



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

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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

NeoCatechumenal Way: Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm and Saturday evenings at 8pm in the hall

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (15th MAY 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First reading:

Acts 14:21-27

They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 144(145):8-13a

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second reading:

Apocalypse 21:1-5

A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more

mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:31-33,34-35

In the Son of Man, God has been glorified

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my
disciples.'

Communion Antiphon: John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.



John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm - Michael Mc Manahan - RIP

Sunday 10.00am Francis O'Brien - Get Well

Sunday 12.30pm -Victoria, Mathew, Mathewin, and Avon Nicholas - RIP

Monday 10.00am - Nora O'Shea - Intentions

Tuesday 10.00am - Teresa Greaney - RIP

Wed 10.00am - Mary O'Connor - Get Well

Friday 10.00am - Ciara Noonan - Get Well

Last week's collection

Planned giving £471.51 Loose plate £645.99.

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.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration

On Sunday 5th June we will have a 'bring and share' lunch in the parish hall to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Please bring along a plate of sandwiches, light bites, drinks or deserts to share with fellow parishioners. The lunch will take place after the 12.30pm Mass.

Evening of praise and worship

On Sunday 12th June at 7.00pm we will celebrate at evening of Adoration, praise and worship, led by the American Catholic band The Vigil Project. The event is being organized by Westminster Youth Ministry, but all parishioners are welcome. Please come along!

Sunday Obligation

On 6th May, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales issued a statement concerning the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays. Copies of the statement are available to take home with you at the back of church. The key paragraphs are as follows:

"Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply."

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation".

The paradox of abundance

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the current global food system is not working. But as Pope

Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

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'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.

Please pray for all our children who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time at the 12.30pm Mass today (15th May) and next Sunday (22nd May) and for our candidates who are being confirmed on 27th May.

Priest Training Fund

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not

too late to make a donation if you wish.

Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

Nancy Connors

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Nancy Connors, a loyal and very generous parishioner of our Parish from the 1960's. About 15 years ago she moved to Buckinghamshire to live with her daughter Susan, where she died very peacefully on the 21st April. She is buried with her husband Richard. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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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. 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.

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.

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 21st 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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

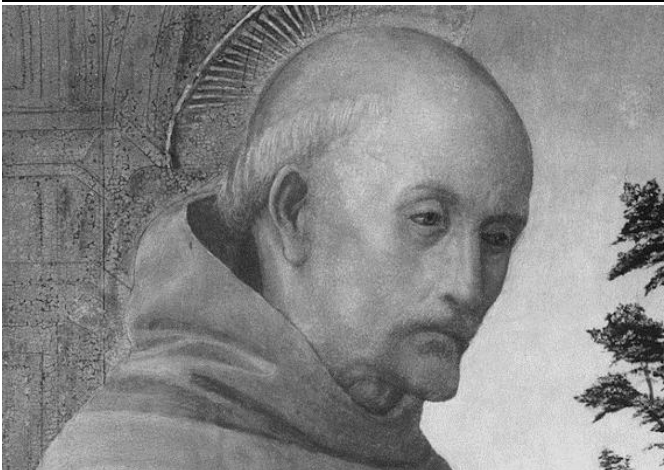
This word search is inspired by today's Gospel.
How many hidden words can you find?

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“The last degree of love is when He gave Himself to us to be our food; because he gave Himself to be united with us in every way.”
St Bernadine of Siena (1380-1444),
whose feast day falls on Friday

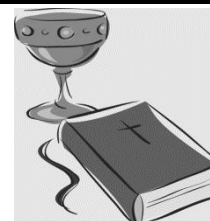
THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

SUNDAY 15th MAY 2022, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14:21-27 'They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them'

Apocalypse 21:1-5 'A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb'

John 13:31-33,34-35 'In the Son of Man, God has been glorified'



Monday 16th May

Acts 14:5-18 'We have come with good news to turn you to the living God'

John 14:21-26 'The Advocate, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything'

Tuesday 17th May

Acts 14:19-28 'They gave an account of how God had opened the door of faith to the pagans'

John 14:27-31 'A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you'

Wednesday 18th May Saint John I, Pope, Martyr

Acts 15:1-6 'They were to go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders'

John 15:1-8 'I am the vine, you are the branches'

Thursday 19th May St Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury

Acts 15:7-21 'I rule that we do not make things more difficult for the pagans who turn to God'

John 15:9-11 'Remain in my love'

Friday 20th May Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Acts 15:22-31 'It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by us not to burden you beyond these essentials'

John 15:12-17 'What I command you is to love one another'

Saturday 21th May Saint Christopher Magallanes and his Companions, Martyrs

Acts 16:1-10 'Come across to Macedonia and help us'

John 15:18-21 'The world hated me before it hated you'