



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
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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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (23rd October 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge

who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,

he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's
supplication,

nor the widow's as she pours out her
story.

The man who with his whole heart serves
God will be accepted,

his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the
clouds,

until it arrives he is inconsolable,

And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their
behalf.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33(34):2-3,17-
19,23

*This poor man called; the Lord has heard
him.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

*This poor man called; the Lord has heard
him.*

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the
earth.

The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.

This poor man called; the Lord has heard him.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned.

This poor man called; the Lord has heard him.

Second reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his

heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

These two figures in today's Gospel are stock characters, sketched with Luke's brilliant wit and sensitivity. The gospels invariably give the Pharisees a bad press: after the destruction of Jerusalem they were the only surviving branch of Judaism and so, for the evangelists, they represent the vigorous opposition of Judaism to Christianity at that time. The Jewish historian, Josephus, paints a sympathetic picture of them, and Matthew's picture of them as the personification of hypocrisy may be a caricature of their scrupulosity concerning the observance of the Law. Jesus played them at their own game in his careful interpretation of scripture, presenting them with a rich and profound understanding of God's Word. The question must be asked: was Jesus a Pharisee too? Pre-occupation with exact observance of rules can often appear to outsiders as hypocrisy. In Jesus' time a tax-collector was the epitome of malpractice and the abandonment of all decent standards: he worked for the hated Roman occupying power; he had to make his own living by extorting excessive tax. So this parable is one more example of Jesus' reversal of expected values, and his outreach to those generally despised: to the woman notorious in the city as a sinner, to the woman taken in adultery, to Zacchaeus and to the 'good thief'. It beautifully fulfils the first reading, demonstrating that the prayer of the humble 'pierces the clouds'.



Take some moments to reflect on these words from the Gospel: "God be merciful to me, a sinner". Through these words, what is God saying to you?
Dom Henry Wansbrough OS (From "The Wednesday Word")

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm - Lina Lazzeri - RIP Anniversary

Sunday 10.00am - Mary Ann Heavey - RIP Anniversary

Sunday 12 Noon - Robert Julien - RIP Birthday

Monday 10.00am -

Tuesday 10.00am - Corcoran family Intention

Wednesday 10.00am - Luis Piedade & Maria Thereza Fernandez - RIP Anniversary

Friday 10.00am - Charlie Ward - RIP Anniversary

Last week's collection

Planned giving £453.80; Loose plate £431.90.

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 this week

Please note that on Monday there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion, instead of Mass. There will be no Confessions on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th November.

Visiting priests

On weekdays this week we are pleased to welcome Fr Guy Sawyer for the celebration of Mass. Next weekend we welcome Fr Kevin O'Shea.

Angela Salim RIP

The Requiem Mass of the late Angela Salim will take place on Monday 7th November at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Open House

There will be NO Open House this week. The next Open House will be between 5pm and 6pm on 2nd November, when you can see Fr Tony briefly without an appointment.

Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month to remember and pray for the Holy Souls. Please place the names of your deceased loved ones for whom you wish to pray in one of the envelopes available at the back of church. Holy Mass will be offered for them in the month of November.

All Saint's Day

Tuesday 1st November is the Feast of All Saint's. This is a Holy Day of Obligation (or, to put it another way, an extra opportunity to come to Mass during the week!). There will be Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

First Holy Communion registration

If you were unable to attend the enrolment evening last Friday, or still have registration paperwork to hand in, catechists will be available to meet you in the hall after the 12.00pm Mass today (23rd October) and next Sunday (30th October).

Confirmation 2023

Confirmation 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 29th 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.

Missio - World Mission Sunday

Today, Sunday 23 October, 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. There will be a second collection after Mass, 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.

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.

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.

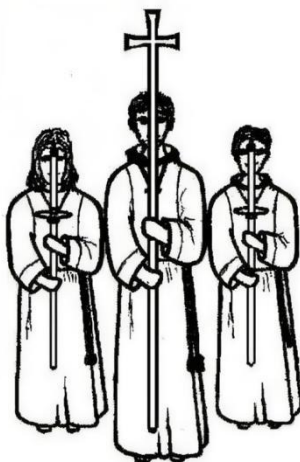
Tea and coffee after Mass

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.



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.

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

Please join us on Thursday 17th 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



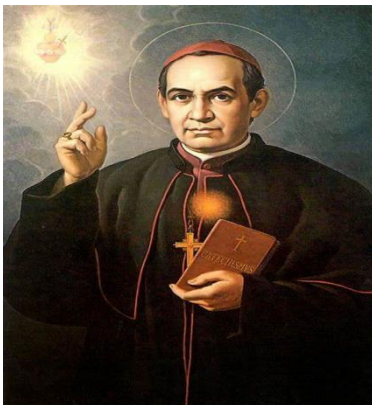
This wordsearch is inspired by today's Gospel.
How many hidden words can you find?

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I	T	I	T	H	E	S	T	T	U
N	S	K	P	N	S	C	A	X	O
E	A	N	S	S	E	X	L	F	U
R	E	A	T	L	A	M	A	C	T
S	R	M	L	T	B	R	O	O	R
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T	C	E	X	L	L	O	C	W	V
T	E	M	E	L	P	M	E	T	E

VIRTUOUS	TWO	TEMPLE
TAX	COLLECTOR	GRASPING
MANKIND	FAST	TITHES
BREAST	SINNER	EXALTS



QUOTE OF THE WEEK



” Humility, Obedience, Meekness, and Love are the Virtues that shine through the Cross and the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. O my Jesus help me to imitate you! ”

-St. Anthony Mary Claret, whose feast day falls on 24th October

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday 23rd October 2022

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19 The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me

Luke 18:9-14 The tax collector, not the Pharisee, went home justified

Monday 24th October - St Antony Mary Claret, Bishop

Ephesians 4:32-5:8 Follow Christ by loving as he loved you

Luke 13:10-17 Was it not right to untie this woman's bonds on the sabbath day?



Tuesday 25th October

Ephesians 5:21-33 Give way to one another in obedience to Christ

Luke 13:18-21 The kingdom of God is like the yeast that leavened three measures of flour

Wednesday 26th October - Saints Chad and Cedd, Bishops and Missionaries

Ephesians 6:1-9 Duties in domestic life

Luke 13:22-30 The last shall be first and the first last

Thursday 27th October

Ephesians 6:10-20 'Put on God's armour and resist the devil'

Luke 13:31-35 'It would not be right for a prophet to die outside Jerusalem'

Friday 28st October - Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Ephesians 2:19-22 'In Christ you are no longer aliens, but citizens like us'

Luke 6:12-19 'Jesus chooses his twelve apostles'

Saturday 29th October

Philippians 1:18-26 'Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more'

Luke 14:1,7-11 'Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled'