

# 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
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>11.15am</b> Parish Family	<b>9.15am</b> Marna Roberts	<b>5.00pm (Sat)</b> Colleen Holland
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>			Rosary 10.30am <b>11.00am</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Eve	<b>10.00am</b> Private Int.	<b>7.00pm</b> The Vigil Mass	<b>4.30pm</b> Crib Service
<b>The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Eve</b> <b>Crib Service - 4.30pm - The Sacred Heart - Pontllanfraith</b> <b>The Vigil Mass - 7.00pm - Our Lady of Peace. - Newbridge</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Morning Mass - 10.00am - Ss. Anthony &amp; Clare - Risca</b> <i>(Carols will be sung 30minutes before each Mass)</i>			
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b> St. Stephen, The First Martyr		<b>10.00am</b> Fr. John Meredith	
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b> S. John Ap. & Ev.			<b>10.00am</b> Priest's Int
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b> Holy Innocents		<b>10.00am</b> The Unborn Child	
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	<b>11.15am</b> Parish Family	<b>9.15am</b> <b>Joyce Alice Snow</b> <b>5.30pm</b> Carols & Readings	<b>5.00pm (Sat)</b> Joseph & Barbar Sims
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Day in the Christmas Octave			Rosary 10.30am <b>11.00am</b> Priest's Int
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Day in the Christmas Octave	<b>10.00am</b> Int. Sr. Anne McGuinness		
<b>January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020</b> <b>Sol: Mary, The Holy Mother Of God</b> <b>12.00 Noon</b> <b>The Parish +</b> <b>Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Carols and Readings</b> <b>5.30pm</b> <i>Refreshments after (No turkey - I promise!!)</i> <b>Christmas Cris Offerings</b> This year's Crib Offerings will be sent to: The Catholic Children's Society. This society continues the work of caring for children who are physically, mentally or spiritually vulnerable.			

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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 15/12/19	
Parish	£614.93

**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.  
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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  
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**Scripture Study Days, the Cornerstone, 10 am – 12 noon**  
**January 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 The Gospel of Matthew, Mrs. Sarah Beresford (The Catholic Bible School)**  
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A word to consider:- **'PEACE !...'**

**"In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him." John 1:1-3**



**Meetings & Information**

**SVP**

The next SVP meeting will be on Monday January 13<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>** 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 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7.00pm in the hall in Pont.

**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.  
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**Christmas Grace**

Please take a copy of a Grace Before Christmas Dinner. Feel free to take a few and hand them around to others to use on Christmas Day.

**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 😊

**Saint of the Week**  
**S. Joseph**

Joseph was the husband of Mary and took on Jesus as his own. He was a humble carpenter but from a royal descent and the Angel who first told him about Jesus, greets him as 'Son of David' (David the King of Israel)

Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When they fled to Egypt he waited there, without question, until the Angel told him it was safe to go back home to Nazareth.

Joseph is the patron Saint of the dying, because he died with Mary and Jesus close to him, the way most would like to leave this earth.

There is much more that we don't know about Joseph but the Scriptures have left us the most important part - that he was 'A very righteous man'

**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.

**HCPT Raffle**

The Raffle tickets for the New Year HCPT Draw are available. These tickets sales directly help local groups and members of Group 737 will have TICKETS FOR SALE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCHES.  
Many thanks to you all for your support of Group 737 throughout the Year!.

**One Mass Only!**

Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 at 11.00am  
Our Lady of Peace Newbridge  
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**Refreshments.**  
Bring and share after Mass

**Thought for the Week**

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing