

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Newbridge

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

Sundays C Weekdays II Psalter Week 3	Ss. Anthony & Clare, Risca	Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge All Masses are Streamed	The Sacred Heart, Pontllanfraith
Sunday 1st May 3 rd Sunday of Eastertide	9.30am Terry & Madeline Phillips	8.30am Rosary & Morning Prayer 11.00am Davis Family 6.00pm Regina Caeli & Evening Prayer 5.30pm Rosary	5.00pm (Sun) John & David Quick
Monday 2nd Mem: St. Athanasius			
Tuesday 3rd Feast: Sts. Philip & James, Apostles		9.30am Rosary 10.00am Morning Prayer 10.30am Baby Theodore	Regina Caeli & Evening Prayer 6.00pm OLP
Wednesday 4th		9.30am Rosary 10.00am Morning Prayer 10.30am Fay & Ron	5.30pm Evening Prayer & Regina Caeli OLP
Thursday 5th St. Asaph		9.30am Rosary 10.00am Morning Prayer	Regina Caeli & Evening Prayer 6.00pm OLP
Friday 6th		9.30am Rosary 10.00am Morning Prayer 6.00pm Regina Caeli & Evening Prayer	Funeral Mass 12.30pm Wlada Tomaszewski
Saturday 7th		8.30am Reconciliation 9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Followed by Rosary	Evening Prayer 7.00pm OLP
Sunday 8th 4 th Sunday of Eastertide Year C	9.30am Anna Gawlik	8.30am Rosary & Morning Prayer 11.00am Parish Family 6.00pm Regina Caeli & Evening Prayer	5.00pm (Sat) Michael Buckley
Reconciliation by arrangement or: Wednesday and Saturday mornings after Mass and Morning Prayer			

		Live feed and zoom
Tuesday's	Bible Study	4.00pm
Wednesday's	Triduum Symbols	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!

****PARKING****

At Our Lady of Peace.

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!

Parish Clergy

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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

At the moment we are celebrating Mass as follows:
Saturday Evening at 5.00pm at the Sacred Heart
Sunday Morning at 9.30am at Ss. Anthony & Clare in Risca.
Sunday morning at 11.00am at Our Lady of Peace in Newbridge
On Fridays
Our Lady of Peace in Newbridge is open from Rosary – 9.30am to the end of Evening Prayer – 6.30pm.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after Mass and concludes at Evening Prayer.
The doors are also open for Rosary to Mass on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Some guidelines!

1. Wear a facemask.
2. Where necessary test at home, if you have been in the company of someone who has tested positive.
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

These simple requests are not onerous and do help to protect our most vulnerable members in the congregation!

Thank you and God bless you!

Saint of the Week

S. Richard Reynolds

Richard was born in Devon to a wealthy family and educated at Corpus Christi, Cambridge, but he decided he wanted to serve God. So aged 21 years, Richard became a monk and was renowned for speaking Latin, Greek and Hebrew fluently.

Richard was known in the Royal circles and converted many. However, when he refused the 'Oath of Supremacy' to King Henry VIII, he was arrested and imprisoned in the Tower of London. Aged 43 years, Richard died a Martyr along with three others of the Catholic faith.

Feast day 4th May

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

We are starting our 'First Five Saturdays' devotions next Saturday, 7th May.

This involves Confession, Communion, the Rosary and Meditation. Therefore, I will be in the Church at Our Lady of Peace from 8.30am for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Morning Prayer will be at 9.30am; Mass is at 10.00am and will be followed by the Rosary and a period of Meditation.

We are asking Our Lady for the Conversion of Russia – surely a morning in prayer is not hard for us to give?

The Miraculous Medal Group!

Thank you to all those who came for the Mass last Wednesday and were invested with the medal. We have some work to do in preparation now and we meet again for Mass on Monday, 27th May to move on to our next phase!

St. Catherine Labouré – pray for us
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – pray for us

May Procession at Belmont Abbey

It would be good to travel out as a Parish to an event to celebrate! So I have arranged a coach to go to Belmont Abbey on Wednesday, 11th May for the Torchlight Procession which starts at 9.00pm.

We propose leaving between 6.00 – 6.30pm so that we can have a little time in the Abbey grounds before it begins. I am waiting for a cost, but you can book a seat on the list in the church or use the Parish email:

newbridge@rcadc.org

Newbridge & District Ladies Choir

will be singing in Our Lady of Peace on Wednesday June 22nd.
Please make a note of this date in your diaries!

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!

Donations to date amount to **£570! Well done!**
This collection continues and the Black Box will travel around each Mass. When we have an amount it will be sent straight to where it can do most good!

Please pray for...

The soul of Wlada Tomaszewski!

Her funeral Mass will be at the Sacred Heart on Friday, 6th May at 12.30pm.
Please pray also for Robert & Sandra and the family.
May she rest in Peace!

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 \(castlewailes.com\)](http://Basingwerk Abbey (castlewailes.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!

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 ££s 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!!

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 after Mass on **Sunday May 1st** at **12.31am** via zoom. ID 789 809 7636

SVP Meeting

The next meeting for the SVP will take place on
Monday May 9th 2022 at 2.30pm.

Smelly Collection! & Baby Items

These are two different collections.

The 'Smelly Collection' is still continuing. **We no longer require pyjamas and nightdresses at this time, thank you.**

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!

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 28th 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 May 21st/22nd, 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.

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

**We will be re-starting our sessions on
Monday May 9th at 12.30pm.
Do come along and join in with us –
the more the merrier!**

Social & Fundraising

Next meeting for the Social and Fundraising Group will be on

Monday May 16th 2022 at 7.30pm via zoom.

Our next event for this year will be

Newbridge & District Ladies Choir

They will be singing in the church on **Wednesday June 22nd.**

Please make a note of this date in your diaries.

Tickets will be available shortly for this event.

Further details will be published soon.

Easter Raffle Results

Thank you to all who supported our Easter raffle this year. It raised £260. Well done!

The winners were as follows:

- 1st – Bottle of whiskey – Rose Jenkins 125
- 2nd – Voucher – Mary Shattock 93
- 3rd – Chocolate eggs – Claire Jenkins 254
- 4th – Hair dryer – Bernard Stephens 120
- 5th - Pinot Grigio – Matt Jenkins 305
- 6th - Simnel Cake – David Knott 147
- 7th – Hand made Bag - Maria Hurdley 472
- 8th – Red wine – Sarah Markey 439
- 9th – Body shop set – Imelda Mortimer 446
- 10th – Pamper gift set – Claire Jenkins 108
- 11th – Thornton's chocolates – Angela Gatti 411
- 12th – Rose wine – Matt Jenkins 445
- 13th – Lavender gift set – Maria and Paul 247

'Name the Easter Bunny' Competition

The winner of our 'Name the Bunny' competition was

Don

Chosen by Carole Bartley

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you all for taking part.

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](tel: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!

Our other two churches are now open. 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

Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't.

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!

