

# Our Lady of Peace Parish, Newbridge

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

Sundays C Weekdays II Psalter Week 4	Ss. Anthony & Clare, Risca	Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge All Masses are Streamed	The Sacred Heart, Pontllanfraith
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am Rosary & Morning Prayer	5.00pm (Sat.) Lillian & Daniel Lewis 10.00am Margaret Knott	Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>			
Tuesday March 1 <sup>st</sup> Feast: St. David, Patron Of Wales	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	10.30am Patrick Coyle	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	10.30am Int. Constantine Bordokas	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am		Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Com: St. Casimir	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	10.30am Eirwen Harris & Holy Souls Exposition follows to 6.00pm	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am		Evening Prayer 7.00pm
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  Year C	8.30am Rosary & Morning Prayer	5.00pm (Sat.) Parish Family 10.00am Carol, Christine, Wayne & Jeff	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	Bible Study	4.00pm
Wednesday's	Evangelii Gaudium	4.00pm
Zoom ID 789 809 7636		

## 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

## The Offices

If you would like to join the group that leads the Offices – Morning, Evening & Night Prayer - online. Please contact us through the Parish email –  
[newbridge@rcadc.org](mailto:newbridge@rcadc.org)  
Thank you!

### Parish Clergy

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Newbridge. NP11 4RB  
Tel: 01495 243304 - Mobile: 07980 23.69 36  
Fr. Kevin's email: [kevinpaine62@gmail.com](mailto:kevinpaine62@gmail.com)  
Parish email: [newbridge@rcadc.org](mailto:newbridge@rcadc.org)  
Parish Website - [ourladyofpeace.co.uk](http://ourladyofpeace.co.uk)

### Please pray for...

All 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.  
And 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 or those who may have symptoms then a simple Flow Test will help.
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](mailto:newbridge@rcadc.org)
6. Thank you and God bless you!  
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### Towards Opening!

See below.  
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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. David

David's parents were descended from Welsh  
Royalty and he was educated in a  
Monastery. He soon became a Priest, Bishop,  
then named Archbishop of Wales and founded  
at least 11 Monasteries and Churches in Wales.  
David was a vegetarian and only drank water,  
it was said on every milestone in his life a  
spring of water would appear.

David was known for many miracles and his  
most famous was the rising up of the ground  
into a hill beneath him so people could see and  
hear him preach. He also restored the sight of  
a blind man and made a dead child breathe;  
among many. His great influence saw many  
pilgrims visit St. David's in West Wales, and in  
1996 bones were found in St. David's  
Cathedral which could be those of St. David  
himself.

**Feast day 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Patron: Wales and Vegetarians**

### Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Catherine Labouré stated that on 18 July 1830, the  
eve of the feast of Saint Vincent de Paul, she woke  
up after hearing the voice of a child calling her to the  
chapel, where she heard the Virgin Mary say to her,  
"God wishes to charge you with a mission. You will  
be contradicted, but do not fear; you will have the  
grace to do what is necessary. Tell your spiritual  
director all that passes within you. Times are evil in  
France and in the world.

On 27 November 1830 Catherine reported that the  
Blessed Mother returned during evening meditations.  
She displayed herself inside an oval frame, standing  
upon a globe. She wore many rings set with  
gems<sup>[7]</sup> that shone rays of light over the globe.

Around the margin of the frame appeared the  
words *Ô Marie, conçue sans péché, priez pour nous  
qui avons recours à vous* ("O Mary, conceived  
without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee").

As Catherine watched, the frame seemed to rotate,  
showing a circle of twelve stars, a large  
letter *M* surmounted by a cross, and the  
stylized Sacred Heart of Jesus crowned with thorns  
and Immaculate Heart of Mary pierced with a sword.

Asked why some of the gems did not shed light,  
Mary reportedly replied, "Those are the graces for  
which people forget to ask." Sister Catherine then  
heard the Virgin Mary ask her to take these images  
to her father confessor, telling him that they should  
be put on medallions, and saying "All who wear  
them will receive great graces.

### Zoom Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be after Mass on Sunday  
March 6<sup>th</sup> at 11.45am. Zoom ID: 789 809 7636

## Our Holy Father - Pope Francis A Synodal church.

Synod in the Parish of Our lady of Peace Newbridge, St Antony,  
and St Clare, Risca and The Sacred Heart Pontllanfraith  
As part of our consultation with you there will be a letter box at  
the back of the Church from Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> January for you to  
put your responses to the following questions and perhaps add  
questions you may be thinking about.

Some examples from the Archbishop of questions for you to  
consider generating discussion are:

'What are the ways in which we as a parish most  
successfully bring people together?'

'How can we better enable full participation and co  
responsibility in the life of the Church at the Parish?'

In February we will be holding a few zoom sessions for  
us to engage with you as a parish on the aspects of the  
Pope's request

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

[newbridge@rcadc.org](mailto:newbridge@rcadc.org)

Further questions to consider:

How do we encourage people to come back to the  
church?

What are the ways in which your parish most successfully  
bring people together?

How well does the church's liturgy inspire a deeper  
encounter with the risen Lord? i.e. Does the Sunday  
Mass bring me closer to God?

### Parish Pilgrimage 2022

St. Winefride's Well - The Little  
Lourdes of Wales

At our meeting it was decided to go to S.  
Winefride's Well in North Wales – Holywell –  
this year.

There are some links below to the Shrine and the  
area and we will be arranging a meeting to talk  
about an itinerary.

We are, at present, working out the cost of this  
Pilgrimage

The dates of travel will be from Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
October 2022 to Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

If you would like to think about coming at this  
stage, please email Parish address

– [newbridge@rcadc.org](mailto:newbridge@rcadc.org)

Thank you!

[Home - Greenfield Valley](http://Home - Greenfield Valley)

[Basingwerk Abbey \(castlewales.com\)](http://Basingwerk Abbey (castlewales.com))

[Home \(saintwinefrideswell.com\)](http://Home (saintwinefrideswell.com))

[St Winefride's Guest House \(bridgettine.org\)](http://St Winefride's Guest House (bridgettine.org))

[Home | St Winefride's Catholic Church \(stwinefrideshollywell.co.uk\)](http://Home | St Winefride's Catholic Church (stwinefrideshollywell.co.uk))

[THE 10 BEST Things to Do in Holywell - 2022 \(with Photos\) | Tripadvisor - Must See Attractions in Holywell, Flintshire](http://THE 10 BEST Things to Do in Holywell - 2022 (with Photos) | Tripadvisor - Must See Attractions in Holywell, Flintshire)

## Restoration Project

### Phase II

In order to begin the funding process for the next part of the Restoration we need to assess the impact and success of the first phase. Also, we need to outline the benefits the next phase, the rendering, painting, and repairs to the other parts of the building, will have on the community. What part does the Church play in the Community!

To this end there is an online survey that we need as many people to complete as soon as possible. Hard copies will be available for those not on line.

[Take the survey](#)

Here is where you are all part of this group because an effective survey will help the Parish! So please look among your contacts and see who would be able to fill in a survey for us; send them a wonderful email request; send them the link for the survey. It is not just for Catholics, it is for the community.

You can access the survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RR7GHZH>

Thank you!

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## Health Clinic

In Thanksgiving for all the works that are being done throughout the Parish we are going to buy a 'CAFOD World Gifts Health Clinic'. This will cost £4,000.00 and is a small fraction of the work we have had gifted and funded through the Parish and a fitting way to say *Thank you!* We are asking if people would like to make a 'thank offering of a few £Es here and there to help with this. To date we have received £2,240.00 towards the Clinic.

If you would like to contribute you can put some money in an envelope marked for the Clinic and post it through the Presbytery door or place in the collection plate in church; or you can either Bank Transfer money or pay at the CAFOD donation online – if you do this, please email stating the amount sent so that we can highlight it and put it in the right place.

It would be nice to have this up and working as soon as possible!

*Thank you!*

[View a Health Clinic here](#)

## Website & IT Meeting!

Next meeting TBA

Meeting ID: 789 809 7636

We will have a meeting to highlight changes needed to the website and to monitor our progress from last Friday's meeting. Thank you to 'The Few' who attended, very productive! Those who missed the meeting can come to the next one – there is plenty to learn and to do!!

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

[newbridge@rcadc.org](mailto:newbridge@rcadc.org)

Thank you!

## SVP Meeting

The next meeting for the SVP will take place on  
Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 2.30pm.

## Smelly Collection! & Baby Items

These are two different collections.

The 'Smelly Collection' is still continuing. We have been asked for donations of nighties and pyjamas both new and used (but need to be in good condition please).

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 February 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 12.00pm – 1.00pm in the porch of Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge.**

**If anyone has items that they would like to bring to Church on the weekend of February 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>, please leave them in the Sacristy and they will be collected from there.**

**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](mailto:newbridge@rcadc.org)

Thank you.

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## Votive Candles!

We wonder if anyone would be interested in a 'perpetual' candle? Instead of buying one a week it would be possible to ask for one for 3/6/12months.

This would then be lit for you throughout the chosen time. A 3 month candle donation would be £28.00; 6 months - £56.00; 1 Year £110.00.

A label would be placed on the candle showing the Intention and the name of the donor. These can be omitted if you desire. i.e., *the name of the Intention only; or just a plain candle. The name of the Intention may be altered as well!*

If you would like to purchase a Perpetual Candle, you can email the information and donate through the web or you can put the information in an envelope, with the donation, and hand it in to the Presbytery or through the collection plate at Mass.

I hope you find this helpful!

## Craft Group

A new group has just started in the church hall in Pont on a **Monday at 12.30pm**

This is to make a wide variety of items to sell at craft fayres throughout the year to raise money for church funds.

*Do come along if you are interested and see what we are doing/making next Monday.*

## Social & Fundraising

Next meeting for the Social and Fundraising Group will be on **Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7.30pm via zoom.**

Please watch out for our forthcoming events which will include A Murder Mystery, Duck race, Afternoon Teas, Chinese Auctions and many others.

Our first event for this year will be a **Quiz for St. David's Day**. This will take place after the evening Mass (which will be at 6.30pm) on **Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>**. It will start at approximately **7.15pm**. We will also post some Welsh recipes on the website and some for pancakes (both sweet and savoury) for you to try out.

Do join us on zoom for this fun evening.

There will be a **Duck Race** on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Ducks will be on sale soon at a £1 each. Please buy them on line or by posting money with names through the letter box in Newbridge or Pont or in the post box in Risca. Thank you.

## Quiz Night

Join us on zoom for our annual **St. David's Day Quiz on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.15pm** (approx), following 6.30pm Mass

Why not try out some delicious pancake recipes or make yourself some Welsh cakes to enjoy while you join in the fun.

Please invite all your friends and family to join in with us on this special celebratory day.

[Zoom ID 7898097636](#)

## Duck Race

We will be holding a **Duck Race on Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>** after the 10.00am Mass.

Please encourage family and friends to join in the fun with us!

**Ducks cost £1 each.**

Ducks will be available from next week to buy on line or you can put your money in an envelope clearly marked with your name and enclosing the names of those you are buying ducks for. This may be handed through the letter box into the presbytery in Newbridge, Pont or the letter box in Risca.

Please buy early to avoid a rush on the day.

Many thanks and enjoy the fun!

## Year Books

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

Price £3.00

## Premananda Orphanage

This week I have transferred the final payment for 2021 to the Orphanage and I thought I'd share some thoughts with you.

The past two years have been very difficult ones for us all and particularly with regards to meeting up with one another for fundraising etc. During 2021 we sent £7667 to Premananda which is amazing and I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all of you who have contributed to this wonderful total. At present there are 35 children being sponsored by our parish with many of you paying monthly by direct debit. I can provide details for anyone else who would like to do this if you would like to contact me on [07773649460](tel:07773649460). Other people prefer to make a one off payment and that is much appreciated too.

The orphanage has been through some difficult times this year with all the schools closed etc and a number of staff were struck down by an outbreak of the Delta variant earlier in the year but things are hopefully improving now. Jon James is in regular contact with Fr. Joseph in India and is keeping up to date with things. I know that there has been some decorating going on in the girls school and a new outdoor shower building (you can tell it's not in Wales!)

Thank you once again for your continued support for Premananda Orphanage and I am assured that they remember us in their daily prayers.

God bless you all.

THANK YOU!

Imelda Mortimer

## Towards Opening!

We are still a little way from opening the other two churches. A lot of work and maintenance has been done by 'The Few' but more hands are essential.

The offers of help for wiring and connecting the cameras will be taken upon shortly; and I thank you!

We will need a Rota of people in all the churches to be stewards and cleaners. Don't think that 'someone else will do it' because that doesn't work!

We have a lot of the former cleaners, stewards, helpers who now fall into the 'vulnerable' category and now need to make the churches safe and available for them; as they always made sure it was safe and clean for others.

So, we need:

1. Stewards
2. Cleaners
3. People prepared to be a presence on Rota, when the church is open.
4. We need people who are prepared to operate the online camera link. (*You will be taught how to do this*)

If you can help in any of these roles then please contact the Parish email address – [newbridge@rcadc.org](mailto:newbridge@rcadc.org)

Put 'Open Help' in the subject title and include your contact details. The name of the church you can help and the area of work you can help with. Thank you!

## Thought for the week

**There isn't enough room in your mind for both worry and faith, you must decide which one gets to stay.**

Prayer For Peace

GOD OF LOVE

show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.  
The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

PRAISE BE TO YOU! Amen.

*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!

*Welsh National Pilgrimage*

DEAR PILGRIM,

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO RETURNING TO  
LOURDES  
AFTER A TWO YEAR ABSENCE DUE TO THE COVID-19  
PANDEMIC.

WE EXPECT MANY FEEL A SENSE OF EAGERNESS  
AND  
EXCITEMENT, AS WELL AS CAUTION, AS WE MAKE  
OUR  
RETURN AND COME TOGETHER AS A PILGRIMAGE  
COMMUNITY AT THE GROTTA ONCE MORE.

IN THIS SPECIAL AND UNIQUE PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE  
WE  
SEEK THE INTERCESSION, STRENGTH AND GRACE OF  
OUR  
BLESSED LADY IN OUR LIVES.

A FULL RELIGIOUS PROGRAMME, ALL TRANSPORT,  
TRAVEL  
AND FULL BOARD 4\* ACCOMMODATION ARE  
INCLUDED IN  
THE PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE FOR 2022.

TO BOOK VISIT: [WWW.TANGNEY-TOURS.COM/WNP](http://WWW.TANGNEY-TOURS.COM/WNP)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES; PRAY FOR US  
ST BERNADETTE; PRAY FOR US

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This is the first time travelling after COVID.

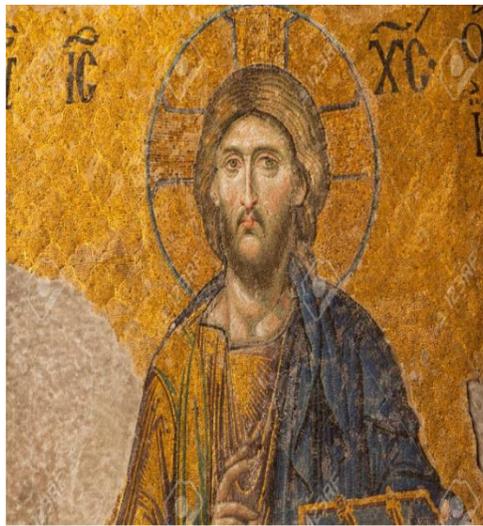
These posters will be around shortly but do consider going!

Also, the National is always looking for helpers:-- Doctors,  
Nurses, Youth, not-so-Youth. If you think you would like to  
come in a helper's role, please see me.

More information to come, but do visit the booking website to  
see details!



**The God Who Speaks**  
**Sharing the Word of God**  
**Through Ministry**



**A Day of Reflection via Zoom for:**  
**Ministers of the Word, Catechists and**  
**Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022 10.30 am – 3 pm**

**Keynote Speaker: Deacon Rob Coyne**

To confirm a place and further information, please email Diocesan Scripture Champions  
[madeleine.walters@rcadc.org](mailto:madeleine.walters@rcadc.org) or [kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk)