



PRECIOUS WOUNDS BULLETIN

The Five Precious Wounds Catholic Church,
Brentfield Road, Stonebridge, London NW10 8ER

Mass Times: Saturdays 6 pm; Sundays 10 am & 12:00 noon.

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (2nd October 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,

with songs let us hail the Lord.

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.'

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Second reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and

love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation: 1S3:9,Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

Communion Antiphon: Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less.

When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm - Rachele Kelly RIP

Sunday 10.00am - Esther and William Seath

Sunday 12.30pm - Philomena Mc Millan RIP

Monday 10.00am - James Wilson RIP

Tuesday 10.00am - Chrissy Ahearne RIP

Wednesday 10.00am - Julieta Figueroa RIP
Anniversary

Friday 10.00am - Philip and Magdeline D'Souza
RIP Anniversary

Last week's collection

Planned giving £501.50; Loose plate £397.08.

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

Aquero

The first ever performance of an Oratorio celebrating the life of St Bernadette in aid of 'Friends of the Holy Land' will take place on 14 October 2022 at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Grace, 247 Cheswick High Road, W4 4PU. Details on poster at back of church

Pact

Pact is a Catholic charity supporting prisoners, their families and all who work in the criminal justice system. At the back of the church are

donation envelopes which have been distributed to coincide with Prisoners' Sunday on 9th October. Please consider supporting this charity's important work.

Missio - World Mission Sunday

Sunday 16 October 2022 is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call 02078219755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: **missio.org.uk**

CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

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.

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.

Joseph Nicholas RIP

The Requiem Mass of the late Joseph Nicholas will take place on Wednesday 5th October at 12.30pm. May he 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.

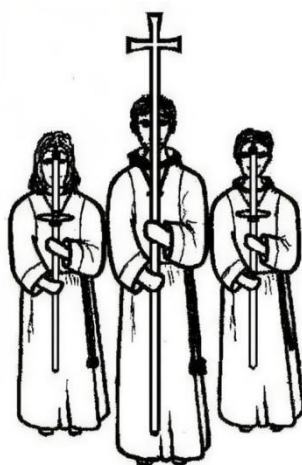
Tea and coffee after Mass

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.

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

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.

St Gregory's Catholic Science College Open evening takes place on Thursday 6th October 2022 between 3.00 - 7.30pm

Salvatorian College Open evening takes place on Tuesday 4th October 2023 between 5:30 - 7.30pm

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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

E	D	R	A	S	T	U	M	O	S
D	E	T	O	O	R	P	U	Y	S
S	H	E	E	T	F	D	R	S	H
O	D	T	N	A	V	R	E	S	E
P	I	L	I	E	E	A	E	A	P
E	E	T	E	B	A	T	R	E	E
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A	M	B	A	S	A	M	S	E	A
M	U	L	B	R	E	R	R	Y	D

FAITH

MULBERRY

EAT

SHEEP

MUSTARD

TREE

SEA

FIELDS

SEED

UPROOTED

SERVANT

MEAL

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“O my Lord, inflame my heart with Love for you, that my Spirit may not grow weary amidst the storms, the sufferings and the trials”

- St. Faustina, whose feast day falls on 5th October

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday 2nd October 2022

Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4 'The upright man will live by his faithfulness'

2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14 'Never be ashamed of witnessing to our Lord'

Luke 17:5-10 'Say, 'we are merely servants'

Monday 3rd October

Galatians 1:6-12 'The Good News I preached is not a human message but from Jesus Christ'

Luke 10:25-37 'The good Samaritan'

Tuesday 4th October - Saint Francis of Assisi

Galatians 1:13-24 'God called me through his grace and chose to reveal his Son in me'

Luke 10:38-42 'Martha works; Mary listens'



Wednesday 5th October - Saint Faustina Kowalska

Galatians 2:1-2,7-14 'They recognised the grace that God had given me'

Luke 11:1-4 'How to pray'

Thursday 6th October - Saint Bruno, Priest

Galatians 3:1-5 'You received the Spirit because you believed what was preached'

Luke 11:5-13 'Ask, and it will be given to you'

Friday 7th October

Galatians 3:7-14 'The sons of Abraham are those who rely on faith'

Luke 11:15-26 'The finger of God has overtaken you'

Saturday 8th October

Galatians 3:22-29 'There are no more distinctions: all are one in Christ Jesus'

Luke 11:27-28 'Happy the womb that bore you and the breasts you sucked'