

# 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 8<sup>th</sup></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>11.15am</b> Kevin Gibson	<b>9.15am</b> Perera Family	<b>5.00pm (Sat)</b> Mary, John & Bernard
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Sol: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		<b>6.30pm</b> The Parish	<b>11.00am</b> Funeral Mass Michael Buckley
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> St. John Roberts	Evening Prayer 6.00pm <b>6.30pm</b> Private Int.		
<b>Wed. 11<sup>th</sup></b> St. Damasus 1	Exposition 9.30am <b>10.00am</b> Word & Sacrament		
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b> Our Lady of Guadalupe		Rosary 10.00am <b>10.30am</b> Supple Family	
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b> Mem: St. Lucy			Exposition 10.00am <b>10.30am</b> Mama Roberts
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b> Mem: St. John of the Cross		<b>10.00am</b> Peace	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	<b>11.15am</b> John & Mae Connolly	<b>9.15am</b> Pat Dancey	<b>5.00pm (Sat)</b> John Quick

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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 01/12/19	
Parish	£668.01

## Meetings & Information

### SVP

The next SVP meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup>

### 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 **December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
in St. Paul's, 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.

### Musicians & Singers

Please meet in Newbridge on **Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5.30pm**  
We will be practicing for our Advent service.

## Saint of the Week

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

'Our Lady of Guadalupe' appeared to a poor  
farmer and labourer with no education named  
Juan diego. She asked him to go to the Bishop  
and ask for a temple to be built on the site of  
her appearance so she would have a place to  
heal the suffering.

It took 3 attempts and only succeeded when  
the Bishop saw 'Our Lady of Guadalupe'  
painted on his cloak.

In the image she stands as she appeared;  
bowing her head with her hands in prayer. Her  
clock is adorned with stars and under her  
feet is a great crescent moon.

The Temple was built and remains there  
today, along with the cloak of Juan Diego  
miraculously preserved.

**Feast day December 12<sup>th</sup>**

## 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 much 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

### Tickets are available for the Christmas raffle!

All tickets need to be handed in now. You can give them in after  
Mass of at Fr. Kevin's house by Tuesday afternoon. Or you can  
bring them with you to the draw on Tuesday evening.

There will be refreshments and a 'Bring & Share' table so do  
The Raffle will take place in the Hall in Risca this Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup>  
December after the 6.30pm Mass.

## 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

## The Year of the Word

### 'The God Who Speaks'

From the year 388, to the end of his life in 420, Jerome lived  
in a cave in Bethlehem; the same cave that Jesus was born in.  
There he was accompanied by men and women to whom he  
was their priestly guide and advisor. He had finished  
'correcting' the translation of the New Testament into Latin  
and worked now on completing the translation of the Old  
Testament from the Hebrew. The completed Bible translated  
INTO Latin is what we know as the *Vulgate* and is the version  
authorised by the Catholic church

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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  
(ideal Christmas gift),

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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:- 'JOY !....'



**"I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a  
voice that speaks of peace, peace for his  
people. His help is near for those who fear  
him and his glory will dwell in our lands."**

Ps 84:9-14

## ADVENT

A season of preparation for Christmas.

We prepare in many Ways; by shopping for food and gifts, for lights,  
trees and tinsel.

Please don't forget that we need to prepare our hearts and souls as  
well!

We have Advent Calendars or Candles to help you work towards the  
Feast. There are copies of 'Walk with Me' £1.00 each or 2 for £1 if you  
give one away to someone outside (*Evangelism at work?*)

We need to prepare our intentions for the coming year – the *New Year  
Resolutions* we will place at the crib at Christmas.

We need to clear out the old baggage we have been carrying around  
and so we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation – *this keeps our  
White Baptism garment clean!*

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. In next week's Newsletter I will put the times for Reconciliation  
especially for our younger people (*those who have made their first  
Holy Communion up to those preparing for Confirmation*).

### 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

## Thought for the Week

To err is human, to blame someone else is politics.

## 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!

## 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 😊