



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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (25th September 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of
your mercy.

First reading: Amos 6:1,4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain
of Samaria,
those famous men of this first of nations
to whom the House of Israel goes as client.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,

they invent new instruments of music like
David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care
at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145(146):7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

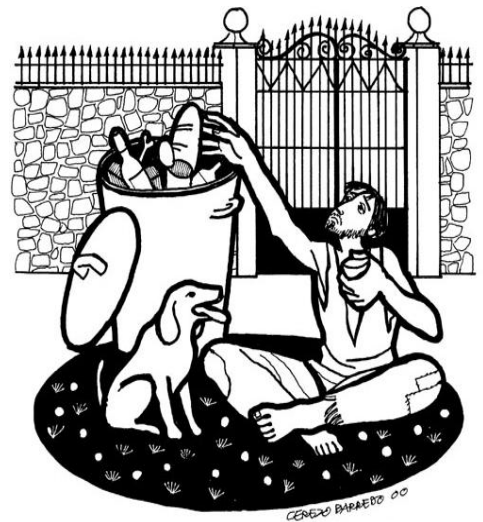
GOSPEL REFLECTION

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm - Jouleena Pillai

intentions (birthday); Dibra Fernandez RIP
(months mind)

Sunday 10.00am - Emma & William Webb

Sunday 12.30pm - Ann Obi & family -
(private intention)

Monday 10.00am - Frank Deehan RIP

Tuesday 10.00am - Madonna, Ignasias &
family (thanks giving)

Wednesday 10.00am - Rachelle Kelley RIP

Friday 10.00am - Rachelle Kelley RIP

Last week's collection

Planned giving £504.19; Loose plate
£417.17. 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.

Mass Times

From Sunday 2nd October, the 12:30pm
Mass **will be moved to 12 noon**, as it was
prior to Covid.

First Holy Communion Reunion Mass

This Sunday 25th 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.

Cafod Family Fast Day

The next Cafod Family Fast Day is on Friday
7 October. We are invited to forgo a meal,
or eat a little less, and give what we save to
Cafod. By donating, you'll be standing in
solidarity with vulnerable people who are
threatened by the global food crisis;
because no-one deserves to go
hungry. Donation envelopes are available
at the back of church.

Mosaic magazine

At the back of church you will find copies of
the summer edition of *Mosaic* magazine,
which gives details of how your generous
support is helping the work and ministry of
the Diocese. Please feel free to take a copy
home with you.

Anthony Martin Frederick RIP

The Requiem Mass of the late Anthony
Martin Frederick will take place on Friday
30th September at 11.30am. May he rest in
peace.

Katharine Walsh RIP

The Requiem Mass of the late Katharine
Walsh will take place on Monday 3rd
October at 12.00 noon. May she rest in
peace.

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

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

First Holy Communion 2023

Registration forms for First Holy Communion in 2023 will be available at the back of the church. They are to be returned with other documents (baptism certificates, photos) at the registration evening on 21st October at 7pm.

Confirmation 2023

Confirmations enrolment will take place early in the New Year, with the preparation classes and the celebration of the sacrament taking place in the Spring.

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.

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.

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.

Monthly devotions

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

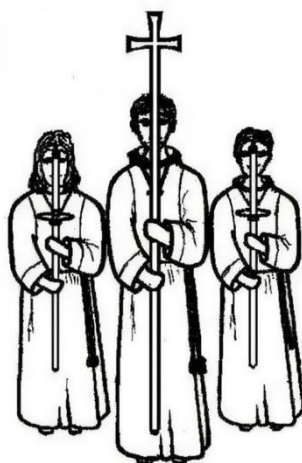
Divine Mercy Devotion: third Saturday of each month at 3.00pm in the parish hall.

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.

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.



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.

School Information

Our Lady of Lourdes Nursery

in the midst of a busy community, Our Lady of Lourdes is an oasis of calm that provides a fantastic learning environment for your child to develop. Our wonderfully spacious and colourful learning environment has the most up-to-date facilities to encourage your child's development. Our staff are highly qualified, dedicated and caring, with a wealth of experience in delivering early years education. We provide a free hot lunch for all full-time children. We offer fun packed activities across the week to develop skills and understanding through play.

Our Lady of Lourdes Reception Class – 2023-2024 Intake

Due to our well-structured procedures, and highly skilled and experienced EYFS teaching and support staff children settle into their Reception class with ease. Pupils transitioning from our Nursery learning environment have already developed much of the knowledge and understanding required to access and master the next stage of EYFS Curriculum. They are also well equipped to make progress in their phonics and reading using our new Phonics & Reading Scheme. Children feel safe and secure with known adults in a familiar setting which expedites the settling in process, thus having a positive impact on children's overall wellbeing, progress and attainment.

We still have limited spaces in both settings for this academic year. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. To arrange a visit please contact the school office on 0208 961 5037.

Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open evening for admission in September 2023 is on 15 and 20 September 2022 at 4:30 to 6pm

St Gregory's Catholic Science College Open evening takes place on Thursday 6th October 2023 between 3.00 - 7.30pm

Folders at the back of church contain information about pilgrimages and retreats; schools information; and support services

CHILDREN'S CORNER



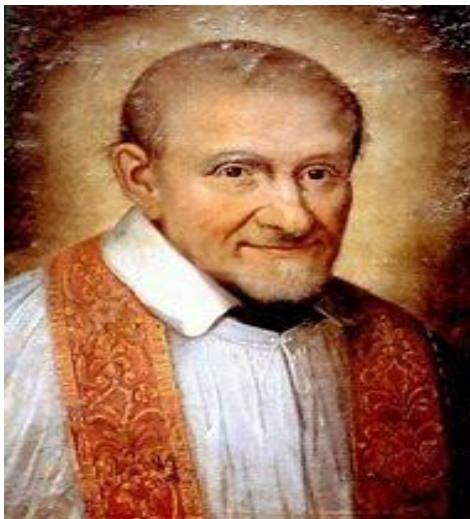
This wordsearch is inspired by today's Gospel.
How many hidden words can you find?

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RICH PURPLE LINEN
SORES ANGELS TORMENT
BOSOM FLAMES AGONY
BROTHERS WARNING DEAD



QUOTE OF THE WEEK



*“God does not consider the
outcome of the good work
undertaken but the charity
that accompanied it”*

- Saint Vincent de Paul

His feast day falls this Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday 25th September

Amos 6:1,4-7 'Woe to those who live in luxury'

1 Timothy 6:11-16 'Do all that you have been told, until the Appearing of the Lord'

Luke 16:19-31 'Dives and Lazarus'

Monday 26th September - St. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Job 1:6-22 'The Lord gave, the Lord has taken back: blessed be the name of the Lord'

Luke 9:46-50 'The least among you all is the greatest'

Tuesday 27th September - Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23 'Why did I not perish on the day I was born?'

Luke 9:51-56 'Jesus sets out for Jerusalem'



Wednesday 28st September - Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; St Laurence Ruiz and his Companions, Martyrs

Job 9:1-13,14-16 'How can man be in the right against God'

Luke 9:57-62 'I will follow you wherever you go'

Thursday 29 September - Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Apocalypse 12:7-12 'Michael with his angels attacked the dragon'

John 1:47-51 'You will see heaven laid open, and the Son of Man'

Friday 30th September - Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor

Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5 'The immeasurable greatness of God'

Luke 10:13-16 'Anyone who rejects me rejects the one who sent me'

Saturday 01st October - Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 'In dust and in ashes I repent'

Luke 10:17-24 'Rejoice that your names are written in heaven'