



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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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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (29th MAY 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 26:7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

First reading:

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'I can see heaven thrown open' he said 'and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this all the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they all rushed at him, sent him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and said aloud, 'Lord, do not

hold this sin against them'; and with these words he fell asleep.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 96(97):1-2b,6,7,9

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
the many coastlands be glad.
His throne is justice and right.

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
All you spirits, worship him.

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second reading:

Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these
revelations repeats his promise: I
shall indeed be with you soon.
Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father,
I pray not only for these,
but for those also
who through their words will believe in me.
May they all be one.

Father, may they be one in us,
as you are in me and I am in you,
so that the world may believe it was you who
sent me.

I have given them the glory you gave to me,
that they may be one as we are one.

With me in them and you in me,
may they be so completely one
that the world will realise that it was you who
sent me

and that I have loved them as much as you
loved me.

Father, I want those you have given me
to be with me where I am,
so that they may always see the glory you have
given me
because you loved me before the foundation of
the world.

Father, Righteous One,
the world has not known you,
but I have known you,
and these have known that you have sent me.
I have made your name known to them
and will continue to make it known,
so that the love with which you loved me may
be in them,
and so that I may be in them.'

Communion Antiphon: John 17:22

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The final chapter of Jesus's sayings at the Last supper is a prayer which both gives meaning to the sacrifice which Jesus is about to make and at the same time is a meditation on the Lord's Prayer. In today's portion Jesus speaks to his Father (also 'Our Father') with that perfect love which he will express most fully in his acceptance of torture and death on the cross.



The story of the Crucifixion is not a story of rejection, but is the story of the most perfect union of Father and Son in love and willing obedience. It will make the Name, that is the love, of the Father fully known ('Hallowed be thy Name'). It will also grant Jesus that 'glory which he had before the foundation of the world' (Thy Kingdom come').

But the kingdom is not complete without those who believe in Jesus and belong to him. The completion of the Kingdom is the work of the Spirit which is to come upon the Church at Pentecost. The story of its completion is, with all its twist and turns, its failures, its chastisements and its recoveries, the history of the Church.

Which petition of the Lord's Prayer is most important to you?

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm - Michael Millar - RIP &

Intensions of Timmy Iugram

Sunday 10.00am John Ward - RIP Anniversary

Sunday 12.30pm -Geraldine Byrne - Sick

Monday 10.00am - Catherine Barrett - RIP

Tuesday 10.00am -

Wed 10.00am - Teresa Holly - RIP

Friday 10.00am - Sunil Crasta - RIP

Last week's collection

Planned giving £592.67; Loose plate £737.27.

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.

Today at the 12.30pm Mass five adults will receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Thoria, Gail, Magdalena and Lydia, who will be confirmed; and Ludmila, who will be baptised and confirmed. They have been following the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) since January. The celebration of these sacraments is a joyful moment in the life of

our parish; please keep these candidates in your prayers.

This Wednesday afternoon Ludmila, who is being baptised and confirmed here today (see previous item) will be marrying Melson at Five Precious Wounds. Please keep this couple in your prayers as they begin their married life together.

Congratulations to all our young people who were confirmed by Bishop John Sherrington here on Friday evening. It was a lovely occasion. Do please continue to pray for all our newly-Confirmed.

Reverend John Fitt Mbu Ashu

This weekend we will be joined at all Masses by Reverend John Fitt Mbu Ashu. Many of you will remember Rev. John's time here in Five Precious Wounds as a student for the priesthood.

Rev. John is going to be ordained priest by Bishop John Sherrington at 2.00pm next Saturday, 4th June, at Sacred Heart and Mary Immaculate, Mill Hill, and wishes to extend an invitation to Stonebridge parishioners to attend. Please RSVP to millhill@rcdow.org.uk. Rev. John's first Mass will be on Sunday 5th June at 11.00am, at the same church.

We congratulate Rev. John on reaching this momentous milestone and offer our prayers and best wishes for his future ministry.

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.

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.

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

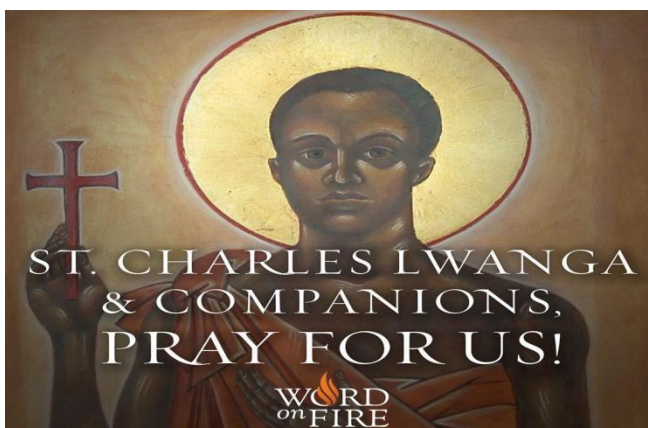
This word search is inspired by today's Gospel.
How many hidden words can you find?

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ELEVEN	MOUNTAIN	FELL
AUTHORITY	HEAVEN	EARTH
NATIONS	BAPTISE	NAME
FATHER	SON	SPIRIT



QUOTE OF THE WEEK



**“May their intercession in Heaven,
obtain for the faithful of Africa
abundant graces of perseverance,
strength, and generosity in the faith”**

Sts. Charles Lwanga and Companions
feast day falls on Friday

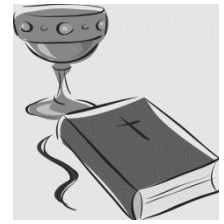
THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

SUNDAY 29th MAY 2022, SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 7:55-60 'The stoning of Stephen'

Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20 'Come, Lord Jesus'

John 17:20-26 'Father, may they be completely one'



Monday 30th May

Acts 19:1-8 'The moment Paul laid hands on them the Holy Spirit came down on them'

John 16:29-33 'Be brave, for I have conquered the world'

Tuesday 31st May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Romans 12:9-16 'If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care '

Luke 1:39-56 'The Almighty has done great things for me'

Wednesday 1st June - Saint Justin, Martyr

Acts 20:28-38 'I Commend you to God and to the word of his grace, and its power'

John 17:11-19 'Father, keep those you have given me true to your name '

Thursday 2nd June - Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Acts 22:30,23:6-11 'You have borne witness in Jerusalem: now you must do the same in Rome'

John 17:20-26 'Father, may they be completely one'

Friday 3rd June - St Charles Lwanga and his Companions, Martyrs

Acts 25:13-21 'I ordered Paul to be remanded until I could send him to Caesar'

John 21:15-19 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep '

Saturday 4th June

Acts 28:16-20,30-31 'In Rome, Paul proclaimed the kingdom of God without hindrance from anyone '

John 21:20-25 'This disciple is the one who vouches for these things and we know that his testimony is true'