



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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (17^h October 2021)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his
servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a
long life
and through him what the Lord wishes
will be done.

His soul's anguish over,
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant
justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as
we place all our hope in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful

and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as
we place all our hope in you.*

The Lord looks on those who revere
him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as
we place all our hope in you.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as
we place all our hope in you.*

Second reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.



Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
says the Lord;

No one can come to the Father except
through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.'

He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honour they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.



Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Last week's collection

Planned giving **£406.50**. Loose plate **£279.11**.

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.

A celebration for Deacon Andrew

Sunday 31st October is the first anniversary of Deacon Andrew's ordination. To mark this occasion, we will celebrate with food and drink after the 12.30pm Mass. It is especially important to celebrate this anniversary, as we weren't able to throw Deacon Andrew a party on his ordination day due to Covid restrictions. Please join us to congratulate Deacon Andrew and say 'thanks' for all the work he does for us.

Please let Fr Tony or Deacon Andrew know if you can help with catering.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

If you are a non-Catholic thinking about exploring the Catholic faith - or if you are an adult who was baptised but never confirmed - then please consider joining our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programme. The RCIA is an introduction to Catholic Christianity which can lead to the reception of the sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation. Fr Tony is hoping to start an RCIA programme early in the new year - please speak to him if you are interested.

World Mission Sunday - 24th October 2021



Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our church's

mission to share God's love with all people.

This year we are focussing especially on the work of religious sisters who are helping to build peace in a troubled area of Nigeria by empowering women.

The Passage

The Passage, a Catholic Charity working with homeless people, has its annual opportunity to take up a public collection on the streets of the City of Westminster on Tuesday 19 October (from 7.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.). In order to make the most of this opportunity to raise funds to support homeless people they need more volunteers on the day. Could anyone interested please contact Andrew Hollingsworth
andrew.h@passage.org.uk 020 7592 1886 (07928 703131)

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 phoning the parish office on a weekday between 11.00am and 2.00pm. Many thanks.

Confirmation

If your child is currently in school years 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 etc., please take a 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.

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'.

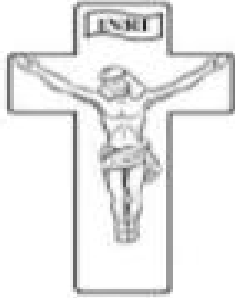


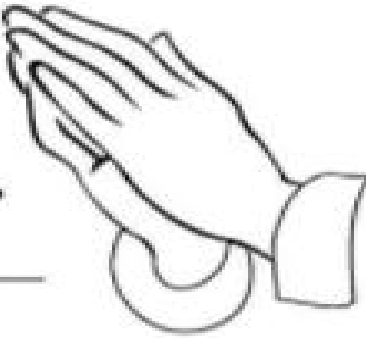
Within our inclusive and challenging curriculum we aim to educate our children to the highest standards, and equip them with 21st Century skills in preparation for the next phase of their education and beyond.

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




Our Father who art in _____,
Hallowed be Thy _____.
Thy _____
come, Thy Will be done,
on _____
as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily _____;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we _____ those
who _____ against us; and lead us not into _____,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless.”

Pope St John Paul II (1920-2005) whose feast day falls on Friday. Elected pope in 1978, his exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to many pastoral visits around the world.



THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday 17th October - 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 53:10-11 He shall see the light and be content

Hebrews 4:14-16 Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace

Mark 10:35-45 The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many

Monday 18th October - St Luke the Evangelist

2 Timothy 4:10-17 Only Luke is with me

Luke 10:1-9 Your peace will rest on that man

Tuesday 19th October

Romans 5:12,15,17-21 Divine grace came as an abundant free gift

Luke 12:35-38 Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit

Wednesday 20th October

Romans 6:12-18 You are living by grace and not the law

Luke 12:39-48 The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

Thursday 21st October

Romans 6:19-23 Now you are set free from sin, and slaves to God

Luke 12:49-53 I have come to bring fire on earth!

Friday 22nd October - Pope St John Paul II

Romans 7:18-25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord

Luke 12:54-59 Do you not know how to interpret these times?

Saturday 23rd October

Romans 8:1-11 The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you

Luke 13:1-9 'Leave the fig tree one more year'

