



# 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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**School:** Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School

[www.lourdes.brent.sch.uk](http://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

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (4<sup>th</sup> September 2022)

### TODAY'S MASS READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 118

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**First reading:** Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it,  
had you not granted Wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been  
straightened

and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

**Responsorial Psalm:** 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

*O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

You turn men back to dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like the grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

**Second reading:** Philemon 9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Ps118:135

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant; and teach me your decrees.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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. Ps 41: 2-3 Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

**This weekend** we welcome Fr Kevin O'Shea, who will be celebrating our Masses on Saturday and Sunday. We also welcome Fr John McCarthy who will be celebrating our weekday Masses.

**This week** there will be no Open House on Tuesday and no Adoration and Confessions on Friday. On Monday there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

## **This week's Mass intentions**

**Saturday 6.00pm** - Mary Flanagan RIP

**Sunday 10.00am** - Geraldine Maronie RIP (ann.)

**Sunday 12.30pm** - Michael Steven King RIP (ann.)

**Monday 10.00am** -

**Tuesday 10.00am** - Vincenti family (thanksgiving)

**Wednesday 10.00am** - Noel McMenemin RIP

**Friday** - Stanley Henderson RIP (ann.)

## **Last week's collection**

Planned giving £419.10; Loose plate £314.62. 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.

## **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) **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.*

## **First Holy Communion Reunion Mass**

On Sunday 25<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 First Holy Communion children then.

**Sick or housebound** Please keep in your prayers our parishioners who are sick or housebound: Betty O'Reilly (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.*

## **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?


C	O	T	S	Y	O	V	N	E	G
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CROWDS
TOWER
COST

COMPLETE
FOUNDATION
KING

MARCHING
THOUSAND
WAR

TWENTY
ENVOYS
PEACE



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



*“We must speak to them with our hands  
by giving, before we try to speak to  
them with our lips” - St Peter Claver, Jesuit  
Missionary, whose feast day falls on Friday*