



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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (6th MARCH 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First reading:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

“My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me.”

'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 90(91):1-2, 10-15

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways.

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,'
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Second reading: Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Mathew 4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth
of God.
*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal
glory!*

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the
test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

Communion Antiphon: Mathew 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the
mouth of God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.



Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

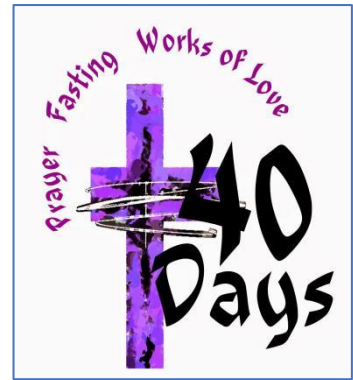
This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

THE SEASON OF LENT

This is the Holy Season of Lent. As Cardinal Vincent said in his pastoral letter of last weekend: "...we respond to the Lord's invitation to come forward and meet him afresh. He invites us to come through the doors of the church to stand before him and receive his blessing, his mark of mercy."



NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm -

Sunday 10.00am RIP Anniversary

Sunday 12.30pm Lorna Marie RIP Birthday

Monday 10.00am Fidela Zulueta Family Intention

Tuesday 10.00am Victoria Nicholas, Mathew Nicholas, Mathewin Nicholas, Avon Nicholas – RIP

Wednesday 10.00am Flora Cardoza - Ukraine Intention

Friday 10am John Douglas RIP

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 £564.50. Loose plate £361.31. 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

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stonebridge/donate/>

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.

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, today, 6th March, after the 12.30pm Mass. There will be a Caribbean-style Sunday brunch, refreshments and a raffle (with contributions going to the parish).

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross. Please do join us for this beautiful devotion, starting at 7.00pm. There will also be Confessions beginning at 6.15pm.

Confessions during Lent

Confession times during Lent are as follows: Friday 10.40am-11.20am and 6.15pm-6.50pm; Saturday

5.15pm-5.45pm. It is also hoped that a visiting priest will be hearing Confessions during Sunday Masses on at least one Sunday during Lent.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022

This year, we celebrate 10 years of Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the Diocese, working with parishes to restore hope, and enable people to lead a life of dignity and worth. Fund raised in this year's Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Course: No Greater Love

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you. The course will run for five Fridays, beginning on 11th March, at 12.00 noon in the parish centre. A light Lenten lunch (bread, cheese, fruit) will be served. Please join us.

Walk With Me

Walk With Me is a daily Lenten companion in the form of a small booklet, with a scripture reading and reflection for each day of this holy season. It includes an introduction by our Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Copies of Walk With Me are now available at the back of church. If you would like to make a donation, we suggest £1 per copy.

Novena to St. Joseph - Feast day 19th March. The Mill Hill Missionaries encourage us to pray a Novena to St. Joseph from 10th March to 18th March 2022 to honour St. Joseph and for our own intentions. To make the Novena, simply pray to St Joseph during this time. You can say your own prayer or use the following prayer at any time of the day or night for nine days.

'Almighty God, you have chosen St. Joseph to be the mainstay of Jesus and Mary, the wise and faithful servant in whom they could trust. We pray, that he may truly be the guardian of your Church; that he may inspire with confidence those who are devoted to him; that he may give security to those who work in the vineyard of your Son, and finally, that he may be a source of strength to us, who wish, like him, to dedicate ourselves to Christ's service, now and in times to come. Amen.'

CAFOD's Family Fast day is on Friday 11 March 2022. There is a second collection for CAFOD on Sunday 13 March 2022.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 March, 20th March, 10th April (after the 10.00am Sunday Mass)

First Holy Communion – Year 5 and 6

The final two sessions are on Wednesdays 9th and 16th March. These children will make their First Holy Communion alongside the Year 3 and 4 children in May.

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 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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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

S	L	E	G	N	A	L	O	N	E
T	S	D	E	T	P	M	E	T	W
E	Y	E	A	X	F	A	O	L	I
P	T	T	N	E	H	L	I	D	P
A	H	S	R	R	R	V	Y	E	I
R	R	U	E	O	E	B	R	V	H
A	O	A	N	D	F	D	O	L	S
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WILDERNESS
TEMPTED
DEVIL
FORTY
STONE
BREAD
ALONE
GLORY
WORSHIP
PARAPET
ANGELS
EXHAUSTED

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“The first virtue is faith, believing all that holy mother church believes and holds, keeping and putting into practice what she commands”

- St John of God, whose feast day falls this Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday 6th March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 'The creed of the Chosen People'

Romans 10:8-13 'The creed of the Christian'

Luke 4:1-13 'The temptation in the wilderness'

Monday 7th March St. Perpetua and St. Felicity Martyrs

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 'Only pass judgement on your neighbour according to justice'

Mathew 25:31-46 'I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me'

Tuesday 8th March

Isaiah 55:10-11 'The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty'

Mathew 6:7-15 'How to pray'

Wednesday 9th March

Jonah 3:1-10 'The Ninevites repent, and God spares them'

Luke 11:29-32 'As Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be a sign'

Thursday 10th March

Esther 4:17 'I am alone, Lord, and have no-one but you'

Mathew 7:7-12 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find'

Friday 11th March

Ezekiel 18: 21-28 'I prefer to see the wicked man renounce his wickedness and live'

Mathew 5:20-26 'Anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it'

Saturday 12th March

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 'You will be a people consecrated to the Lord'

Mathew 5:43-48 'Pray for those who persecute you'

