



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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (22nd MAY 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First reading:

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second reading:
Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give,

this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know

that I am going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may

believe.'

Communion Antiphon: John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.



These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm - Mary Mc Donagh - RIP

Sunday 10.00am Gerald O'Neill - RIP and for the Intentions of Sarah O'Neill & Family

Sunday 12.30pm -Nora Ward - RIP Anniversary

Monday 10.00am - Sylvester Opara - RIP

Tuesday 10.00am - Maureen Feriter - Get Well

Wed 10.00am - Nariscia Sherman - Birthday - Thanksgiving

Friday 10.00am - Fidelis Ilonwah - RIP Anniversary

Last week's collection

Planned giving £387.00 Loose plate £623.46.

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; 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".

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 (22nd May) and for our candidates who are being confirmed on 27th May.

Kieran Devaney RIP

The Requiem Mass of the late Kieran Devaney will take place on Wednesday 25th May at 10.00am, in place of the regular weekday Mass. May he rest in peace.

Philomene Peter RIP

The Requiem Mass of the late Philomene Peter will take place on Friday 27th May at 12.00 noon. May she rest in peace.

Solemnity of the Ascension

This Thursday, 26th May, is the Solemnity of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass time will be: 7.00pm on Wednesday (Vigil Mass) and 10.00am on Thursday. On Thursday we will be

joined by the staff and pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes primary school.

Hall bookings

Fr Tony writes: I have been asked on a number of occasions recently if the parish hall is available for private hire. Unfortunately due to issues around health and safety and hall management, the hall is only being used for parish functions at present. I apologise for any disappointment this may have caused.

Fr Tony's 50th birthday celebration

I want to thank everyone in the parish who helped me to celebrate my 50th birthday last weekend. We had an excellent lunch in the hall provided by our wonderful team of parishioners, followed by music and dancing! I also am very grateful to you for the welcome you extended to my family. It was a very happy occasion for me.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot

Pauline Jaricot was born in Lyon, France in 1799. In 1822 at the age of 23 years, Pauline created the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, now part of Missio. Pauline died in Lyon in 1862 aged 63 years. In 1963 she was declared venerable and she will be beatified on 22nd May 2022. Read about her journey throughout 2022 in the Missio Calendar for this year. Find out more at Missio.org.uk/Pauline.

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.

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.



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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LOVES	REMIND	WORD	PEACE
FATHER	BEQUEATH	HOME	GIFT
ADVOCATE	HEARTS	HOLY	TROUBLED
SPIRIT	RETURN	TEACH	BELIEVE



QUOTE OF THE WEEK



**"I was no longer the centre of
my life and therefore could
see God in everything"**

The Venerable Bede, whose feast
day falls on Wednesday

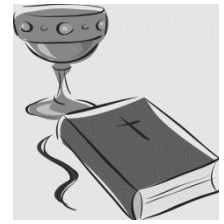
THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2022, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15:1-2,22-29 'It has been decided by the Spirit and by ourselves not to burden you with any burden beyond these essentials'

Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23 'He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven'

John 14:23-29 'A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you'



Monday 23rd May

Acts 16:11-15 'The Lord opened Lydia's heart to accept what Paul was saying'

John 15:26-16:4 'This Spirit of truth will be my witness'

Tuesday 24th May

Acts 16:22-34 'Become a believer and you will be saved, and your household too'

John 16:5-11 'Unless I go, the Advocate will not come to you'

Wednesday 25th May - Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor

Acts 17:15,22-18:1 'I proclaim the God you already worship without knowing it'

John 16:12-15 'The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth'

Thursday 26th May - The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 'Jesus was lifted up while they looked on'

Ephesians 1:17-23 'God made him sit at his right hand in heaven'

Luke 24:46-53 'He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven'

Friday 27th May - St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Thessalonians 2:2-8 'We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives'

Luke 10:1-9 'Your peace will rest on that man'

Saturday 28th May

Acts 18:23-28 'Apollos demonstrated from the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ'

John 16:23-28 'The Father loves you for loving me and believing that I came from God'