

## 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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www.lourdes.brent.sch.uk

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

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (28<sup>th</sup> August 2022)

# **TODAY'S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon**: Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**First reading:** Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31 My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,

and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,

and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady,

since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,

an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

**Responsorial Psalm:** 67(68):4-7,10-11

In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom:

In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

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### Second reading: 12:18-19,22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

## Gospel Acclamation: Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

### Gospel: 14:1,7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf. 30: 20 How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

# **NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH**

#### This week's Mass intentions

**Saturday 6.00pm** - Gary Carroll's intentions **Sunday 10.00am** - Jennifer and Michael Evans RIP (anniversary)

**Sunday 12.30pm** - Lorna Marie RIP (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) **Monday 10.00am** -

Tuesday 10.00am -

Wednesday 10.00am -

Friday - Leroy Anthony George RIP (anniversary)

#### Last week's collection

Planned giving £470.50; Loose plate £357.43. 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 <a href="https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stonebridge/donate/">https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stonebridge/donate/</a> and follow the link to making a donation.

#### Advance notice - A Day with Mary

After a break because of Covid, 'A Day with Mary' will be returning to Stonebridge on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, from 10.00am to 5.30pm. For further information, please see the posters at the back of church.

## Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

If you are a non-Catholic thinking about exploring the Catholic faith - or if you are an adult who was baptised but never confirmed - then please consider joining our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programme. The RCIA is an introduction to Catholic Christianity which can lead to the reception of the sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation. Fr Tony is hoping to start an RCIA programme in the autumn - please speak to him if you are interested.

#### 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.

### **First Holy Communion Reunion Mass**

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September, the 12.30pm Mass will be a special reunion Mass for all children who made their First Holy Communion in 2022. This will be followed by refreshments in the hall. It will be lovely to see our Fusr Holy Communion children then.

**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.

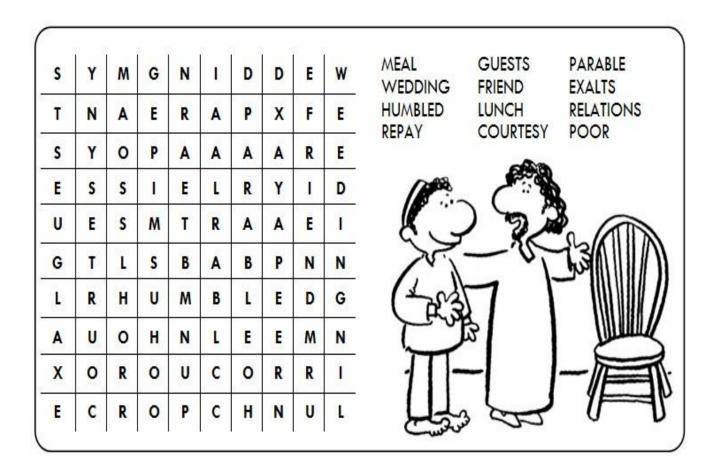
Divine Mercy Devotion: third Saturday of each month at 3.00pm in the parish hall.

#### **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.

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

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



# **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**



"The proof of love is in the works.

Where love exists, it works great things"

- Pope St Gregory the Great (540-604AD), whose feast falls on Saturday