



PRECIOUS WOUNDS BULLETIN

The Five Precious Wounds Catholic Church,
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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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (14th November 2021)



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Today, Remembrance Sunday, we pray for all those who have lost their lives in armed conflict.

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading: Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15(16):5,8-11

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,

nor let your beloved know decay.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

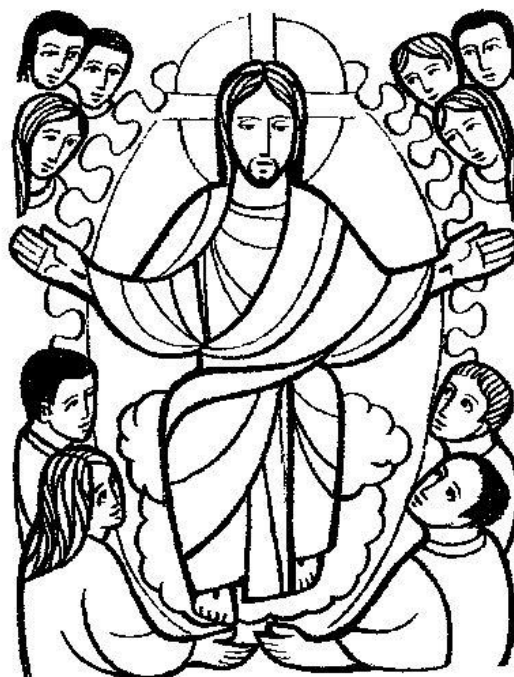
Gospel Acclamation: Mt24:42 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.



'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgement.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Last week's collection

Planned giving £597.09. Loose plate £403.00

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.

Deacon Andrew's anniversary celebration

Two Sundays ago we celebrated Deacon Andrew's first anniversary of ordination with a special Mass and a party in the hall. Many thanks to all in the parish who rallied round to make it such a lovely occasion.



Sick and retired priests

Thank you for your generous donations to the Sick and Retired Priests Fund last weekend. We raised a grand total of £474.02.

Baptism preparation

Please note that the next preparation class for parents of children who are due to be baptised will be held on Tuesday 7th December at 7.30pm in the parish hall.

Synodal Pathway - Questionnaire

Last 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 at <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>

In response to this initiative, you can take a questionnaire which is available at the back of church this weekend. 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.

Additionally, there will be two evening meetings at which we will discuss your responses to these questions, either one-to-one with Fr Tony and Deacon Andrew (this Friday, 19th November, at 7.00pm) or in a group setting (Friday 26th November at 7.00pm). All are welcome. Responses will be summarised (maintaining confidentiality) and returned to the Diocese.

Hymn book collection

One of the things we have missed during the Covid-19 restrictions in singing in church. We now hope to return to more regular singing at the beginning of Advent. Today we will have a second collection to help purchase more hymn books (as many of the previous ones were disposed of due to being old and tattered) and help our music ministry in church. Please give as generously as you can so we can once more praise God in song!

SVP Vinnie Packs

The SVP are distributing 11,500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237 . Thank you so much for your support.

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.

First Holy Communion

The next sessions for children in years 3 and 4 will be on Sundays 14th and 28th November, and 5th and 12th

December. The Christmas workshop will be on 19th December. We will announce plans for children in years 5 and 6 soon.

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.

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 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.

Open House

Open House this Tuesday 5pm to 6pm in the church, to see Fr Tony briefly without an appointment.

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!



Holy Souls Book

During November, we place a book of remembrance, containing the names of loved ones who have died, near the altar to signify our prayers for them and for all the suffering souls in Purgatory. If you would like your loved ones' names to be included, please put your list of names in one of the envelopes provided and hand it in at the Church shop or drop it through the Presbytery letterbox. Masses for the Holy Souls will be celebrated here at the Five Precious Wounds during November. If you would like to support the parish through a donation, please use the envelopes provided. A suggested donation is £10.

Repository

Between now and Christmas the repository will be open after the 10.00am Mass in addition to 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.

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



'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.' (Mark 13:32)

This activity is based on today's Gospel. Can you find the hidden words in the word search below?

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'The greater and more persistent your confidence in God, the more abundantly you will receive what you ask' - St Albert the Great (1206-1280), whose feast day falls on Monday



THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday 14th November - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Daniel 12:1-3 Some will wake to everlasting life

Hebrews 10:11-14,18 He has achieved the eternal perfection of all he is sanctifying

Mark 13:24-32 The stars will fall from heaven

Monday 15th November

1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64 The persecution of Antiochus Epiphanes

Luke 18:35-43 'Son of David, have pity on me'

Tuesday 16th November

2 Maccabees 6:18-31 His death was an example of nobility and a record of virtue

Luke 19:1-10 Salvation comes to the house of Zacchaeus

Wednesday 17th November

2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31 The creator of the world will give you back breath and life

Luke 19:11-28 The parable of the talents

Thursday 18th November

1 Maccabees 2:15-29 'Heaven preserve us from forsaking the Law'

Luke 19:41-44 Jesus sheds tears over the fate of Jerusalem

Friday 19th November

1 Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59 Judas and his brothers purify the sanctuary

Luke 19:45-48 You have turned God's house into a robbers' den

Saturday 20th November

1 Maccabees 6:1-13 'I remember the wrong I did in Jerusalem'

Luke 20:27-40 In God all men are alive

