



# 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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**Clergy:** Father Tony Thomas  
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Deacon Andrew Safo-Poku  
**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

## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (16<sup>th</sup> October 2022)

### TODAY'S MASS READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O  
God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings  
protect me.

**First reading:** Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at  
Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out  
men for yourself, and tomorrow morning  
march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile,  
will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in  
my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and  
marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses  
and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the  
hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised,  
Israel had the advantage; when he let his  
arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But  
Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a  
stone and put it under him and on this he sat,

Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on  
one side, one on the other; and his arms  
remained firm till sunset. With the edge of  
the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his  
people.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 120(121)

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, who  
made heaven and earth.*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, who  
made heaven and earth.*

May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard.

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night.

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and for ever.

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

**Second reading:** 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

**Gospel Acclamation:** cf. Ep 1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

We often think of prayer as mere asking, and this parable encourages us to pester God as the wronged widow pestered the Unjust Judge. But that is only one aspect of Luke's teaching on prayer. He also shows us what our attitude in prayer should be in the parable which immediately follows today's passage from the gospel: the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector. The tax-collector wins approval because he just stands there, admitting his sins.

Most instructive, however, is Luke's teaching on Jesus at prayer: he reminds us that Jesus is always quietly at prayer to his Father. He needs to slip away to spend the night in prayer. Especially he prays at the most important moments of his life: at his Baptism, when he chooses his team of disciples, before he teaches them to pray, at the approach of his Passion, finally forgiving and comforting others at his death. Paul tells us we should pray continually. The prayer of asking must be built on a relationship of love and dependence, just as the request of child to parents is built on their loving relationship. It does not matter if the child is at times naughty; the deep relationship between parent and child is one of love.

So too we do not need to be perfect to make our requests to our Father.

When and how do you find it best to pray??



# NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

## This week's Mass intentions

**Saturday 6.00pm** - Theresa Robinson - Thanks giving & Intentions

**Sunday 10.00am** - Michael & Nellie Naughton - RIP Anniversary

**Sunday 12 Noon** - People of the Parish

**Monday 10.00am** - Charity Ufomba - Intention

**Tuesday 10.00am** -

**Wednesday 10.00am** - Michael & Lilly Ann Corcoran - Birthday, Intentions

**Friday 10.00am** - Martin, Patrick & Christine Pereira - RIP

## **Last week's collection**

Planned giving £665.30; Loose plate £474.03. 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**

The 12:30pm Mass **has now moved to 12 noon**, as it was prior to Covid.

## **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **The relics of St Bernadette**

From the 28th-30th October the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden will be hosting the relics of St Bernadette. Please see full details on the poster at the back of church. We are invited to gather at 11am on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary Magdalene, Willesden Green, for a procession to the Shrine, praying the Rosary. This will be followed by a Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes.

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> October. Please consider supporting this charity's important work.

## **Missio - World Mission Sunday**

Sunday 23 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](https://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](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday).

### **Christmas Cards from Catholic Children's Society**

Inspired by the Gospel, the Catholic Children's Society brings God's message of hope and love to disadvantaged children and families. Purchasing their cards, which depict the Christmas message, is one way of showing your support for this important work. You can buy these cards at [cathchild.org.uk](http://cathchild.org.uk).

### **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 in supporting marriage and family life. Please feel free to take a copy home with you.

### **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.

**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.

### **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.

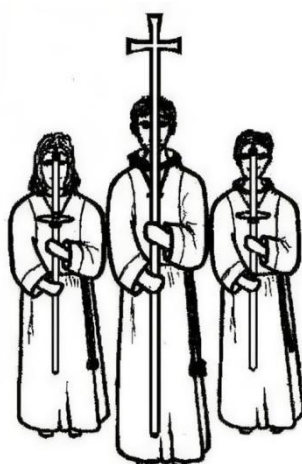
## Tea and coffee after Mass

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

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## School Information

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## 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.

## Our Lady of Lourdes Nursery & Reception Open Mornings – 2023-2024 Intake

Please join us on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am for our Nursery and Reception Open Morning. The EYFS team will lead a presentation on both phases and will be happy to show you around and answer any questions you may have.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



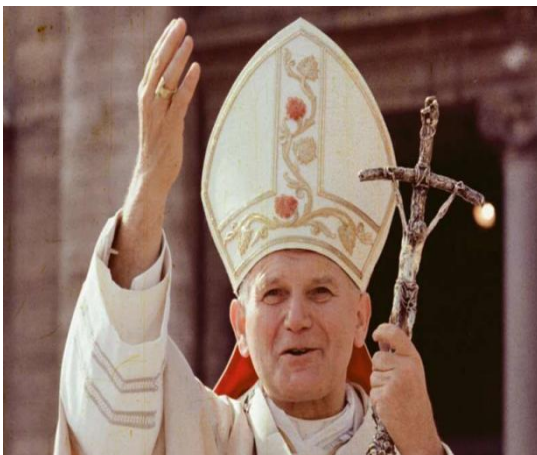
This wordsearch is inspired by today's Gospel.  
How many hidden words can you find?

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PRAY  
JUDGE  
FEAR  
RESPECT  
WIDOW  
JUSTICE  
ENEMY  
RIGHTS  
WORRY  
DEATH  
FAITH  
EARTH



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



*” In that little Host is the  
solution to all the problems  
of the world”*

*-St. John Paul II, whose feast day falls on 22<sup>nd</sup> October*

# THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Exodus 17:8-13** As long as Moses kept his arm raised, Israel had the advantage

**2 Timothy 3:14-4:2** The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work

**Luke 18:1-8** The parable of the unjust judge

## **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October - St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr**

**Ephesians 2:1-10** Sinners are saved in Christ Jesus

**Luke 12:13-21 Fool!** This very night your soul will be demanded of you

## **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - St Luke, Evangelist**

**2 Timothy 4:10-17** Only Luke is with me

**Luke 10:1-9** Your peace will rest on that man



## **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October - St Paul of the Cross, Priest**

**Ephesians 3:2-12** The pagans now share the same inheritance

**Luke 12:39-48** The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

## **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Ephesians 3:14-21** 'A prayer that faithful may know the love of Christ'

**Luke 12:49-53** 'How I wish it were blazing already'

## **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**Ephesians 4:1-6** 'One Body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God'

**Luke 12:54-59** 'Do you not know how to interpret these times?'

## **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Saint John Paul II, Pope**

**Ephesians 4:7-16** 'By grace, we shall not be children any longer'

**Luke 13:1-9** 'Leave the fig tree one more year'