

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Newbridge

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

Sundays B Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 1	Ss. Anthony & Clare, Risca	Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge All Masses are Streamed	The Sacred Heart, Pontllanfraith
Sunday 9 th Feast: The Baptism of the Lord	8.30am Rosary & Morning Prayer	10.00am Fr. John Meredith	Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Monday 10 th			
Tuesday 11 th	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	10.30am Sr. Maria's Int.	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Wednesday 12 th	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	10.30am Michael Baynham	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Thursday 13 th St. Hilary	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am		Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Friday 14 th	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	10.30pm Holy Souls	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Saturday 15 th BVM	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am		Evening Prayer 7.00pm
Sunday 16 th 2 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Peace Sunday Year C	8.30am Rosary & Morning Prayer	5.00pm (Sat.) John & David Quick 10.00am Howard & Betty Davis	Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Reconciliation by arrangement or: Wednesday and Saturday mornings after Mass and Morning Prayer			

	Events This Week	Live feed and zoom
Tuesday's		
Wednesday's		4.00pm
Zoom ID 789 809 7636		



“The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:14)

Child Protection

The LCPR – ‘Local Child Protection Rep.’ for these parishes is Mrs Imelda Mortimer.

Should you need to contact her the number is 07773 649460

Zoom Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be after Mass on Sunday January 2nd at 11.45am. Zoom ID: 789 809 7636

Parish Clergy

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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,
Steve and Stuart, John Foley, Keith Thomas,
Sean Rooke, Christine, Dianne, Liz and Ben, &
Dan Donovan.

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.

Mass Times

Please remember to book for Mass on the Parish email address; or have a friend do it for you! You can just turn-up but will need to wait outside to be booked in at the door.

IMPORTANT

We will have to follow the new guidance which, generally, we have been keeping here.

1. Wear a facemask.
2. Where necessary test at home, if you have been with others!
3. Use the sanitisers provided.
4. Follow the stewards' directions and the one way system.
5. Where you can, book online at the Parish email – newbridge@rcadc.org
6. Thank you and God bless you!

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Eucharistic ministers

Please let me know if you are prepared to take the Sacrament to someone at home, in a home or in hospital.

Thank you!

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

This will be on Saturday after Morning Prayer and Wednesdays after Mass. Different arrangements may be made by phone!

PARKING

Would those who drive to Mass and park at Our Lady of Peace please note that parking on the pavements is not allowed and is not very considerate!

I have had a few instances politely referred to me in the last week. Please can we monitor each other and prevent this happening.

Thank you!

Saint of the Week

S. Kentigern

Kentigern's mother was a princess who got pregnant with him before she married King Owain. Her father was so annoyed he threw her down a hill, but she was saved by St. Serf and had Kentigern at a monastery. Serf brought him up and gave him the nickname 'Mungo' although his mother married the King, it was shortly before he was killed in battle.

Kentigern became a Monk, a Bishop, then Archbishop and founded many Churches and Schools. He was known for some miracles, one, where he was blamed for killing a robin by some of the monks, and then brought the bird to life.

He died aged 86 in the bath and Glasgow Cathedral is built where his remains were buried.

Feast day 13th January

Patron: Glasgow, Salmon and against bullies

Thank You!

To you all a very Holy New year!

I would like to thank you for continuing to follow the Streams for the Offices, the Masses and the extras! They keep our faith alive in these difficult times. Doors are opening and closing and the rules, advice, must-do lists do get confusing! This is why we have stuck with regular timings and consistent ways of registering and coming to the Live masses. I hope that all these are helpful.

I do want to thank all those who keep the churches in good order. Our Buildings and Maintenance people who continue to look after the fabric and grounds. Also, the cleaners, flower arrangers, stewards, readers and Eucharistic Ministers and Musicians and camera/sound operators! Thank you! Even though a lot of you are in the 'at Risk' area, you continue to come forward to help – thank you, each and every one of you. Even a little means a lot!!

I would like to say a thank you to Rosemary who has helped tirelessly across the board helping set up and arrange many of the events that have happened. Especially I would like to thank her for stepping up-to-the-mark when I went into hospital and was out of action with a hip replacement. She brought Cath Brown on board and they have given the Parish regular Rosary and Morning Prayer. A wonderful gift to us; I thank you! Finally I want to thank you all for your generosity with your time and your gifts to me and to Caroline – thank you! Also, please accept my thanks for the prayers you have poured out for me -they are working and I feel most blessed by this spiritual care you have given to me.

A great big thank you – which will have to take the place of a cwtch until we can meet without COVID joining in!

Thanks be to God, I am still at your service and I pray for you

Thank you!

Our Holy Father - Pope Francis A Synodal church.

Our Representatives have spoken to us about this process and journey. A lot for us to think about!!

As the New year begins, ways to meet and share information will be given out and appear here on the newsletter.

This space will be given to Mandy and Maria (our representatives on this journey)

Please keep reading and please do contribute. This is a major step in our life and faith and we are all asked to be a part of it!

You can, even if you know their private emails, please use the Parish email to contact, contribute, have your say!

newbridge@rcadc.org

The Offices

In our order of on-line services we advertise Rosary and Morning Prayer, Angelus and Evening Prayer and Night Prayer.

When I was in hospital Rose and Cath offered to say the Rosary and Morning Prayer as I was unable to. They have continued this and it is a stable part of our timetable.

Now is a good time to ask if others would like to be involved in the public saying of the Office.

Would you like to help with the Angelus and Evening Prayer? Or perhaps Night Prayer?

You would be shown what to do in church and 'shepherded' until you were confident. Also, there are no 'technical' parts to it!

If you think you would like to try, please email the Parish –

newbridge@rcadc.org

or contact me. If you come for the Angelus you can ring the bell as well!!

Year Books

Year Books are available at the back of the church in Our Lady of Peace (there are more in the Sacristy).

Price £3

Restoration Project Plus Parish Works.

As we start a new year it is good to see what is happening around the Parish.

There has been Phase 1 of a large project at Our Lady of Peace and a lot of focus and attention has been given to this.

This is partly because we have attracted grants to assist in this work and the events and publicity have been necessary, but also quite enjoyable.

This Project Phase has not interrupted works in the other two churches either!

The other churches cannot be used in the present climate of COVID-19 restrictions, but they are, with a little preparation, ready to be opened and continue. There have also been works and plans inside and in the grounds of each.

The Sacred Heart has had the ceiling painting finished (just after the start of the first shut-down) and it looks beautiful. 'The Few' then cleaned the entire church and a new altar and sacristy carpet have been installed. Low level painting has been done and all is ready there.

Also, the repairs to the lady chapel roof/lead has been finished to leave us leak free!! Plans are being made to tackle the 'bubbling' on the back wall so we look forward to remedying that this year!

In Risca a major clean of every nook and cranny in the Hall has left it in a spotless condition. Users beware! 'The Few' in Risca will expect it to be kept in that state!! We have managed to get a partial stream working from the church. This needs to be properly laid to be effective! The grounds are being looked at to upgrade them and we have a few estimates on the table for renewed toilet facilities.

Amongst all this, and the Project works in Newbridge; the Buildings & Maintenance Teams continue to work to keep us all fresh, clean and tidy!!

Other works could have been accomplished but there are only so many people in 'The Few' and nobody seems to want to join them. It would be nice to have to change the title to 'The Many'!! However, I think the best we can hope for is 'The Few + friend!!'

You would think that by looking at the three buildings that a huge portion of the money spent has been on Newbridge.

Not correct. The grants that Newbridge has attracted have offset a large amount of the bill and so this year the spend is about equal across the churches. As the others aren't listed buildings they do not attract the same sort of grants.

However, we have managed to keep all three of our churches in good order!

It is in thanksgiving for the grants – the major ones for Our Lady of Peace and minor ones received for works at Ss. Anthony & Clare and the Sacred Heart -- that I proposed the Thank You Offering of a Health Clinic to a needy part of the world. This is one of CAFOD's World Gifts. I am not looking for major planned giving, I am looking for a gift as a thank you for our good fortune.

The Clinic will cost £4,000.00 and is at the moment just over £2,000.00 raised. Thank you all so very much for this, it will be a wonderful day when we are able to hand it over. Then we can really appreciate our fortune and how blessed we are!

Restoration Group Meeting

***This will take place on Thursday January
27th at 7.02pm via zoom.***

SVP Meeting

The next meeting for the SVP will take place on
Monday January 10th 2022 at 2.30pm.

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. 01p 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 direct your gifts - Thank you so much!

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.

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 in the New Year 2022

Can you help please?

It is vital that we have new volunteers to help with this very worthwhile venture! Please let us know as soon as possible, if you can help with the collection which takes place once a month.

Email the parish at: newbridge@rcadc.org
Thank you.

Social & Fundraising

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Next meeting for the Social and Fundraising Group will be on
Monday January 10th 2022 at 7.30pm via zoom.

Website & IT Meeting!

On Friday, 14th January at 7.01pm on zoom.
Meeting ID: 789 809 7636

We will have a meeting to highlight changes needed to the website and to setup up a maintenance plan to keep it up-to-date! We will also explore the streams at the Sacred Heart and Ss. Anthony & Clare.

There are other technical issues that we need to discuss as well so please do your best to be there and let me know if you can't.

This meeting is also open to others in the Parish who may be interested.!

You can always ask for information or leave questions on the Parish email

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Thank you!

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!

Mary's Meals Double The Love Available till the end of January

Sibongile and Sarah live with their family in a farming village in Zambia. It takes the girls two hours to walk to school. But they make the journey knowing that they will soon receive their serving of Mary's Meals which will help them to concentrate in class. Sibongile says: "I eat my porridge at 11am. If there's no leftover food from the night before, that will be the first time I eat." Together through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of so many more children like Sibongile and Sarah.

It costs £15.90 to feed a child for a year and Double the Love means your donation will feed two children for the year.

**Please consider donating. Double the Love will be available until
January 31st 2022**

93p in every £1 is spent directly on our charitable activities.

If you want information about the organization please go to:
<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Thank you!

Thought for the week

The quieter you become, the more you can hear.

