

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Newbridge

With Sacred Heart, Pontllanfraith & Ss. Anthony & Clare, Risca

Sundays B Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 4	Ss. Anthony & Clare, Risca	Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge	The Sacred Heart, Pontllanfraith
Sunday 14th 4 th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday	9.30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Morning Prayer	Sunday Stream 10.30am Patricia & John Gillette	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Monday 15th		Chapel Stream 6.30pm Patricia Kelly	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Tues. 16th	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	Chapel Stream 6.30pm Jean Daniels	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Wed. 17th Feast: St. Patrick	9.30am Exposition Morning Prayer 10.00am	Chapel Stream 7.00pm James Supple	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Thu. 18th Com: St. Cyril of Jerusalem	9.30am Exposition Morning Prayer 10.00am	Chapel Stream 10.30am	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Friday 19th Sol: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am Exposition Morning Prayer 10.00am	Chapel Stream 10.30am Holy Souls	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm Stations of the Cross 6.30pm
Saturday 20th	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	Chapel Stream 10.30am Peace	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Sunday 21st 5 th Sunday of Lent	9.30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Morning Prayer	Sunday Stream 10.30am Coleen Holland	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Stations of the Cross			

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Please pray for...
All those who receive the Sacrament at home, those who are in any need and especially for:
Stuart Coe, Ruth & Helen,
Ken Randall, Lisa Evans, Nell Hawkins,
Steve and Stuart, John Foley, Keith Thomas, Sean Rooke, Christine, Dianne
All those with COVID
If you would like to place someone on the list for prayers; please check they are willing for their name to appear here and forward their name to us.

Please Pray for...
Please pray for the soul of Jim Supple (Newbridge). His funeral will be in Our Lady of Peace on Monday, 22nd March at 10.00am.
Please keep Margaret and the family in your prayers.

Saint of the Week
S. Patrick
Patrick was 16 years old when he was torn from his father's villa by Irish raiders and taken into slavery in Ireland. After six years as a herdsman he had a vision that a ship was waiting to take him back home, so he escaped.
However, he had a calling to return to Ireland as a missionary, and on his return Patrick baptized thousands, converted the rich and the poor throughout all of Ireland.
Patrick used the shamrock to teach the Holy Trinity and soon became a Bishop, and known for his moral and spiritual greatness.
Patrick died aged 69 in Saul where he built his first Church.
Feast Day 17th March
Patron: Ireland

ZOOM
We are using Zoom at the daily Masses for readings and responses. We also have Zoom available for the online talks. If you would like to read at Mass or be a responder, please email us

Lent Online Youth Retreat at Trev Catholics Wales
An online retreat day for Youth has been arranged at Rhymney, Tredegar, Ebbw Vale, and is available to all our young people. The day starts with Mass at 10.00am and then there are zoom sessions, finishing at 1.30pm on Saturday, March 20th. You will need to register and I have a link for this; email the Parish address and we will send it to you.
Links for Mass and Zoom
<http://www.trevcatholics.co.uk/>
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77029043107?pwd=NXlQbXVFZUlrmpqjUrS3BkOGJadz09>

CAFOD - Family Fast Day
Many apologies! This was last Friday, 26th February! May I suggest that we keep this next Friday? I have a video to show you about the 'Walk for Water' which we will try to show it this Sunday. You can access it at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>
You will also be able to donate online. You can also use the 'Giving & Events Donations' page on the website. There is a CAFOD tab if you scroll down to EVENTS. Please do read about this and please be generous with your prayers and gifts. Thank you!
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World Gits
Sorry to be late reporting this!
With the proceeds from the Christmas Card we managed to buy the following gits at Christmas:
A keep clean kit.
Teach someone to read.
Weatherproof crops.
A happy Queen Bee.
Chirpy Chickens
A Vegetable Garden.
Wonderful Worms.
A Goat that Gives.
Well done and thank you!

Live Stream this week!

Tuesday 16 th March	Spirituality & Prayer	4.00pm (Chapel Stream)
Wednesday 17 th March	Verbum Domini	4.00pm (Chapel Stream) Also on zoom
Thursday, 18 th March	Basic Faith and Catechism	6.30pm (Chapel Stream) Also on zoom
Zoom ID 789 8097636		

Verbum Domini
Copies are available at £3.95. Recommended reading for Readers and those involved in Ministries in the Parish.
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 'who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.
Collect Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lent!
Stations of the Cross
On Fridays at 6.30pm – after Evening Prayer.
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Lent Online Retreat
Wednesday 17th March & 24th March.
Morning Thought – 7.00am.
Exposition.
Morning Prayer – 10.00am
Verbum Domini – 4.00pm
Angelus & Evening Prayer – 6.00pm
(with Benediction).
Mass – 7.00pm followed by Meditation.
Night Prayer – 10.00pm.
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Lent Outline & Craft
Thursday after Evening Prayer at 6.30pm.
A look at this part of the Lenten Journey and Holy Week; plus some craft ideas for all!
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Palm Sunday
This is on Sunday, 28th March. Do get yourselves a branch (or something similar) ready for this day!
Remember - the clocks go FORWARD today!!

Lent Resources
Walk with me.
This will appear in the 'Prayer-Resources' page on the website. Look on the Prayer Resources page regularly for updates and Liturgy information.
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
On Sunday mornings, before Morning Prayer. If you are not sure how to pray the Chaplet, follow this link:
<https://www.praydivinemercy.com/>
ALSO,
Family Prayer
Loving Father, bless each Member of our family.
May we be open to your Holy Spirit and so grow in your love.
Help us to listen and understand.
Give us courage to forgive one another and grant us peace in our family.
Protect the children whose parents are apart, guide and support those families all over the world who have problems.
Let us remember we are all One Family united in your love.
May we be one in Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord.
Amen
{For use every day through lent}

Premananda
Following a very difficult time in India, I am pleased to report that the Orphanage in India is doing well with a lot of safeguards in place for the youngsters there. They have returned to schools and colleges and life is back to some sort of normality.
It has been very difficult to get money through to the Orphanage during this period but I'm pleased to report that we have managed to do so now. Because of these problems I did not ask people who pay annually for their sponsorship money earlier, but now I am in a position to be able to forward it so I would be grateful if people could send their money to me or pay it in directly to the Premananda back account. Please make cheques payable to 'Premananda Orphanage Centre Appeal'.
If you are unsure how to do this or need the account details, please phone or message me on 07773 649460
Thank you so much for your continued support of the Orphanage.
It really is appreciated. God Bless you all.

Restoration Project

The first phase of the project will be starting on Monday, 19th April 2021!

here are four 'Phases' to this project.

Phase 1 will include:

- Repairs to South and West elevations (*The end with the Cross on and the side facing the road*)
- Access ramp (*This will be up to the Main doors*)
- Community activities

Phase 2 (*No start date for this yet!*)

- Repairs to North and East elevations (*The other end of the church and the back face – by the cliff*)

Phases 3 and 4 (*No start date for this yet!*)

- Internal conservation work
- Creation of a community space
- Ground works

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This is a basic outline at the moment so that you can see the scope of the work. Information will come from the Group meeting and please feel free to ask any questions you have. You can write or email the parish address:

newbridge@rcadc.org

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Do support this project and make others aware of it!

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Restoration Group

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 7th April at 7.01pm
Zoom ID: 789 809 7636

Giving and Fundraising Page

I have a request! If you are using the *Giving & Events* web page to give to CAFOD or the fundraising events could I ask that you help me by doing the following. As all the donations on the page are registered as 'fundraising' on the statements I receive, could you possibly add either 1, 2, or 3p to the donation. 01 will tell me that it is for CAFOD (*or the left-hand button*). 02p will show it is the middle button donation and 03p the right-hand donation button.

This will help until I manage to resolve the issue.

Thank you so much!

Collection & Envelopes!

Some of you have asked about collection and Standing Orders. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

I have a copy of a Standing Order form. If you would like one please email the parish at Newbridge@rcadc.org. Would you like to 'Gift Aid' your offering? Ask for a Gift Aid form in the email. please state which church you normally attend (*OLOP, SSA&C, SH*).

Diaries and Calendars!

We have some Church Art calendars and some hard and soft backed diaries for 2021 available.

We will be updating these goods soon with some Easter Cards, Mass Cards and Gifts. Do keep an eye on the page! Go to the 'Repository Goods' tab online to see them and order through the Parish email - newbridge@rcadc.org.

We can then arrange payment and collection.

The Year Book is also available!

One Year after Lockdown

It has been one year since we had the first National Lockdown on 23rd March 2020.

It has been one year since we *Live Streamed* our Mass! There are plans for a silence and remembrance on the 23rd. The silence will be at Noon and there will be a standing on the doorsteps with lights later on that evening.

Here, we are planning to allow people to come past the churches next Saturday from 12.00 noon to 1.30pm and light a candle in memory of those who have died in the past year from the COVID-19 virus, and those who have died for other reasons.

I need some volunteers to make the candles available and to guide people safely around. If there are children who want to light a candle, we have a supply of battery-operated lights, for safety!

Do please let this be known around your area as all are welcome to come past and light a candle. In Newbridge the bell will ring at 12.00pm and 1.30pm.

All this will happen outside the churches in an appropriate place within the grounds.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals has highlighted a 'Crisis in Ethiopia'. If you want information about the organization please go to: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Magnus, a founder, has written about this. He starts:-
"The people of Tigray are living in fear of imminent starvation. The brutal fighting, taking place away from the eyes of the world, has forced many to flee their homes. The city of Mekelle is being overwhelmed by displaced people arriving with nothing at all. Many of them are unaccompanied children who have lost their parents."

To read the rest and to learn about the crisis and what they are asking, please go to:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/crisis-in-ethiopia>

Thank you!

Antonio & Angela - Walk for Blood Cancer UK!!

Antonio Nash and Angela Gatti are going to do the 'Walk of Light' on March 27th 2021

They say:

'Blood cancer is a cause very close to our hearts, with Teresa beating Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2016 and Uncle Loris's battle with leukaemia. We sadly lost Loris last year to Covid 19 and we want to honour his memory by supporting a cause extremely important to our family. Blood Cancer UK both funds vital research into blood cancers, as well as supporting those affected and their families.'

Therefore, on March 27th, Antonio and Angela will be taking part in a walking challenge to raise money for Blood Cancer UK.

Angela will be conducting a 10km hike around the trails of the valleys, while Antonio will be walking a marathon around the streets of London.

They are aiming to raise £750

If you are able, all donations are very much appreciated, thank you!

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/antonioandangela>

Aid to the Church in Need!

This site is worth following. Aid to the Church in Need -ACN, brings to light the difficulties of the church in many areas of the world. These areas do not appear in the news but are described for us and supported by the ACN

Read about the work being done in Iraq at the moment! Go to their news on:

<https://acnuk.org/acn-news/>

Smelly Collection! & Baby Items

These are two different collections.

The 'Smelly Collection' is still continuing (*not at Ecopark!*). We are planning to collect for this on a once a month basis by using the 'Shed' at Pont as a collection centre. The items will then be taken to the lady who prepares gift bags from them and delivers them to the Hospital.

Dates will be here next week but I would welcome a few volunteers to receive the goods and deliver them. If we have a few people then it is a shared task!

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Footprints Baby Bank!

Footprints Baby Bank operates in the Caerphilly/Blaenau Gwent area through referral from Health professionals and Social Services to reach the most vulnerable young families.

If you are able to donate any baby clothes up to the age of 2yrs, new or preloved, or toiletries, towels, blankets, nappies, baths, Moses baskets etc., or a donation towards any of these either now or in the future it will be much appreciated.

Donations will be collected as for the 'Smelly Collection'.

Our next collection date for both of the above ventures will be on Saturday March 27th from 12 noon – 1pm in Pont.

200 Club

Hello Everyone

This Easter will see the last draw of the 200 club. I would like to thank everyone for their contributions over the years. I would also like to thank in particular, Clare Cooze (Risca) and Kathy Compton (Pont) for the collection of the payments. The money made has helped with running costs of the 3 churches and amounted to hundreds of pounds, so well done to you all. I apologize for the delay in getting the winnings of the previous year to you but this is due to the Pandemic. I will get those winnings and the ones drawn at Easter to you when it is safe to do so. Watch out for details of fund raisers in the newsletters so you can continue to support the maintenance of the churches. Take care and stay safe. Thanks again.

Leonora.

Car Seat Available

We have a Maxi Cosi Cabrofix car seat available for a new born to one year old child. It comes with an Isofix to stabilize it in the car.

If interested, please email the parish at newbridge@rcadc.org

Food Banks

An Update

The situation remains much the same at Pontllanfraith. The Council are doing the bulk of the work and handling referrals so we will keep our attention on this situation for any changes.

In Risca, there are collections 'off the wall' – if you need information, please ask.

Tin on a Wall

Tin on a Wall is a community initiative aimed at supporting people within the communities of Panside, Newbridge and surrounding areas. It's aim is to collect donations for the food bank through a co-ordinated, street by street, community effort.

The foodbank is based in St. Peter's Church. Panside, and the collections are organised by Jayne Jeremiah. Collectors pick up food items, toiletries etc once a month. If you would like to participate in the scheme, contact Jayne Jeremiah via messenger on Facebook for further details on collections.

The next collection will be on Saturday, March 27th in the afternoon/evening.

If you would like to take part please contact Jayne Jeremiah to find out who your local collector is and what time they are likely to call.

Alternatively, the Co-op in Newbridge is supporting this venture and donations may be dropped into the store where a box has been made available. Items purchased from any shop, not necessarily purchased from the Co-op, may be given in here.

Information for Tin on a Wall can be found on the local Facebook group – Panside Community Food Bank Facebook Group.

There will also be information available on the Oakdale Village site on Facebook.

We will keep you informed, but please feel free to send in information about collections in your area that we can advertise in the Newsletter

Zoom Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be after Mass on Easter Sunday April 4th at 11.45am.

Zoom ID: 789 809 7636

The next Social & Fundraising meeting will be on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7.30pm.

RCIA

The group will have agreed a meeting date for this week. Are there any sponsors who would like to offer their services? Prayer partners as well! This program will go ahead and we will keep you up-to-date with progress.

Do remember all the RCIA group in your prayers.

Thought for the week.

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

Two Adverts

Tony Turner the butcher, has opened a shop at the top end of Risca, opposite the Park, where Williams the butcher was. A good supporter of the Parish and HCPT. Lovely meat and Award winning home-made sausages and burgers! They also deliver! Phone 01633 612000 or 07858 211180

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Ramon & Christina

Normally at Mass in Risca, when open(!). If you need any jobs in the garden or any decoration in the house, these are very good – no job too small; no job too big! Just call on: 07478 350275

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