



PRECIOUS WOUNDS BULLETIN

The Five Precious Wounds Catholic Church,
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Mass Times: Saturdays 6 pm; Sundays 10 am & 12:30pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10am.

Holy Hour: Fridays after Mass

Confessions: Fridays after Mass from 10:40 am to 11:20 am, Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (30th JANUARY 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!

And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying:

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
'So now brace yourself for action.
Stand up and tell them
all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

'I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze

to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you –

it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 70(71):1-6,15,17

My lips will tell of your help.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me.

My lips will tell of your help.

Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked.

My lips will tell of your help.

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth, from my
mother's womb you have been my help.

My lips will tell of your help.

My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still.

My lips will tell of your help.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation:

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: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?'

But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."'

And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Communion Antiphon: Isaiah 7: 14

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday we read from the Gospel of Luke, continuing immediately from last week's Gospel. Recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah and announced that this Scripture was now fulfilled. In today's Gospel, we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised. They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know.



This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe him to be. The story of Jesus' preaching and rejection at Nazareth is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels. In Luke's Gospel, this incident is told in a way that foretells Jesus' passion and death and helps explain the inclusion of the Gentiles in the promise of salvation. In Luke's Gospel this incident appears at the beginning of Jesus' ministry; in Matthew and Mark, this event is placed considerably later, after Jesus has preached and taught elsewhere. Only Luke identifies the content of Jesus' teaching in any detail, telling us that Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue. In Mark and Matthew's Gospels, Jesus teaches in the synagogue in Nazareth, and the townspeople take offense because Jesus is only the son of a carpenter. They reject his authority to teach them. In Matthew and Mark, it is only after Jesus is rejected that he observes times when Israel has rejected prophets.

In Luke's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection.

It is helpful to consider the historical context of Luke's Gospel. Luke has witnessed the acceptance of the gospel message among many Gentiles. He endeavors to explain why the Good News of Jesus has not been as well-received by his Jewish contemporaries. Luke's report interprets the cause of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the gospel.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. This differs from the reports found in Mark and Matthew's Gospels, where Jesus is said to be unable to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Covid-19

Please be advised that face masks are once more mandatory in church, unless you have a valid exemption.

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm Kathleen McGivern RIP

Sunday 10.00am Ester & William Seath RIP

Sunday 12.30pm Coral Goveia RIP anniversary

Monday 10.00am Mary-Ann and Patrick Flanagan RIP anniversary

Tuesday 10.00am Sevira Rodrigues RIP, 1st anniversary and birthday, and Maeve Mascarenhes, birthday

Wed 10.00am Family intention from Charity Ufomba

Friday 10.00am Fr. Felix Noronha RIP

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 by phoning the parish during office hours (see above), by visiting the repository on Sunday mornings, or by taking a Mass intention envelope and putting it through the door or the presbytery.

Last week's collection

Planned giving £313.00. Loose plate £580.96. 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.

Office opening hours

Following her appointment as parish administrator, please contact Violet about booking Masses, obtaining duplicate certificates, placing items in the newsletter, and so on. The parish office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30am until 2.30pm.

Contactless Giving

DONA is a new Diocesan scheme to make your weekly giving to the parish (and any one-off giving) much easier. It is a debit/credit card contactless payment system. We will be introducing DONA in the parish next weekend (5th/6th February) - you'll see the machine on the left as you enter the main body of the church. Please do use it as you wish, especially if you choose to carry no cash. You can choose to gift-aid your donations if you are a UK taxpayer. Please note that DONA will also be available to make card payments in the repository.

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.

Volunteers needed for counting

At the moment we have a very small and dedicated team of parishioners who meet on Monday mornings to count the previous weekend's collection. It would be great to have a few more volunteers to help them in their important work - are you able to assist? If so, please speak to Fr Tony or Deacon Andrew. Many thanks.

Tea and coffee after the 12.30pm Mass on Sundays



From next Sunday we will be serving teas and coffees in the parish centre after the 12.30pm Mass on Sundays. It is so important now that the pandemic is receding to find ways of building up our community community once more. Please come along – all welcome! We will initially trial this during the month of February, and will continue if we get a good response.

Monthly devotions

First Saturday Devotion – Rosary Group: first Saturday of each month at 4.00pm in the parish hall.

Divine Mercy Devotion – third Saturday of each month at 3.00pm in the parish hall.

Confirmation preparation

This year we have a very large number of candidates for Confirmation, due in part to the backlog caused by the pandemic. Instead of an extended programme running over several weeks, we plan instead to run two whole-day preparation classes on Saturday 2nd April and Saturday 7th May. We will be joined on these days by members of the Diocesan Youth Service outreach team, who will help to make them lively and engaging events.

Please note that attendance on both days is mandatory for those wishing to be confirmed.

First Holy Communion – Year 3 and 4

The next preparation sessions for First Holy Communion for Year 3 and 4 are as follows: 6th February, 27th February, 6th March, 20th March, 10th April (after the 10.00am Sunday Mass)

First Holy Communion – Year 5 and 6

The next preparation sessions for First Holy Communion for Year 5 and 6 are as follows: 2nd February, 9th February, 23rd February and 2nd March, between 6pm and 7pm. These children will make their First Holy Communion alongside the Year 3 and 4 children in May.

We apologise that the class was cancelled at very short notice this week.

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. The programme will run on Saturday mornings at 11.00am from 5th February – please speak to Fr Tony if interested.

Open House

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

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.



Tea and coffee after weekday Mass

Teas and coffees are once again be served in the parish centre after each weekday Mass. Do join us if you can for a friendly chat and a cuppa!

Message from Ms Halpin – Interim Headteacher of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Nursery & Primary School – Admissions 2022-2023

I would like to extend a warm invite to all parents seeking a Nursery place for September 2022. We are a small, unique one form entry school hidden within an oasis of green trees and shrubbery. Our Nursery children are a delight, with happy smiling faces and a true zest for learning through play, exploring and being active. As play is one of the most important ways in which young children gain essential knowledge and skills we provide our children with engaging and challenging experiences through a balance of adult led activities and a well-resourced provision which allows children to initiate their own activities. For further information, or if you would like to come and visit our wonderful school, please contact our school office on 0208 961 5037. Please note that we currently have limited places available for this year's intake.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



This word search is inspired by today's Gospel. How many of the hidden words can you find?

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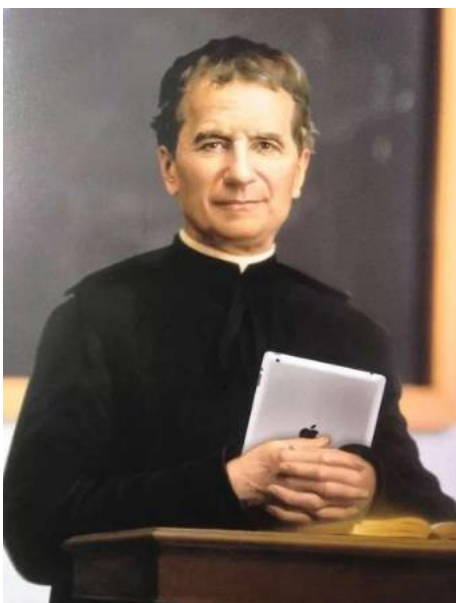
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“We do not go to Holy Communion because we are good; we go to Holy Communion because we want to become good” - Saint John Bosco, 1815-1888.

St John Bosco was a priest who founded the religious order called the Salesians of Don Bosco, dedicated mainly to the welfare of boys and young men. His feast day falls this Monday.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday 30th January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 'I have appointed you prophet to the nations'

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 The supremacy of charity

Luke 4:21-30 No prophet is accepted in his own country

Monday 31st January St John Bosco, priest

2 Samuel 15:13-14,30,16:5-13 David flees Absalom

Mark 5:1-20 The Gadarene swine

Tuesday 1st February

2 Samuel 18:9-10,14,24-25,30-19:3 David mourns Absalom

Mark 5:21-43 Little girl, I tell you to get up

Wednesday 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4 The Lord you are seeking will enter his Temple

Luke 2:22-32 My eyes have seen your salvation

Thursday 3rd February Sts Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury

1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12 David's dying exhortation to Solomon

Mark 6:7-13 'Take nothing with you'

Friday 4th February

Ecclesiasticus 47:2-13 David sang out of love for his maker

Mark 6:14-29 The beheading of Joh the Baptist

Saturday 5th February St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

1 Kings 3:4-13 Solomon chooses the gift of Wisdom

Mark 6:30-34 They were like sheep without a shepherd

