



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

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (7th August 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who
seek you.

First reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so
that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put
their trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their
enemies;
for by the same act with which you took
vengeance on our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered
sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:

that the saints would share the same blessings
and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the
hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32(33):1,12,18-20,22

*Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his
own.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

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own.*

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Second reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it;

but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house.

You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Communion Antiphon: Ps 147: 12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

During the summer holidays, the newsletter will be shorter than usual. Normal service will resume in September!

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm - Mary Conneely RIP

Sunday 10.00am - Anne O'Donovan RIP (1st anniversary)

Sunday 12.30pm - Clarence and Alberta Plaza RIP

Monday 10.00am - Kieran Devaney RIP

Tuesday 10.00am

Wed 10.00am

Friday 10.00am - Mason Thomas intentions (birthday)

Last week's collection

Planned giving £429.50; Loose plate £296.80. 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.

Parish Festival - 14th August (Solemnity of the Assumption)

Our parish festival is just one week away! Please join us after the 12.30pm Mass for a Marian procession, a barbecue, food, drink and music, in the parish garden (weather permitting!).

Volunteers required from 10.00am on Saturday to prepare the church and grounds and again from 11.00am on Sunday. If you are able to provide food, please bring some from 11.00am on Sunday. Do contact Deacon Andrew if you are able to help in any way.

The relics of St Bernadette

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage across Britain for the very first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. The relics will be in the London area on these dates (venues are in bold) · **St. Thomas of Canterbury**, Rylston Road Fulham SW6 7HW Arrive: 03/09/2022 12:30am Depart: 03/09/2022 10:30am. · **Westminster Cathedral** Arrive 03/09/2022 11:00am – Depart 05/09/2022 9:30am · **Immaculate Heart of Mary**, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 2AB. Arrive 05/09/2022 10:30am - Depart 06/09/2022 10:00am · **St Mary's University**, Twickenham TW1 4SX Arrive 06/09/2022 10:45am Depart 10:00pm.

The relics will also be at our neighbouring parish, Our Lady of Willesden, from 29th-31st October.

Please go to the website

<https://stbernadette.org.uk> for more information.

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.

Monthly devotions

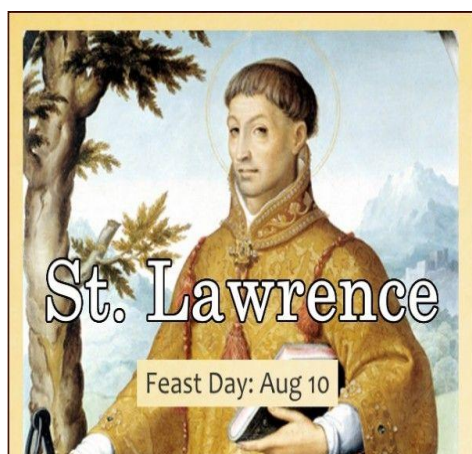
First Saturday Devotion – Rosary Group: first Saturday of each month at 4.00pm in the parish hall.

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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“The word of God is light to the mind and fire to the will”

- St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

St. Lawrence was condemned to die a slow cruel death by the Romans. While he was being burnt to death he prayed for Rome and the Church