



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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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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (6th November 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested
with their mother. The king tried to force them
to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by
torturing them with whips and scourges. One
of them, acting as spokesman for the others,
said, 'What are you trying to find out from us?
We are prepared to die rather than break the
laws of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother
exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge
us from this present life, but the King of the
world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that
we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the
third, who on being asked for his tongue
promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his
hands, with these honourable words, 'It was
heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake

of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to
receive them again.' The king and his
attendants were astounded at the young man's
courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the
fourth to the same savage torture. When he
nearly reached his end he cried, 'Ours is the better
choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet
relying on God's promise that we shall be
raised up by him; whereas for you there can be
no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 16(17):1,5-6,8,15

*I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of
your glory, O Lord.*

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips.

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

Second reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 22: 1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he
gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Since they did not believe in the resurrection or any sort of life after death, the Sadducees are trying to make fun of Jesus. By the Levirate Law of Judaism, if I marry and die without begetting a son, my nearest male relative is bound to marry my widow and raise up a son in my name to carry on my line. The Sadducees' neat mockery is to ask what happens if this is repeated seven times (and worse than that, for the perfect number 'seven' means 'ad infinitum'). Jesus, again with typical neatness, turns their argument back upon them by returning to that key text of scripture when God replies to Moses at the Burning Bush. Not only is this reply in the present tense, 'I am (still) the God of patriarchs long dead', but it is the fundamental text which guarantees God's rescue and protection of, and his presence with, his people through thick and thin. This is one more instance of Jesus' deep knowledge and mastery of scripture, of the way that he can transcend the flippant and superficial arguments of his opponents and make plain the deep and true sense of these holy texts. To God no one is 'dead and gone'; we all remain safe in his hands.



What does it mean to you to be a 'child' of the resurrection?

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm - Tony Queally, Francis Queally, Moira Dunford - RIP

Sunday 10.00am - People of the Parish

Sunday 12 Noon - Ann Obi & Family - Intention

Monday 10.00am - Holy Souls

Tuesday 10.00am - Victoria D'Silva - RIP
Anniversary

Wednesday 10.00am - Daniella Rosario -
Intentions

Friday 10.00am - Frederik Strasser - Nicol - Sick -
Intentions

Last week's collection

Planned giving £474.20; Loose plate £353.46. 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.

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.

Second Collection - Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

Today's second collection is for the sick and retired priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during

their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Baptism preparation classes

Parents wishing to have their children baptised should attend a class on one of the following dates: 29th November, 7th February, 18th April, 6th June. Classes begin at 7.30pm and take place in the hall. Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to attend (tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk).

The Church calls Baptism '...the basis of the whole Christian life [and] the gateway to life in the Spirit' (CCC 1212). As a sign of the importance of this sacrament, parents who wish to have their children baptised should be attending Mass on a weekly basis.

World Youth Day

Westminster Youth Ministry is going to Lisbon from Wednesday 26th July to Wednesday 9th August 2023 to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope Francis and 2 million other young people! I would LOVE some young people from our parish to travel to with this group, to experience the love of Jesus with other new and growing disciples. Please know that the parish will help you with fundraising for your trip. **There will be a brief meeting in the hall after the 12.00pm Mass on Sunday 20 November for anyone interested; do come along!** There are more details here: <https://dowym.com/events/world-youth-day-lisbon/>.

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.

Loreto Danuya RIP

The Requiem Mass of the late Loreto Danuya will take place on Wednesday 16th November at 1pm. May he rest in peace.

Gifty Roberts RIP

The Requiem Mass of the late Gifty Roberts will take place on Friday 25th November at 12pm. May she rest in peace.

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.

First Holy Communion 2023

The first preparation session for First Holy Communion takes place next Sunday, 13th November. Please meet at 10.45am in the church hall. Please note that parents must have registered their children before attending; speak to Fr Tony if you have not yet done so.

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.

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'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.

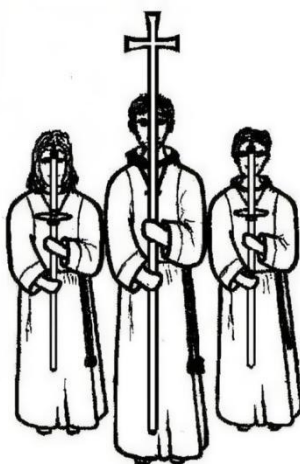
Divine Mercy Devotion: third Saturday of each month at 3.00pm in the parish hall.

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.



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.

St. Gregory's Catholic Science College invites to attend their Sixth Form Information Event on Thursday 17th November 2022 at 6:30pm

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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

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

SADDUCEES	QUESTION	MASTER
MOSES	BROTHER	CHILDLESS
MARRY	WIDOW	SEVEN
FIRST	SECOND	THIRD



QUOTE OF THE WEEK



'The faith by which we live shall never vary in any age... for one is the faith which sanctifies the Just of all ages'

*-Pope St. Leo the Great,
whose feast day falls on 10th November*

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday 6th November 2022

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14 'The King of the world will raise us up to live for ever'

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 'May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say'

Luke 20:27-38 'He is God, not of the dead, but of the living'



Monday 7th November 2022

Titus 1:1-9 Appoint elders of irreproachable character'

Luke 17:1-6 'If your brother does wrong, reprove him'

Tuesday 8th November

Titus 2:1-8,11-14 'You must preach the behaviour which goes with healthy doctrine'

Luke 17:7-10 'You are merely servants'

Wednesday 9th November - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17 'The temple of God is sacred, and you are that temple'

John 2:13-22 'Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up'

Thursday 10th November - St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor

Phelemon 7:20 'He is a slave no longer, but a dear brother in the Lord'

Luke 17:20-25 'The kingdom of God is among you'

Friday 11th November - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

2 John 4-9 The commandment which you have heard since the beginning is to live a life of love

Luke 17:26-37 'When the day comes for the Son of Man to be revealed'

Saturday 12th November - Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

3 John 5-8 'It is our duty to welcome missionaries and contribute our share to their work'

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