



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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (6th FEBRUARY 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 94: 6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First reading: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord
of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled
the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each
one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the
voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple
was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of
Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in
his hand a live coal which he had taken from the
altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched
my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:
'Whom shall I send? Who will be our
messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137(138):1-5,7-8

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 106: 8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.



In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm Brian and Mary Shannahan RIP anniversary

Sunday 10.00am Clan Francis - recovery from operation

Sunday 12.30pm Clarence & Albertha Plaza RIP anniversary

Monday 10.00am Mary Keaton RIP anniversary

Tuesday 10.00am Breda Harvey Intention

Wed 10.00am Joan O'Connell 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.

This Friday we welcome to Mass the children and staff of Our Lady of Lourdes primary school, as they celebrate their feast day.

Last week's collection

Planned giving £640.60. Loose plate £565.53. 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 have introduced DONA in the parish this 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 this 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 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: 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.

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 is running on Saturday mornings at 11.00am 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!

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony: Westminster Cathedral, May 2022 (Date to be confirmed).

Archbishop Vincent is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and every year over 60th) anniversary of Catholic

marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the following details to the Fr Tony or Violet, our administrator: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Sick and housebound

We plan to introduce a list of sick and housebound in our newsletter, so that we can remember them in prayer. Please give the names of anyone you would like mentioned in the newsletter to Fr Tony or Violet, our administrator.

Michael Miller, whom some of you may remember as a dedicated organist and choir master of our parish in the 70's and 80's, has died aged 80 years. He was joined by his very good friend Jimmy Ingram, a versatile musician and conductor, in helping to organise the singing. Michael was talented and inspirational and both helped to build up the choir. Michael was well liked and had a good rapport with everyone. May Michael's soul rest in peace. Amen.

Baptism preparation

Please note that the next baptism preparation session will be on Friday 4th March at 7.30pm in the parish centre. Any parents wishing to have their children baptised are invited to attend. Please let Father Tony know via email if you plan to come along (tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk)

Second collection – White Flower Appeal

There will be second collection next weekend (12th/13th February) on behalf of the SPUC White Flower appeal. SPUC is a charity which spreads a pro-life message in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and internationally. They advocate the need for a consistent life ethic – one that values the lives of all human beings –

and so campaign against all direct threats to the lives of vulnerable individuals, such as abortion, euthanasia and embryo abuse. A speaker from the charity will speak for a short while at the end of Masses. Please support this appeal as generously as you can.

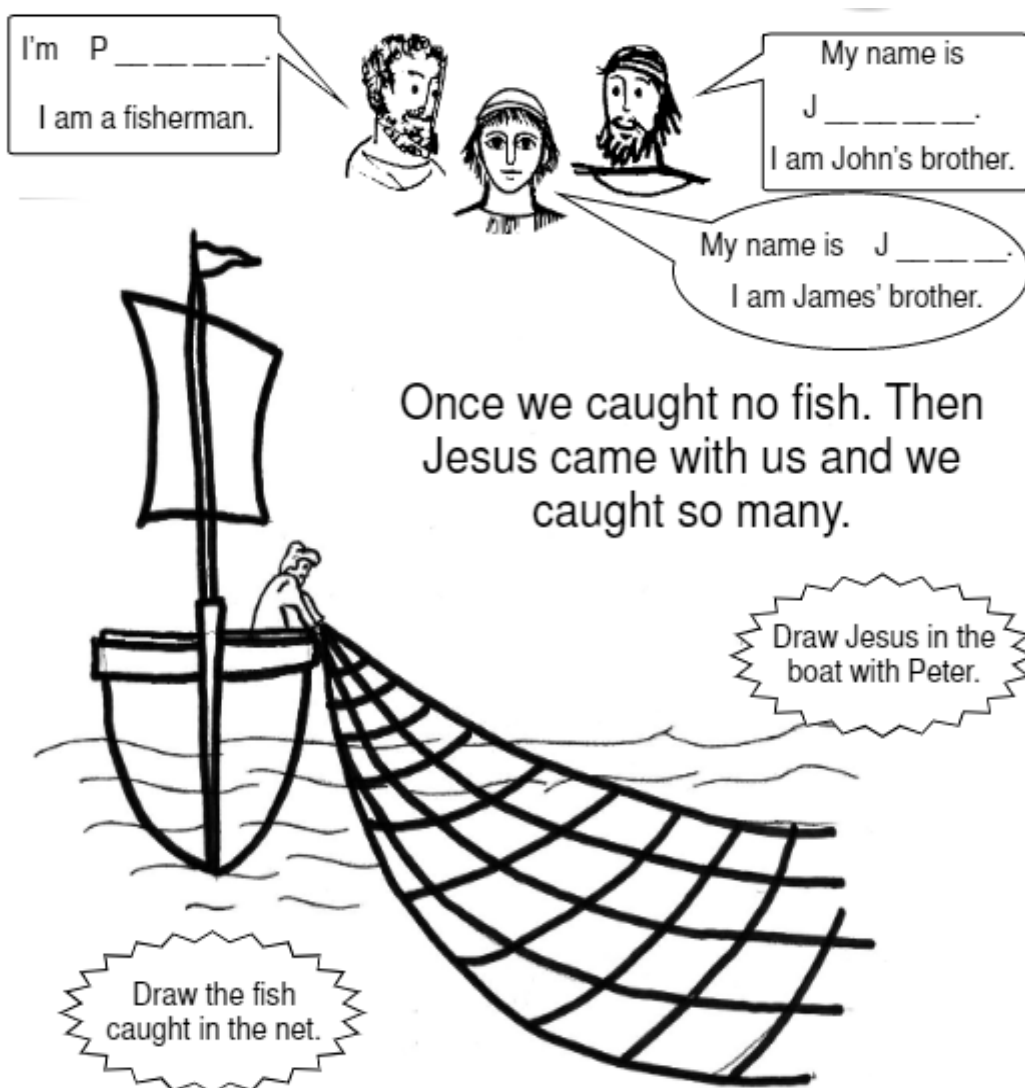
Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

The annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes on the World Day of the Sick will take place at 2pm on Saturday 12th February in Westminster Cathedral. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Cathedral's livestream, which can be accessed at www.westminstercathedral.org.uk or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXx0dFI8GV5D9DSZo46ox6Q>

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



QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“Oh my mother, it is to your heart that I come to lay down the anguish of my heart; it is there that I draw strength and courage” – St Bernadette to Our Lady of Lourdes.

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes falls this Friday, 11th February.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday 6th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8 'Here I am: send me'

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 I preached what the others preached, and you all believed

Luke 5:1-11 They left everything and followed him

Monday 7th February

1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13 The Ark is brought to the Temple

Mark 6:53-56 All who touched him were cured

Tuesday 8th February

1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30 'Listen to the prayer your servant makes in this place'

Mark 7:1-13 'This people honours me only with lip-service'

Wednesday 9th February

1 Kings 10:1-10 Solomon prays to the Lord in the Temple

Mark 7:14-23 It is what comes out of a man that makes him unclean

Thursday 10th February St Scholastica

1 Kings 11:4-13 For the sake of David my servant, I will leave you one tribe

Mark 7:24-30 The astuteness of the Syro-Pheonician woman

Friday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes

Isaiah 66:10-14 Towards Jerusalem I send flowing peace, like a river

John 2:1-11 'Do whatever he tells you'

Saturday 12th February

1 Kings 12:26-32,13:33-34 The prophecy of the separation of Israel

Mark 8:1-10 The feeding of the four thousand

