



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

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (26TH JUNE 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 46: 2

All peoples, clap your hands.

Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First reading: 1 Kings 19:16,19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

Second reading:

Galatians 5:1,13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation:

1 Samuel 3:9, John 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Communion Antiphon: Jn 17: 20-21

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

As Jesus embarks on his great journey to his death at Jerusalem, the latter half of Luke's gospel is marked by Jesus' teaching on the difficulties and challenges of discipleship. Right at the beginning of this section Jesus teaches the little lesson that the disciples must not be surprised or take vengeance when they are rejected. Then three lessons follow on the uncompromising demands of discipleship.



These are not 'counsels of perfection', but demanded of every disciple of Jesus. First, the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. The disciple has no right to creature comforts. Second (perhaps the most counter-cultural of all Jesus' demands), burying a dead father was regarded as a sacred duty, and yet not even this may stand in the way of a response to the call of Jesus. Third (a more rigorous condition than even Elijah demanded of Elisha), there must be no backward glance even to bid the family farewell. Not even the most sacred of natural ties may stand in the way of the demands of following Jesus.

Jesus expresses his teaching with maximum vigour; these conditions may seem unfeeling and unacceptably harsh. This is partly the nature of the Semitic language (the Aramaic which Jesus spoke), which rarely uses a comparative, 'more than...' It is either day or night, no dusk! There are no half measures. We must beware of softening what remains hard. Where does following Jesus currently fit on your list of priorities? Do any of your goals, activities, interests or desires for material comforts keep you from following Christ more closely? Is there anything that you wouldn't give up for Christ?

(from "Wednesday Word", <http://wednesdayword.org/>)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm - Santana Trindade Fernandes - RIP

Sunday 10.00am - Kevin Carberry RIP

Sunday 12.30pm - Ann Obi - RIP (birthday)

Monday 10.00am - Joshua Fernandes intentions (21st birthday)

Tuesday 10.00am - Catherine Bridget Quigley - RIP

Wed 10.00am - Mary McGlinn RIP

Friday 10.00am -

Last week's collection

lanned giving £388.29; Loose plate £427.41 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.

Facebook page

Our parish now has a Facebook page. Please search 'Five Precious Wounds Catholic Church, Stonebridge' in Facebook to find us; then please 'like' our page to receive updates.

Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul



This Wednesday, 29th June, is the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday (Vigil Mass) and 10.00am on Wednesday.

Sunday Obligation

On 6th May, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales issued a statement concerning the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays, which was reinstated on 5th June. The full statement can be found at the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>

Sick or housebound Please keep in your prayers our parishioners who are sick or housebound: Betty O'Reily (Elizabeth), Eileen Dowd, Marcella Frawley.

Please give the names of any sick or housebound you would like mentioned in the newsletter to Fr Tony or Violet, our administrator.

A thank-you message from Maria Phelan

Those who attended the Confirmation Mass on 29th May will know that our long-time volunteer Maria Phelan slipped and fell in the church before Mass. Maria suffered bruising and was hospitalised for one night, but has thankfully made a good recovery. She would like to thank those who took care of her while waiting for the ambulance for their great kindness; and also the congregation for their patience whilst Mass was delayed. Maria is very grateful.

Father David Cherry

Many of you will remember David Cherry, who was here on placement in 2019-20 as a student for the priesthood. Father David - as he is now called - was ordained to the priesthood at Westminster Cathedral yesterday (25th June). Fr Tony and a number of parishioners were present. We offer him our warmest congratulations. You are invited to Fr David's First Mass which will take place today (26th June) at 11.00am at St Pius X, Ladbroke Grove, followed by a parish lunch in the garden.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group

Fr Tony has received the following message from Nicholas Khader of the Bethlehem Nativity Group, who held a sale of Olive Wood items from the Holy Land in the parish last weekend:

We would love to thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families.

The sale raised 2866.00

Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land.

God bless you all.

Love and blessings from The Bethlehem Nativity Group.

If anyone missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly from them at <http://www.tbng.co.uk/>.

World Youth Day 2023 - Looking to Lisbon

World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage. These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk. Please apply by 31 July 2022.

Gift Aid

If you have previously registered for Gift Aid, but your circumstances have changed and you are no

longer a UK taxpayer, please inform Violet in the office. This is to avoid making an erroneous Gift Aid claim on your behalf.

Catechists' Summer Gathering

The Summer Gathering for all the Catechists will take place on Saturday 2nd July from 9:45am to 3:30pm at Sacred Heart High School, Hammersmith. Register at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/>

Will You take the first Step?

CAFOD's Gap year programme, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring other to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022 go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear

Missio Red Box Holders

If any Red Box holders think their boxes need emptying, please bring them to church and give to Eileen O'Brein or hand in to Michelle in the Church Repository. Thank you.

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.

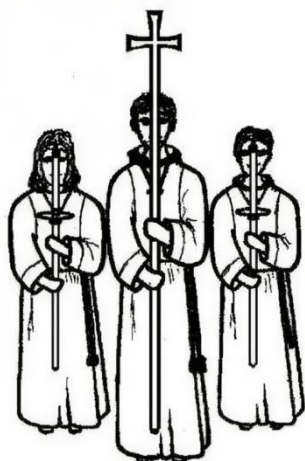
Mass intentions

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.

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.



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 the hall is only being used for parish functions at present. I apologise for any disappointment this may have caused.

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.

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.

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

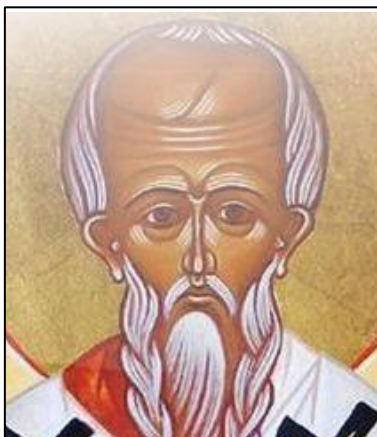
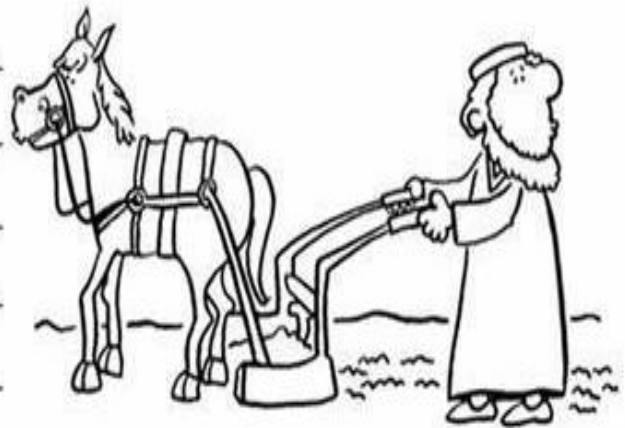
This word search is inspired by today's Gospel.
How many hidden words can you find?

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HEAVEN
DISCIPLES
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MESSENGERS
FIRE
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SAMARITAN
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Because of his boundless love, Jesus became what we are that he might make us to be what he is” - St Irenaeus of Lyons, whose feast day falls on Tuesday

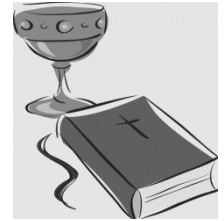
THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

SUNDAY 26TH JUNE - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:16,19-21 Elishah leaves the plough to follow Elijah

Galatians 5:1,13-18 When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free

Luke 9:51-62 Jesus sets out for Jerusalem



Monday 27th June - Saint John Southworth, Priest and Martyr

Amos 2:6-13,13-16 Because of your crimes I will crush you into the ground

Matthew 8:18-22 The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head

Tuesday 28th June - Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Doctor, Martyr

Amos 3:1-8,4:11-12 It is for your sins that I mean to punish you

Matthew 8:23-27 Jesus rebuked the winds and the seas, and all was calm

WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE - SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Acts 12:1-11 'Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod'

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18 All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness

Matthew 16:13-19 You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

Thursday 30th June

Amos 7:10-17 The Lord took me from herding the flock and sent me to prophesy

Matthew 9:1-8 'Your sins are forgiven; get up and walk'

Friday 1st July - Dedication of the Cathedral

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 'Listen to the prayer your servant makes in this place'

Matthew 16:13-19 You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

Saturday 2nd July

Amos 9:11-15 I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel

Matthew 9:14-17 When the bridegroom is taken from them, then they will fast