


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	The Sacred Heart, Pontllanfraith
Sunday 2nd 5 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am Rosary & Morning Prayer	Sunday Stream 10.30am Dorothy Thomas	Regina Coeli & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Monday 3rd Ss. Philip & James Aps. Feast		Chapel Stream 6.30pm Sr. Maria's Int.	5.30pm Rosary Regina Coeli & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Tues. 4th	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	Chapel Stream 6.30pm Jean Coley	Regina Coeli & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Wed. 5th St. Asaph	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	Chapel Stream 10.30am Tara McCormack	Regina Coeli & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Thursday 6th	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	Chapel Stream 10.30am Michael Hetherington	Regina Coeli & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Friday 7th	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	Chapel Stream 6.30pm Michael Buckley Holy Souls	Regina Coeli & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Saturday May 8th	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	Chapel Stream 10.30am Peace	Regina Coeli & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Sunday 9th 6 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am Rosary & Morning Prayer	Sunday Stream 10.30am Opel Family	Regina Coeli & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Stations of the Cross			

Monday 3rd May <i>This week only!</i>	Spirituality & Prayer	4.00pm (Chapel Stream)
Wednesday 5 th May	Verbum Domini	4.00pm (Chapel Stream) Also on zoom
Thursday 6 th May	Bible Study and exploration!	7.00pm (Chapel Stream) Also on zoom
Zoom ID 789 809 7636		
Verbum Domini Copies are available at £3.95. Recommended reading for Readers and those involved in ministries.		

 **Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd."**

Joh 10:14-16

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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, Nell Hawkins,
Steve and Stuart, John Foley, Keith Thomas, Sean Rooke, Christine, Dianne and Ben.
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.

Mary in May
The Month of May is the Month of Mary!
We will have our Virtual Procession at the end of the month. I encourage you all to pray the Rosary this month with the Holy Father and his intention for the end of the pandemic. The following paragraph is from the start of a document outlining the plans for May involving prayers at Shrines around the world. There is a schedule at the end of the document and I have made this available on our website - *a link is below.*
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Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it.
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I have added the document to the website under Prayer_Resources. You can access it here:
[Rosary Request](#)

India
Please remember the people of India in your prayers. This is a country with a huge COVID crisis happening now. It is not money that they need but prayer and equipment! Our prayers of support go also to those of our parishioners from India who are naturally worried about family and friends there. We assure you of our prayers and support at this time.

Saint of the Week
S. Rose
Rose was the daughter of a physician and entered the Convent as soon as she could. However, after a few months she had to return home to look after her widowed mother. Rose used to gather the women and girls of the village to say the Rosary together in the evening. She was surprised how little they knew, so started to instruct them. The priest told her she had the real ability to teach and that was where her vocation was. As a result, she started to teach in other villages and to educate teachers Rose opened schools and even when the opposition burnt them down her faith and trust in God overcame any obstacles. Her reputation spread and she was called to Rome where her holiness was confirmed with miracles. However, Rome was also where she died aged 72years old

Feast day May 7t

Regina Coeli,
Joy to thee, Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He, whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia!
R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia!

Let us pray
O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.
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Aid to the Church in Need!
This site is worth following. Aid to the Church in Need -ACN, brings to light the difficulties of the church in many areas of the world. These areas do not appear in the news but are described for us and supported by the CAN
DO have a look at this site. Just now there are 37 pages of news around the world. Some encouraging stories and some sad and tragic! Please read and, if you find an area or a topic that you think we should highlight, email us the details and we will 'Spot-light' it in the Newsletter.
Read about the work being done in Iraq at the moment! Go to their news on:
<https://acnuk.org/acn-news/>

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.

ZOOM
We are using Zoom at the daily Masses for readings and responses. We also have Zoom available for the online talks. If you would like to read at Mass or be a responder, please email us on the Parish address:
newbridge@rcadc.org

Restoration Project

The first phase of the project will be starting on **Monday, 19th April 2021!**
here are four 'Phases' to this project.

Phase 1 will include:

- Repairs to South and West elevations (*The end with the Cross on and the side facing the road*)
- Access ramp (*This will be up to the Main doors*)
- Community activities

Phase 2 (*No start date for this yet!*)

- Repairs to North and East elevations (*The other end of the church and the back face – by the cliff*)

Phases 3 and 4 (*No start date for this yet!*)

- Internal conservation work
- Creation of a community space
- Ground works

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This is a basic outline at the moment so that you can see the scope of the work. Information will come from the Group meeting and please feel free to ask any questions you have. You can write or email the parish address:

newbridge@rcadc.org

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Do support this project and make others aware of it!

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Restoration Group

The next meeting go be arranged will be on **Wednesday 19th May at 7.01pm**
Zoom ID: 789 809 7636

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The first part of the project may be a little bit 'invisible' as it will be an 'Ecology Survey' to discover whether we have any protected species around the church! 'Batwoman' has been to the church and has one more investigation to do! When she has reported that all is clear, we will be able to proceed to scaffolding and the High Level asbestos survey! and to make plans to safely remove anything we may find.
Your prayers are needed!!

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 until I manage to resolve the issue.
Thank you so much!

Cleaners Please!

As we start easing our way out of lockdown and into Safe gatherings, it is time to prepare the Church in Newbridge so that it is cleansed ready to open. I know that we prepared some cleaners a long time ago, but we need to re-vamp our list again. Could I ask for volunteers who are not in the vulnerable category to contact us through the Parish email:

newbridge@rcadc.org

Use the Subject 'Clean' and please indicate if you would like to clean or steward (*or both*) and give contact details. There will need to be a new training session so could you please also include evenings or times when you would be unable to attend. Thank you so much.

When we have our cleaners and stewards in place we will move to the next phase.
More information next week!

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals has highlighted a 'Crisis in Ethiopia'. If you want information about the organization please go to:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Magnus, a founder, has written about this. He starts:-
"The people of Tigray are living in fear of imminent starvation. The brutal fighting, taking place away from the eyes of the world, has forced many to flee their homes. The city of Mekelle is being overwhelmed by displaced people arriving with nothing at all. Many of them are unaccompanied children who have lost their parents."
To read the rest and to learn about the crisis and what they are asking, please go to:
<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/crisis-in-ethiopia>
Thank you!

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

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 on Saturday May 29th from 12 noon – 1pm in Pont.

RCIA

The group have agreed a meeting date for this week. Are there any sponsors who would like to offer their services? Prayer partners as well! This program will go ahead and we will keep you up-to-date with progress.

Do remember all the RCIA group in your prayers.
We meet on Zoom – ID: 789 809 7636 – at 7.15pm on **Monday, 3rd May**

Social & Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Duck race recently. It was great fun and raised £400 for church funds.

We have more events in the pipeline and here are the next two dates for your diaries.

Tuesday May 25th – Italian night

Our fundraising event for the month of May is an Italian themed evening. We are proposing having an Italian night via zoom on May 25th. Why not come along and join us for a virtual tour of the Vatican whilst learning a few Italian phrases and eating some delicious Italian food! We will be posting some Italian recipes on the web site for you to try out and savour. Join us at 7.30pm for a fun evening.

Donations to our church fund may be made on line or given to Fr. Kevin.

Friday June 25th – Quiz night and Summer Raffle Draw.

For the month of June we will be selling raffle tickets for our Summer Draw. Tickets may be purchased on line or requested by hand through the Sacristy in Pont, Newbridge or the letter box in Risca. Please state the names of those buying numbers when purchasing tickets (this may also be done via e-mail). Numbers will be allocated by a random ticket selector. Winners will be drawn on Friday June 25th during our Summer Quiz night which will be on zoom from 7.30pm.

Food Banks An Update

The situation remains much the same at Pontllanfraith. The Council are doing the bulk of the work and handling referrals so we will keep our attention on this situation for any changes.
In Risca, there are collections 'off the wall' – if you need information, please ask.

Tin on a Wall

Tin on a Wall is a community initiative aimed at supporting people within the communities of Panside, Newbridge and surrounding areas. Its aim is to collect donations for the food bank through a co-ordinated, street by street, community effort.

The foodbank is based in St. Peter's Church. Panside, and the collections are organised by Jayne Jeremiah. Collectors pick up food items, toiletries etc once a month. If you would like to participate in the scheme, contact Jayne Jeremiah via messenger on Facebook for further details on collections.

The next collection will be on Thursday, May 27th in the afternoon/evening.

If you would like to take part please contact Jayne Jeremiah to find out who your local collector is and what time they are likely to call. **Alternatively, the Co-op in Newbridge is supporting this venture and donations may be dropped into the store where a box has been made available. Items purchased from any shop, not necessarily purchased from the Co-op, may be given in here.** Information for Tin on a Wall can be found on the local Facebook group – Panside Community Food Bank Facebook Group.

There will also be information available on the Oakdale Village site on Facebook.

We will keep you informed, but please feel free to send in information about collections in your area that we can advertise in the Newsletter

200 Club

The final draws have been made!

Thank you to all those who have supported this, it has raised a tremendous amount over the years. A Big Thank You to Leonora for managing this across the three churches and a thank you to her team of collectors. Well done!

To see the final draws click the link:

[200 Club Winners](#)

Zoom Coffee Morning

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

Collection & Envelopes!

Some of you have asked about collection and Standing Orders. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

I have a copy of a Standing Order form. If you would like one please email the parish at Newbridge@rcadc.org. Would you like to 'Gift Aid' your offering? Ask for a Gift Aid form in the email. please state which church you normally attend (*OLOP, SSA&C, SH*).

Thought for the week

Strong people don't put others down, they lift them up.