



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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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (24^h October 2021)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far
ends of earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not
stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125(126)

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with
laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*

The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*



Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of
song,
carrying their sheaves.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*

Second reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the
light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.



When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

This weekend

This weekend we welcome Fr Kevin O'Shea and Fr Cirino Potrido who will be celebrating our Sunday Masses. We also welcome Fr Guy Sawyer who will celebrate Mass for us on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mass schedule this week

Please note that on Monday this week there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion, instead of Mass. On Friday there will be no Adoration, Benediction or Confessions.

Last week's collection

Planned giving £384.00. Loose plate £308.32

Our parish relies entirely on your donations to pay our bills, 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.

Synodal Pathway

Earlier this month we received a pastoral letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols outlining the 'Synodal Pathway' for the Archdiocese of Westminster. Many of you will have heard his letter read out at Mass. The 'Synodal Pathway' is a world-

wide 'listening project' instigated by Pope Francis, seeking to discern the ways in which the Holy Spirit is leading the Church today. Further information can be found here: <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>

In response to this initiative, at Five Precious Wounds we will be handing out a questionnaire at the end of Masses on the weekend of 6th/7th November. This will seek your responses to questions such as: What would you wish to celebrate about how our parish lives its mission? What areas of mission are we neglecting? What steps might the Spirit be inviting us to take in order to make our communities more welcoming and missionary? All parishioners are encouraged to complete and return this questionnaire.

In addition, there will be two evening meetings in November at which we will discuss your responses to these questions, either one-to-one with Fr Tony and Deacon Andrew (Friday 19th November at 7.00pm) or in a group setting (Friday 26th November at 7.00pm). All are welcome.

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

Next 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.

Requiem Mass

The bi-annual Requiem Mass at St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green, will take place on Monday 8th November 2021 at 11.30am.

World Mission Sunday



World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world

today. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities who are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the mission of the church throughout the world and give what you can to this important collection. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Please note that there will be no 'open house' this week.

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) regarding admissions 2022-2023

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



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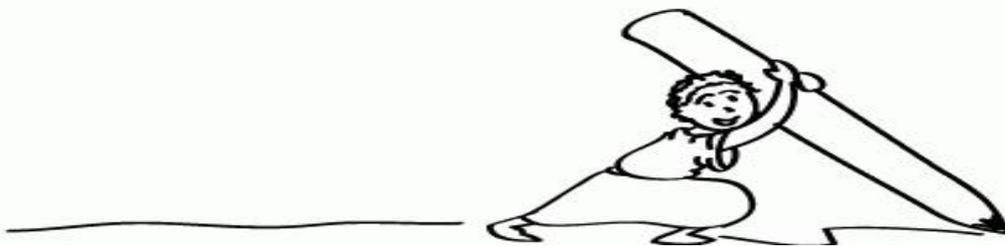
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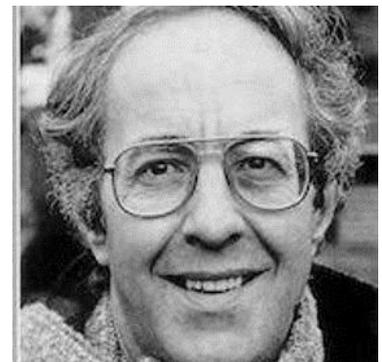
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Spiritual identity means we are not what we do or what people say about us. And we are not what we have. We are the beloved sons and daughters of God” - Henri Nouwen (1932-1996) who was a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian. After nearly two decades of teaching at academic institutions, Nouwen went on to work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the L'Arche Daybreak community in Ontario, Canada.



THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday 24th October - 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 31:7-9 I will guide them by a smooth path

Hebrews 5:1-6 You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek

Mark 10:46-52 Go: your faith has saved you

Monday 25th October

Romans 8:12-17 The Spirit bears witness that we are children of God

Luke 13:10-17 Jesus heals a crippled woman

Tuesday 26th October

Romans 8:18-25 The whole of creation is waiting for God to reveal his children

Luke 13:18-21 The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed

Wednesday 27th October

Romans 8:26-30 The Spirit himself expresses our pleas

Luke 13:22-30 The last shall be first

Thursday 28th October - Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles

Ephesians 2:19-22 In Christ, you are no longer aliens but citizens

Luke 6:12-16 Jesus chooses his twelve apostles

Friday 29th October

Romans 9:1-5 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord

Luke 14:1-6 Is it against the Law to cure a man on the Sabbath?

Saturday 30th October

Romans 11:1-2,11-12,25-29 As the chosen people, they are still loved by God

Luke 14:1,7-11 Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled

