



PRECIOUS WOUNDS BULLETIN

The Five Precious Wounds Catholic Church,
Brentfield Road, Stonebridge, London NW10 8ER

Mass Times: Saturdays 6 pm; Sundays 10 am
& 12:30pm
Monday 10 am - Tuesday 10am
Wednesday 10 am - Thursday Closed
Friday 10 am; **Holy Hour:** Fridays after Mass
Confessions: Fridays after Mass from 10:40
am to 11:20 am and at other times on request
after Mass

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (10th October 2021)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom
came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and
thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as
nothing.

I reckoned no priceless stone to be her
peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch
of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to
me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89(90):12-17

*Fill us with your love so that we may
rejoice.*

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

*Fill us with your love so that we may
rejoice.*

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.

*Fill us with your love so that we may
rejoice.*

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

*Fill us with your love so that we may
rejoice.*

Second reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the
kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my

earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle

than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?'

Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgement for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word possessions as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow me." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.



We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Last week's collection

Planned giving £369.00. Loose plate £253.72

Our parish relies entirely on your donations to pay our bill. so thank you for making a difference! Many are now switching to making a standing order with their banks to make their weekly contributions. For more information, please visit our website www.preciouswounds.com and follow the link to making a donation.

Planned giving envelopes

If you contribute to the parish through the planned giving scheme, but have yet to collect your weekly envelopes, please take them home with you today. They are available at the back of church.

Celebration this Friday

Bishop John Sherrington will be coming to Stonebridge at 7pm this Friday to celebrate a 'Mass of Induction'. At this Mass Fr Tony will be formally inducted as your new parish priest. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the hall; please do come along.

First Holy Communion



We are blessed in having a great number of children who have enrolled to make their First Holy Communion in 2022. Thank you to all parents who have expressed a desire for their children receive this important sacrament.

However, due to such large numbers and to ensure we have an adequate number of catechists per child, we have had to

revise our plans for the preparation classes. We will now have to prepare our children in two separate groups: **years 3 and 4** will form one group, and **years 5 and above** another group.

Children in Year 3 and 4 will begin their classes today (10th October at 11.15am) as planned. Subsequent classes will be held on 10th October; 17th October; 7th November; 14th November; 28th November; 5th December and 12th December. We regret that we have to defer preparation classes for children in **Year 5 and above**, although it is still our intention that they receive their First Holy Communion in 2022. We will announce the revised plans for these year groups as soon as possible. We are very sorry for any disappointment or inconvenience this causes and thank you for your patience and understanding.

We have an urgent need for new catechists! If any parents are able to offer their services, please let Fr Tony know as soon as possible.

Sunday obligation

Over the summer, the bishops of England and Wales released a statement regarding the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays. This obligation has been suspended since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, but the bishops hope it can be reinstated at the beginning of Advent (from Sunday 28th

November). The full statement is on the website of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sunday-it-is-our-day/>).

Open house

Each Tuesday Fr Tony is holding an 'open house' between 5.00pm and 6.00pm in the parish hall. During this time he will be available to meet with you without an appointment, for a quick chat or to sign forms (e.g. school forms or passport forms).



Mass intentions

Arranging to have a Mass celebrated for someone's intentions, or for the repose of their soul, is a great act of faith and love. If you would like to book a Mass intention, please do so at the repository on Sunday mornings, or by taking a Mass intention envelope and putting it through the door or the presbytery.

Confirmation

If your child is currently in school years 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 etc., please take and fill in an application form today, even if your child was part of the classes before lockdown, so we may know if your child still wishes to receive this important sacrament. Dates for the preparation sessions will be announced in due course.

The Nigerian Catholic Association of Five Precious Wounds

The Association will be meeting immediately after the 12:30 Mass today, in the parish hall. Please note that Covid-19 secure measures will be in place for all meetings for the foreseeable future.'

Tea and coffee after Mass



Tea and coffee is served in the parish hall after each weekday Mass. Please join us if you can for a friendly chat and a cuppa!

Repository

The repository is open each Sunday at the 12.30pm Mass. Please stop by to buy candles, gifts, cards etc. If there is something you would like that is not currently in stock, Michelle may be able to order it for you. Please note that products for Christmas 2021 - and the popular statues of 'Sleeping Joseph' - are now in stock.



Altar servers

We are once again able to recruit new and old servers for Mass. If you would like your child to

serve at the Mass, please give your child's details to Deacon Andrew after Mass. We expect a high standard from our servers. Children must wear black shoes and are expected to arrive 30 minutes

before Mass begins to go through training each Sunday.

A message from Ms Halpin Interim Headteacher of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Nursery & Primary School

I would like to extend a warm invite to all parents seeking a Nursery or Primary School place for September 2022. We are a small, unique one form entry school hidden within an oasis of green with pupils from Nursery to Year 6. Our pupils are a delight, with happy smiling faces and a true zest for learning. We have a wonderful team of dedicated, nurturing staff who understand the importance of guiding our children on their faith journey through the teachings of Jesus Christ, and instilling the many fruits of the Holy Spirit including 'Love', 'Peace' and 'Kindness'. Within our inclusive and challenging curriculum, we aim to educate our children to the highest standards, and equip them with 21st Century skills in preparation for the next phase of their education and beyond.

For further information, or if you would like to come and visit us, please contact our school office on 0208 961 5037. Please note we have a small number of places currently available in our Nursery setting.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



USE THE WORD BANK BELOW
TO FILL IN THE PRAYER

Hail Mary,
full of _____, the _____ is
with thee. _____ art thou
amongst _____, and
blessed is the _____ of thy
_____, Jesus. Holy _____,
Mother of _____, _____ for
us _____, now
and at the _____
of our _____.
Amen.

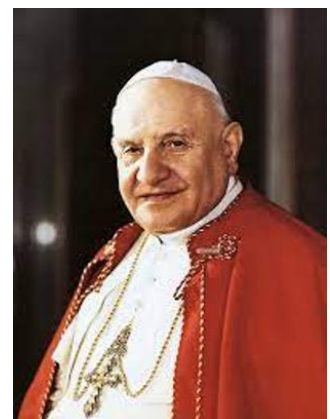
Word Bank

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| sinners | grace | Lord | fruit |
| Lord | womb | Blessed | hour |
| pray | death | women | God Mary |

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do"

Pope St John XXIII, (1181 - 1963) whose feast day falls on Monday. He was Bishop of Bergamo and Patriarch of Venice before being elected pope in 1958. He revised Canon Law and called the Second Vatican Council, which was still in session when he died.



THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Monday 10th October - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 7:7-11 The value of Wisdom

Hebrews 4:12-13 The word of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword

Mark 10:17-30 Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me

Monday 11th October

Romans 1:1-7 Paul's greetings to the Romans

Luke 11:29-32 As Jonah was a sign, so will the Son of Man be

Tuesday 12th October

Romans 1:16-25 The people knew God and failed to honour him

Luke 11:37-41 Give thanks for what you have and it will all be clean

Wednesday 13th October

Romans 2:1-11 He will repay each one as their works deserve

Luke 11:42-46 You overlook justice and the love of God

Thursday 14th October

Romans 3:21-30 There is only one God

Luke 11:47-54 Jesus' 'alas' statements

Friday 15th October - St Theresa of Avila

Romans 4:1-8 Abraham was justified by faith

Luke 12:1-7 Not one sparrow is forgotten in God's sight

Saturday 16th October

Romans 4:13,16-18 Abraham hoped and believed

Luke 12:8-12 If you declare yourselves for me, I will declare myself for you

