

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Newbridge

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

Day Sundays A Weekdays 2	Ss. Anthony & Clare, Risca	Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge	The Sacred Heart, Pontllanfraith
Sunday 15th 3 rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	11.15am <i>John & Mae Connolly</i>	9.15am <i>Pat Dancey</i>	5.00pm (Sat) <i>John Quick</i>
Monday 16th			Rosary 10.30am 11.00am <i>Joseph Hazelwood & Family</i>
Tuesday 17th	Reconciliation 5.30pm 6.30pm <i>Mary Spratt</i>		
Wed. 18th	Exposition 9.30am 10.00am <i>Joan Banbow</i>		
Thursday 19th		Rosary 10.00am 10.30am <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Friday 20th			Exposition 10.00am 10.30am <i>Emma Jane</i> Reconciliation 5.30pm
Saturday 21st St. Peter Canisius		10.00am <i>Peace</i>	
Sunday 22nd 4 th Sunday of Advent	11.15am	9.15am <i>Joseph & Barbara Sims</i>	5.00pm (Sat) <i>Colleen Holland</i>
Monday 23rd			Rosary 10.30am 11.00am
Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve	10.00am <i>Private Int.</i>		4.30pm Crib Service
The Nativity of the Lord <i>Christmas Eve</i> Crib Service – 4.30pm – The Sacred Heart - Pontllanfraith The Vigil Mass - 7.00pm - Our Lady of Peace. - Newbridge <i>Christmas Day</i> Morning Mass - 10.00am - Ss. Anthony & Clare - Risca			
Thursday 19th S. Stephen, <i>The First Martyr</i>		10.00am <i>Fr. Jihn Meredith</i>	
Friday 20th S. John, Ap & Ev.			10.00am <i>Priest's Int</i>
Sunday, 29th December Carols and Readings 5.30pm <i>Refreshments after (No turkey – I promise!!)</i>			

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Please pray for...

All those who receive the Sacrament at home, those who are in any need and especially for:
Norah Pritchard, Stuart Coe, Jackie Heather, Kathleen Russell, Valerie Griffin, Jane Villa, Ken Randall, and Lisa Evans.
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.

Collection 08/12/19	
Parish	£511.45

The Year of the Word
'The God Who Speaks'

Jerome took on the work of translating the bible into Latin after he had been charged by Pope Damasus I to 'revise' the *Vetus Latina* ("Old Latin") Gospels which were then in use in the church. He translated the Old Testament after having learned, Hebrew, from the Hebrew bible; the Psalms he translated from the Greek Septuagint (*this is a reason why you will see two Psalm numbers by the Psalms in your missal !*); the Gospels were translated from their Greek manuscripts and somebody, other than Jerome, added the epistles. The Vulgate, as a whole, is ascribed to the work of Jerome and he certainly had the major input.

The Year of the Word also celebrates the book by Pope Benedict XVI '*Verbum Domini*'. It is worth reading and I encourage you all to do so, especially those who have ministries in the parish! There are copies available in the churches at a cost of £3.95. Do get your hands on a copy

Scripture Study Days, the Cornerstone, 10 am – 12 noon
January 11th 2020 The Gospel of Matthew, Mrs. Sarah Beresford (The Catholic Bible School)

A word to consider:- **'PEACE !...'**

'Father, creator and redeemer of mankind, you decreed, and your Word became man, born of the Virgin Mary. May we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our human nature.'
Opening Prayer Weekday of Advent



Meetings & Information

SVP

The next SVP meeting will be on Monday January 13th in the hall in Risca at 2.30pm.

Sunshine Club

Meet every other Monday at 6.30pm in the Hall in Risca. Come along and check those pounds!!

Senior Citizens

We meet in the Hall in Pontllanfraith every Tuesday from 1.15pm to 3.30pm. You are more than welcome to turn up for a chat, a cup of tea, and a game of bingo. For more information, please contact
Denise Robert.

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

Christians Together

The next meeting will be held on Saturday **January 4th** in Newbridge Methodist, Newbridge at 10.00am.

Social & Fundraising Committee

The next meeting will be in the New Year in Newbridge

Justice & Peace

The next meeting will be on Monday **January 6th** at 7.00pm in the hall in Pont.

Saint of the Week
S. Peter Canisius

Peter was born to wealthy parents however, his mother died shortly after his birth. He earned his Masters degree at the age of 19, and became a Catholic Priest soon after. He renewed the Catholic Church with the help of the Holy Emperor and made many friends in the process.

He was also a devoted Scholar of his day and founded many universities. One was named after him and is still there today, although it is among the elite and you need the highest grades to get in.

Peter was also an author and was known to be called the *second Apostle of Germany*; He died aged 78.

Feast day 21st December

In the Churches!

We have our Large Christmas Cards which you can sign and make a donation to CAFOD 'World Gifts'. This will save sending lots of cards to people in the Parish and give a wonderful gift to someone in a different country. Take a look at the things we could send at: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

Christmas Stars

A small donation for a star will go to the Christmas Flowers in the churches. You can take one; write a name, a prayer or a verse on it; put it back in the basket and they will 'shine' on our trees throughout the Christmas masses and be included in our intentions at mass.

Poinsettias

Would you like to buy a poinsettia in memory for Christmas? Each of the churches will put the poinsettias into a Christmas display. Just bring the plant to the church with a card to say who it is in memory of and the flower arrangers will place it in the display. Any questions you have, please ask (*where to buy from, what sort, will you get it for me?*) and we can help.

Cribs

Our Cribs and figures need to be checked and prepared. Please see me if you can help!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before each of the Masses and by arrangement. The Archdiocese has prepared some information leaflets to help us. Please take one from the back of the church.

TAKE TIME IN ADVENT

It can be too busy to think let alone *Listen* to God. Come into Church and sit – in silence – with God. There are some small 'holding crosses' available (£2.00 each) which can help you when you to shed the noise of the world

St Matthew's Gospel

We are in 'Tear A' in the Sunday Reading cycle. That means that through this year, 'The Year of the Word', we will be hearing mainly from St. Matthew. How much work is it to write a Gospel? How long does it take? What about St. Jerome having to translate it?

Let's find out 😊

As a Parish we will write out the Gospel according to Matthew. There will be more details soon but, basically, each person or family will write out a verse/ paragraph, onto our version of a scroll. By the end of the year we will have the Gospel According to Matthew as written out by the Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace Parish!
Details to follow!!

Any thoughts, comments or suggestions are most welcome. Either write them down, tell Fr. Kevin or Dcn Pat, or mention it to a member of the PAC.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all who helped with the Raffle this year. Those who prepared the tickets, distributed and sold them. Thank you for all the donations for prizes!

The Draw took place last Tuesday, 10th December, and a list of the winners is at the back of each church.
The Raffle raised over £1,100.00!
Thank you all for your support.

One Mass Only!

Sunday November 22nd 2020 at 11.00am
Our Lady of Peace Newbridge

Refreshments.
Bring and share after Mass

Food Banks

Thank you to all those who help with this. Please remember that the school holidays and the Christmas season are coming – this does put a lot of extra pressure on families! For those who would like to help but are not sure what items are needed a list has been prepared. Please take one.
Thank you 😊

Thought for the Week
If you can't be a sun, don't be a cloud.