/1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May:

Gift Aid £518; Loose £97; Standing orders received April £210.00

100 Club Winners April: 1st £40 Mr D Riley (173); 2nd £10 Miss Ffion Took (90); 3rd £10 Miss Skye Ennis (171)

## MAESTEG PARISH

**SINCERE THANKS:** Michelle, Maria, Nicola and families would like to thank you for all the kindness shown to them over the past few weeks and for the love and care you showed Mummy and all of us over the last ten months.

### COLLECTIONS 8<sup>th</sup> May:

Gift Aid £163.50; Planned Giving/Loose £122.00; Standing Orders April £871.00; Bricks 76.30; Archdiocese of Cardiff Priests' Training Fund £390.80, plus individual cheques received totalling £300.00.

### Fundraising Events

#### **Platinum Jubilee Tea Party: Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1 for 1.30 pm:**

**ST ROBERT'S & OUR LADY & St PATRICK'S** – Please join us to celebrate The Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen with a 'glittering tea party' in collaboration with the children of Year 6 from *St Mary & St Patrick Primary School*, who shall showcase to guests the results of their history projects covering the seven decades of the Queen's reign. In addition to this, school pupils shall serenade us with topical and memorable songs. This shall be a day to forget your diets, as you indulge yourself in delicious and tempting sandwiches, cakes and glass or two of Prosecco. Naturally, it wouldn't be bit of a 'Do' without a raffle, and a quiz to test your history knowledge covering seven decades from 1952 to 2022. Tiaras optional!!!

Tickets priced at £7.50, all proceeds to Our Lady & St Patrick's Church. Please register your names on the list at the back of our Churches; payments to be made by Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Sizzling Summer Raffle:**

Our Parish '*Sizzling Summer Raffle*' shall launch on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: £100; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Indulgent basket of cheese and wine, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: £25 voucher for BBQ meats, from Andrew's Family Butchers.

#### **Future Events:**

**Parish Coach trip to Winchester:** September 2022 TBC;

**Parish Coach Trip to Oxford Christmas Markets:** Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Prayer Tree Blessing:** Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Parish Lottery:** A suggestion for a Parish Lottery has been put forward; the proposal is currently under review, plans and proposals to be revealed shortly.

**200+ Club 2022:** The May draw shall take place on - **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022**



Calling all mothers.

We meet every last Thursday of the month in the Parish Meeting Room at 7pm.

Our next meeting: Thursday 26th May

For more information email: [collette@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:collette@catholicmomsgroup.com)

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