



# 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 OF EASTER (8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022)

### TODAY'S MASS READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

#### First reading:

##### Acts 13:14,43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,

so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

##### Psalm 99(100):1-3,5

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age.

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

**Second reading:**

**Apocalypse 7:9,14-17**

I, John, saw a huge number,  
impossible to count, of people from  
every nation, race, tribe and  
language; they were standing in front  
of the throne and in front of the  
Lamb, dressed in white robes and  
holding palms in their hands. One of  
the elders said, 'These are the people  
who have been through the great  
persecution, and because they have  
washed their robes white again in the  
blood of the Lamb, they now stand in  
front of God's throne and serve him  
day and night in his sanctuary; and  
the One who sits on the throne will  
spread his tent over them. They will  
never hunger or thirst again; neither  
the sun nor scorching wind will ever  
plague them, because the Lamb who

is at the throne will be their shepherd  
and will lead them to springs of living  
water; and God will wipe away all  
tears from their eyes.'

**Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know  
me.

Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 10:27-30**

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my  
voice;  
I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is  
greater than anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.'

**Communion Antiphon:**

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,  
and be pleased to settle in eternal  
pastures  
the sheep you have redeemed  
by the Precious Blood of your Son.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see [John 10:31](#) and [10:39](#)). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.



Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

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

**Saturday 6.00pm** - James O'Malley - RIP

**Sunday 10.00am** John O'Donoghue - RIP

**Sunday 12.30pm** - Francisco Quinones - RIP  
Anniversary

**Monday 10.00am** - Alison & Jamie - RIP  
Birthday

**Tuesday 10.00am** - Liberation of all those  
suffering addictions

**Wed 10.00am** - Mary O'Donoghue - family  
Intention

**Friday 10.00am** - Peter Noonan - Get Well

## **Last week's collection**

Planned giving £535.60. Loose plate £437.66.

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.

**Nigerian Friends** meet Monthly on the 2nd  
Sunday of the month at 1 pm

**Ghanaian Association** meet Monthly on the last  
Sunday of the month at 1 pm

**Filipino Association:** Mass on the First Sunday  
of the month at 3 pm

## **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.

## **Sick or housebound**

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

Betty O'Reily (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.

**Please pray** for all our children who are  
receiving Holy Communion for the first time  
at the 12.30pm Mass today (8<sup>th</sup> May).

## **First Holy Communion rehearsal**

There will be a rehearsal for our final First Holy  
Communion Mass on the following date:

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00pm** (ONLY for those  
making their First Communion on 22<sup>nd</sup> May).

**This Friday (13th May)** we welcome staff and  
pupils from Our Lady of Lourdes primary school  
to the 10.00am Mass, for a celebration of the  
Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

## **Priest Training Fund**

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our  
second collection will support the Priest Training  
Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of  
men for the Catholic priesthood. There are  
currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall  
seminary, 17 of whom are from our own  
Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome,

also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

### **Walsingham Pilgrimage**

If you would like to join the Annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham on 26.06.22, please contact June on 02089613332; or Cecil on 02084596880.

### **Catholic Universe newspaper**

The Catholic Universe delivers the news to you weekly, direct into your inbox. A quarterly subscription costs just 20. Would you like to subscribe, or give a subscription to someone who deserves one? To subscribe, or to purchase a subscription as a gift, simply phone Michelle on [0743 661 7650](tel:07436617650) or email [sales@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:sales@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

### **Planned giving envelopes**

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year 2022-23 are ready for collection. They can be collected at the back of the Church after Mass today. If you can remember your envelope number, it will be helpful while collecting your envelope box.

If anyone would like to contribute their offertory through planned giving envelopes, please let us

know. We can provide you with the new envelopes.

### **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.

### **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.



### **Ukraine Support**

CAFOD has launched a humanitarian appeal for Ukraine. To transfer the funds directly to Caritas Ukraine and Poland, please follow this link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

### **Tea and coffee after Mass**

Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the 12.30pm Mass on Sundays and after all weekday Masses.

### **Sick and housebound**

We have introduced 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.

### **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.

### **Missio - Thank you**

The wonderful amount of £1,108.40 was raised by the parishioner of the Five Precious Wounds Church in 2021 via the Red Box along with any money our parishioner gave directly (eg; online, by cheque sent to Missio or through Direct Debit).

Many, many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

A Thank You poster from Missio is on our Church Notice Board

### **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 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 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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, or please join one of our Open Mornings...

### **Our Lady of Lourdes primary school open mornings**

Nursery Open Morning: Tuesday 21st June at 09:30 – 10:30

Reception Open Morning: Wednesday 22nd June at 09:30 – 10:30

**Newman Catholic College** allows you to have an insight into the busy, inclusive Catholic School in Harlesden. For Newsletter of Spring edition and for more information of the college please check their website:

<https://www.ncc.brent.sch.uk>



## CHILDREN'S CORNER



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

I	F	K	W	O	L	L	O	F	E
E	N	O	Y	N	A	T	A	R	H
T	S	E	L	G	N	O	L	E	B
N	T	U	S	L	E	B	T	T	L
E	E	E	S	H	E	E	P	A	A
F	A	T	H	E	R	V	L	E	E
I	W	S	S	N	J	O	I	R	T
L	V	O	A	I	C	I	E	G	S
E	R	L	N	O	L	C	W	O	K
H	T	A	F	K	R	E	V	E	N

JESUS  
VOICE  
ETERNAL  
STEAL  
NEVER  
SHEEP  
KNOW  
LIFE  
FATHER  
GREATER  
LISTEN  
FOLLOW  
LOST  
ANYONE  
BELONG  
GIVE



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



**“Turn yourself round like a piece of clay and say to the Lord: I am clay, and You, Lord, the potter. Make of me what You will.”**

St John of Avila (1499-1569), whose feast day falls on Tuesday.

# THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Acts 13:14,43-52** 'We must turn to the pagans'

**Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17** 'The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water'

**John 10:7-10** 'I know my sheep and they follow me'

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**Acts 11:1-18** 'God can grant even the pagans the repentance that leads to life'

**John 10:1-10** 'I am the gate of the sheepfold'

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> MAY St John of Avila, Priest, Doctor**

**Acts 11:19-26** 'They started preaching to the Greeks, proclaiming the Lord Jesus'

**John 10:22-30** 'The Father and I are one'

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**Acts 12:24-13:5** 'I want Barnabas and Saul set apart'

**John 12:44-50** 'I, the light, have come into the world'



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> MAY St Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs or St Pancras, Martyr**

**Acts 13:13-25** 'God has raised up one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour'

**John 13:16-20** 'Whoever welcomes the one I send welcomes me'

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**Acts 13:26-33** 'God has fulfilled his promise by raising Jesus from the dead'

**John 14:1-6** 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> MAY Saint Matthias, Apostle**

**Acts 1:15-17,20-26** 'Let someone else take his office'

**John 15:9-17** 'You are my friends if you do what I command you'