



# 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, 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

**Office open:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10.30am – 2.30pm

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022)

### TODAY'S MASS READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 30: 3-4**

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me.

**First reading:**

**1 Samuel 26:2,7-9, 11-13, 22-23**

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the

spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13**

*The Lord is compassion and love.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

*The Lord is compassion and love.*

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,

who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.

*The Lord is compassion and love.*

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.

*The Lord is compassion and love.*

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

*The Lord is compassion and love.*

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

**Gospel Acclamation: Acts 16:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke:6:27-38**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

**Communion Antiphon: Psalm 9:2-3**

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.



Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

## **This week's Mass intentions**

**Saturday 6.00pm -**

**Sunday 10.00am** Alice Lasrado RIP

**Sunday 12.30pm** -Ubaldo Rosario RIP

**Monday 10.00am** - Fidela Zulueta - Family  
Intention

**Tuesday 10.00am -**

**Wed 10.00am -**

**Friday 10.00am -**

## **Sick or housebound**

Please keep in your prayers our parishioners who are sick or house bound:

Betty O'Reilly (Elizabeth)

## **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 £357.80. Loose plate £302.25. 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](http://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.

## **Palm crosses**

Time is passing quickly and it will soon be Ash Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> March). If you have any palm crosses from last year, please do bring them back to the church. They will be burned and used for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Many thanks.

## **Lorna Marie RIP – a celebration**

Many of you will have very fond memories of Lorna Marie, a faithful parishioner of Five Precious Wounds, who sadly died last August. To mark what would have been her birthday, Cecil and his family would like to invite you to a special celebration in the parish centre on 6<sup>th</sup> March, after the 12.30pm Mass. There will be a Caribbean-style Sunday brunch, refreshments and a raffle (with contributions going to the parish).

## **Ann Onemireme RIP**

The Requiem Mass of Ann Onemireme RIP will take place this Friday (25<sup>th</sup> February) at 12pm here at Five Precious Wounds. May she rest in peace.

## **Michael Miller RIP**

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Michael Miller (former head of music at Five Precious Wounds) will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at the church of St Martin de Porres, in Luton. For more information please ring the church on 01582 663706.

## **Hymn book collection**

Fr Tony writes: many thanks to all those who contributed to the recent collection for new parish hymn books. We received many individual donations, and also substantial donations from our Ghanaian, Nigerian and Filipino communities. I am delighted to say that we exceeded our target of £1,500. We have been using our new hymn books since the beginning of Advent, and I hope you agree

it is wonderful to be singing in church again! I am grateful for your generosity.

### **CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge**

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk).

### **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. 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**



We are now 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. Any donations collected will be sent to **Mary's Meal** charity.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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: 27<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> 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: 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 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, on 14 May 2022.** Archbishop Vincent is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60<sup>th</sup>) 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.

### Baptism preparation

Please note that the next baptism preparation session will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk))

### 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



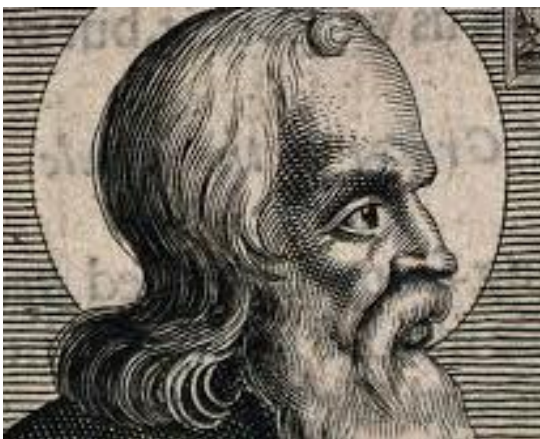
This wordsearch is inspired by today's Gospel.  
How many hidden words can you find?

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



**“Stand fast, therefore, in this conduct and follow the example of the Lord, firm and unchangeable in faith, lovers of the brotherhood, loving each other, united in truth, helping each other with the mildness of the Lord, despising no man.”**  
St Polycarp (AD 69-155), whose feast day falls on Wednesday

# THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23** 'Do not lift your hand against the Lord's anointed'

**1 Corinthians 15:45-49** 'The First Adam became a living soul; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit'

**Luke 6:27-38** 'Love your enemies'

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**James 3:13-18** 'Show wisdom and avoid ambition'

**Mark 9:14-29** 'Help the little faith I have'

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February St Peter's Chair**

**1 Peter 5:1-4** 'Watch over the flock, not simply as a duty but gladly'

**Mathew 16:13-19** 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church'

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr**

**James 4:13-17** 'You cannot know what will happen tomorrow'

**Mark 9:38-40** 'You must not stop anyone from working miracles in my name'

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**James 5:1-6** 'The Lord hears the cries of those you have cheated'

**Mark 9:41-50** 'If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off'

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**James 5:9-12** 'Do not ask for judgement, or you may receive it'

**Mark 10:1-12** 'What God has united, man must not divide'

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**James 5:13-20** 'A good man's heartfelt prayer has great power'

**Mark 10:13-16** 'It is to such as these little children that the kingdom of God belongs'

