



# 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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**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



## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (13<sup>th</sup> November 2022)

### TODAY'S MASS READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and  
not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives  
from every place.

**First reading:** Malachi 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a  
furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-  
doers will be like stubble. The day that is  
coming is going to burn them up, says the  
Lord of Hosts, leaving them neither root nor  
stalk. But for you who fear my name, the  
sun of righteousness will shine out with  
healing in its rays.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 97(98):5-9

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with  
fairness.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp  
with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord.

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with  
fairness.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;  
the world, and all its peoples.  
Let the rivers clap their hands  
and the hills ring out their joy  
at the presence of the Lord.

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with  
fairness.

For the Lord comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.  
He will rule the world with justice

and the peoples with fairness.

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

**Second reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: do not let anyone have any food if he refuses to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

**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 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone

will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

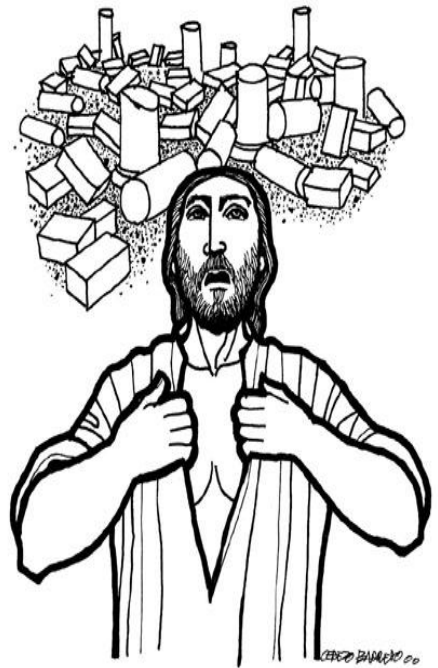
'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

**Communion Antiphon:** Ps 72: 28

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Luke was writing his gospel after the devastation of Jerusalem by the Roman armies in 70 AD, and the way he frames the words of Jesus suggests that he had witnessed the devastation. Massive blocks of stone, thrown down from the walls, are still lying there as they fell, scattered at the base of the Temple. The message of this passage is, then, the same as Paul's in today's second reading: the end is sure, but is not yet. Jesus prepares his followers for what is to come before the cataclysmic finale. He warns against false Messiahs, political leaders or other saviour-figures who claim to 'put the world to rights'. His followers will be continually challenged to give an account of their beliefs, harassed and martyred in every age, betrayed by those they thought their friends. There is a promise that Jesus will provide the words and wisdom for Christians to make a reply to their persecutors; there is a promise too of protection from real harm – but there is no promise that it will be a quiet and easy life. A constant theme in Luke's Good News is that the followers of Jesus must follow him in his difficulties and trials. Only with like endurance will they stay true to him and keep in his footsteps. **Reflection:** Recall an occasion when the Lord gave you wisdom beyond your own



# NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

## This week's Mass intentions

**Saturday 6.00pm** - People of the Parish

**Sunday 10.00am** - Jack and Esther Hehir - RIP

**Sunday 12 Noon** - Eris Julien - RIP Anniversary

**Monday 10.00am** - Geoffrey Howard Marshall -  
RIP Anniversary

**Tuesday 10.00am** - Aitken Family (Gillon, Cara,  
Charlotte) - RIP Anniversary

**Wednesday 10.00am** - Holy Souls

**Friday 10.00am** - Jeanna Robinson - RIP  
Anniversary

## **Last week's collection**

Planned giving £352.50; Loose plate £276.08. 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.

## **Change to the weekday Mass schedule**

Fr Tony writes: After a year in Stonebridge, I have reviewed the parish schedule and from the beginning of December I will be taking my rest day on Mondays. This means weekday Masses will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 10.00am. The church will be closed on Mondays.

The office opening hours will be 10.30am-2.30pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. I thank you for your understanding and apologise if this causes anyone any inconvenience.

## **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**

Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available in the back of the church or from the parish office, and you can give online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

## **Baptism preparation classes**

Parents wishing to have their children baptised should attend a class on one of the following dates: 29<sup>th</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/>.

### **Loreto Danuya RIP**

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

### **Gifty Roberts RIP**

The Requiem Mass of the late Gifty Roberts will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 classes**

The first preparation class for First Holy Communion takes place today, 13<sup>th</sup> November, at 10.45am and continues on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 27<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Attendance at Mass is important at any time, but especially as we prepare our youngsters for their First Holy Communion. This year, we are asking parents of First Holy Communion children to sign a register of attendance at Sunday Mass. This will be available at the back of church during the 6.00pm (Saturday) and 10.00am and 12.00pm (Sunday) Masses. Please do sign this register; your presence at Mass with your child will be a great support to them at this important stage in their faith journey.

### **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](http://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 12.00pm 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

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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.

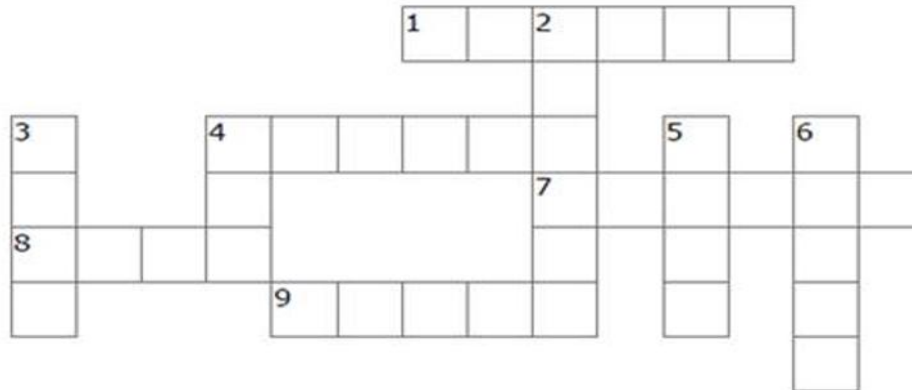
**St. Gregory's Catholic Science College** invites to attend their Sixth Form Information Event on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6:30pm



# CHILDREN'S CORNER



This crossword is based on today's Gospel.



## ACROSS

1. A country; a large group of people living in one area with their own government
4. To make good decisions based on knowledge and experience
7. A building where people are kept as a punishment
8. A feeling of worry caused by something dangerous
9. A piece of rock used in construction of the temple

## DOWN

2. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
3. The period between birth and death
4. Fighting between two or more countries
5. Something that is given without compensation
6. To think about problems or unpleasant things that might happen

LIFE  
WISDOM

STONE  
FEAR

TEMPLE  
PRISON

GIFT  
NATION

WORRY  
WAR

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



**'THE GREATER AND MORE PERSISTENT  
YOUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD, THE MORE  
ABUNDANTLY YOU WILL RECEIVE WHAT  
YOU ASK'**

*-Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor  
whose feast day falls on 15<sup>th</sup> November*

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Malachi 3:19-20** 'For you the sun of righteousness will shine out'

**2 Thessalonians 3:7-12** 'Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work'

**Luke 21:5-19** 'The destruction of the Temple foretold'

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Apocalypse 1:1-4,2:1-5** 'Think what you were before you fell, and repent'

**Luke 18:35-43** 'Son of David, have pity on me'



**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor**

**Apocalypse 3:1-6,14-22** 'If one of you hears me calling, I will come in to share his meal'

**Luke 19:1-10** 'Salvation comes to the house of Zacchaeus'

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - St Margaret of Scotland; St Gertrude, Virgin; St Edmund of Abingdon**

**Apocalypse 4:1-11** 'He was, he is, and he is to come'

**Luke 19:11-28** 'The parable of the talents'

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November - St Elizabeth of Hungary; St Hilda of Whitby, Abbess; St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop**

**Apocalypse 5:1-10** 'The blood of the Lamb bought men of God'

**Luke 19:41-44** 'Jesus sheds tears over the coming fate of Jerusalem'

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**Apocalypse 10:8-11** 'I was told to swallow the scroll, and to prophesy'

**Luke 19:45-48** 'You have turned God's house into a robbers' den'

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**Apocalypse 11:4-12** 'The prophets will die who have been a plague to the world'

**Luke 20:27-40** 'In God all men are alive'