

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Newbridge

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

Sundays C Weekdays II Psalter Week 1	Ss. Anthony & Clare, Risca	Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge All Masses are Streamed	The Sacred Heart, Pontllanfraith
Sunday 27 th 4 th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	8.30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Morning Prayer 9.30am Christine Garland	11.00am Norah Pritchard 6.00pm Evening Prayer	5.00pm (Sat) Thomas Family
Monday 28 th			
Tuesday 29 th	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	10.30am Paul Symonds	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Wednesday 30 th	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	10.30am Eileen Stephens & Kathleen Dalton	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Thursday 31 st	1.30pm Funeral Christine Garland	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Friday 1 st April	9.30am Rosary Morning Prayer 10.00am	10.30am Holy Souls Exposition follows to 6.00pm	Angelus & Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Saturday 2 nd Com: St. Francis of Paola		9.30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Morning Prayer 10.00am Followed by an introduction to the 1 st five Saturdays	Evening Prayer 7.00pm
Sunday 3 rd 4 th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday Year C	9.30am Norina Moon	8.30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Morning Prayer 11.00am John Mortimer 6.00pm Evening Prayer	5.00pm (Sat.) Tom Downey & Nancy Hughes

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		

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
Thank you!

Walk With Me!

I have copies of the Lent *Walk with me* booklets.
For those who haven't had one before, they contain some scripture, a meditation and a prayer for each day of Lent.
They are at the back of the church OR you can ask someone to collect a copy for you!
They cost £1.00 each; or 2 for £1.00 IF you are going to give one away to someone who would not normally have one – a neighbour??

Parish Clergy

Fr. Kevin Paine - The Presbytery, Ashfield Road,
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Parish Website - 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.
& Brian Moon
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.

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

Mass Times

You will see that the churches are open for Mass next Sunday.
Again, we will need to email for places. This give us an idea of
numbers as we are still under certain restrictions. Please let
everyone know, especially those without internet! The following
are our present guidelines:

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
6. Thank you and God bless you!

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Towards Opening!

See below.

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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. Please can we monitor each other and prevent this happening.
Thank you!

Saint of the Week

S. Gwynllyw

Gwynllyw was a king in South Wales and the founder and patron of the City of Newport. He was a great warrior but merciless and violent. Gwynllyw's son was St. Cadoc and very religious, and it was by his example that Gwynllyw found the Lord God.
Gwynllyw was visited by an Angel and shown a white ox with a spot on its forehead, so when he saw the same Ox on a hill in Newport, he built a wooden hermitage where it had stood.
After Gwynllyw died, a shrine and Church were built where his wooden hut had been - at the top of Stow Hill. The Church is now called St. Woolos Cathedral and the shrine is still visible inside.
Feast day March 29th
Patron: Newport

Please Pray For...

The soul of Christine Garland (Risca) who died on Wednesday, 16th March.
Her funeral will be at Ss. Anthony & Clare, Risca on Thursday, 31st March at 1.30pm.
Please pray also for John, Mary and Will
May she rest in peace

To Wear the Miraculous Medal

To be a practicing member of the Miraculous Medal confraternity here it is asked that you:

1. Have and wear a blessed Miraculous Medal.
 2. Say the Novena Prayer for the needs of you, the homeless and the needy once a week.(below...)
 3. Say the Prayer of Consecration to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal every day. below...)
- ALSO!
1. If possible, attend Mass daily or more often than just Sunday.
 2. Make the 27th of each month a special day.
 3. Say a Rosary daily for the needs of the world.
 4. Donate food, clothing or money to the homeless and needy through some agency near you. A small amount can be done daily, weekly, monthly, or annually.
 5. Volunteer at your parish or church for any of their needs.

These can be needs such as serving at Mass, reading at Mass, helping to take up collection, helping some organization at Church or helping people get to church, etc.

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We will leave these for another week.

If you would like to buy a Miraculous Medal, please see Fr. Kevin or ask at the repository. I am planning to call this group together on 27th April to formally meet and discuss the work that is relevant for this particular Parish and Fraternity.

We will bless and invest people with Medals at this time as well.

Do encourage others to take part in this!

Help for Refugees!

All of you have heard about the numbers of Ukrainian refugees who are fleeing their homes to look for safety. A lot of these have gone to Poland.

I am proposing that we help a group in Poland that are being led by a former parishioner of Fr. Brian Gray – S. Cadoc's in Cardiff. Here is a text Fr. Brian sent to me:

He is a man called Bogdan Iwaniak. Responsible for helping with refugees at Skierniewice Town Council Former parishioner here who returned to Poland Skierniewice is near the Ukraine border His aim is to help with accommodation and food.

We will have a donations plate for this and all donations will be sent by Fr. Brian to Bogdan. Bogdan will keep us informed about the situation where he is.

This will ensure that all donations go directly to where they are to be used and there is no administration fee!

I do encourage you to support this!

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, 3rd October 2022 to Thursday, 6th October 2022.

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

– newbridge@rcadc.org

Thank you!

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!

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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
Thank you!

Zoom Coffee Morning

Join us for coffee and the **Duck Race** after Mass on **Sunday April 3rd** at **12.31am** via zoom. ID 789 809 7636

SVP Meeting

The next meeting for the SVP will take place on **Monday April 4th 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 April 30th 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 March 19th/20th, please leave them in the special bins provided in the porch in Our Lady of Peace 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

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 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 28th 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 next event for this year will be a **Duck Race.**

The **Duck Race** will be held on **April 3rd**. Ducks are on sale now 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.

Newbridge & District Ladies Choir will singing in the church on **Wednesday June 22nd**. Please make a note of this date in your diaries.

Duck Race

Change of Date!!!

We will be holding a **Duck Race on Sunday April 3rd** at 12.31pm, following morning Mass in O.L.P.

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!

Craft Sale

The craft group have been very busy making a variety of items to sell to raise money for Church Funds. Do have a look at their goods on sale this and every weekend before Easter.

*Your support is much appreciated by the group.
Thank you.*

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**. 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 at the point of 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

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

We try to hide our feelings, but forget that our eyes speak.

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!

The Miraculous Medal Novena Prayer

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and never-failing intercession, manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, we your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this Novena, if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray.

(Here privately form your petitions.)

You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. Obtain for us, then, a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone, so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial, that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen.

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An Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

O Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate, we dedicate and consecrate ourselves to you under the title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. May this Medal be for each one of us a sure sign of your affection for us and a constant reminder of our duties toward you. Ever while wearing it, may we be blessed by your loving protection and preserved in the grace of your Son. O most powerful Virgin, Mother of our Savior, keep us close to you every moment of our lives. Obtain for us, your children, the grace of a happy death; so that, in union with you, we may enjoy the bliss of heaven forever. Amen.

Synodal Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

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

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!

