



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

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (20th November 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Rv 5: 12; 1: 6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for
ever and ever.

First reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.



Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 121(122):1-5

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let
us go to God's house.'

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'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go
to God's house.'

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Second reading: Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers —
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him
and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation: Mk11:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

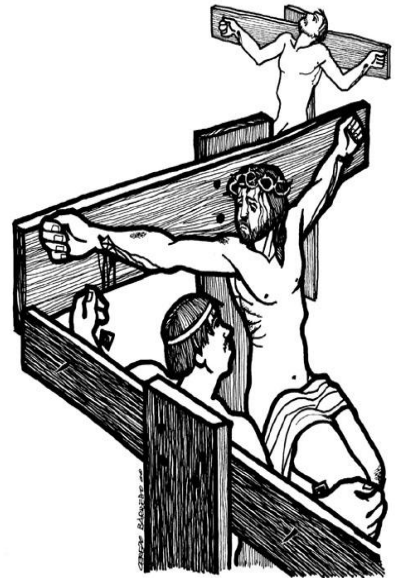
Communion Antiphon: Ps 28: 10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The crucifixion scene in Luke, as in all the gospels, is the climax of the story of Jesus. Emphasis is placed on the role of Jesus as King. The soldiers mock him as such, but the Gospel's use of irony ensures that we understand that they are saying more than they realise. Jesus is also ridiculed as Saviour ('Save yourself and us as well!'): especially in Luke (from the Infancy Stories onwards) Jesus is presented as the true Saviour – who is God. In Luke the crucifixion scene is primarily a scene of forgiveness, where Jesus carries on to the very end his work of forgiveness, which Luke has underlined throughout his Gospel. The scene begins with the women of Jerusalem mourning for Jesus, and ends with all the spectators departing, beating their breasts, recognizing their universal guilt. Jesus spontaneously forgives his executioners, asking God's forgiveness for them before they even ask it for themselves. He welcomes into his kingdom of Paradise the bandit who spontaneously acknowledges his wrongdoing. Here we see the culmination of all those scenes throughout Luke's Gospel where values are reversed: the King presented as a wretched figure dying on the Cross, to whom homage is paid not by dignified courtiers, but by another wretched figure dying by his side.



What sort of person should a citizen of the kingdom of forgiveness be?

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

This week's Mass intentions

Saturday 6.00pm - Willie Mc Andrew - RIP

Sunday 10.00am - People of the Parish

Sunday 12 Noon - Alberta Plaza - RIP Anniversary

Monday 10.00am - Mary Flanagan - Intentions - (Get Well)

Tuesday 10.00am - Holy Souls

Wednesday 10.00am - Loreto Danuya - RIP

Friday 10.00am - Michael & Mary Mooney - Intentions (get well)

Last week's collection

Planned giving £566.50; Loose plate £311.34. 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 **NO** Open House this week. The next Open House will be between 5pm and 6pm on Tuesday 29th November, when you can see Fr Tony briefly without an appointment

Advent and Christmas

Next Sunday (27th November) marks the beginning of the season of Advent. We hope that a booklet with the times of all our Advent and Christmas services will be available next weekend. In the meantime, here is an important date for your diary: our **Annual Carol Service on Thursday 15th December at 6.30pm**. All welcome!

Confessions during Advent

There will be extra opportunities to go to Confession during Advent. As well as our regular Confessions on Friday mornings (10.40am-11.20am) and Saturday evenings (5.15pm and 5.45pm), a priest will be available to hear Confessions during the 10.00am and 12.00pm Masses on Sunday 4th December. Please do avail yourselves of this opportunity to receive God's grace and forgiveness during this penitential season.

Red poinsettia plants

Do you think you can bring a poinsettia plant or two to decorate the church for Christmas? As in other years, we would like to make the church look beautiful with a sea of red plants! You can leave your plant donation by the Sacred Heart Chapel.

If you cannot donate a plant, please consider making a donation towards the cost of our Christmas flowers. There is a donation box in the wall on the left immediately as you come into church. Thank you!

My Day by Day - Advent 2022

My Day by Day is a daily Advent companion in the form of a small booklet, with readings and reflection for each day of this holy season. Copies of My Day by Day are now available at the back of church. If you would like to make a donation, we suggest £1 per copy.

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 today (20th November) for anyone interested; do come along!** There are more details here: <https://dowym.com/events/world-youth-day-lisbon/>.

CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

Why the Nativity?

"Why the Nativity" is a new feature film showing in Cineworld across the UK, on Saturday 3rd December 2022 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. To order your free tickets visit whythenativity.co.uk or call 08000582856.

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.

Albertha Eugene

The Requiem Mass of the late Alberta Eugene will take place on Wednesday 30th November at 11am. May she rest in peace.

First Holy Communion classes

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

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.



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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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

E	C	N	E	T	N	E	S	T	A
S	O	L	C	O	P	E	N	C	E
R	D	E	R	E	E	J	R	E	I
E	I	S	O	L	D	I	E	R	S
D	E	P	S	A	M	E	S	R	E
A	L	E	S	I	D	A	R	A	P
E	R	I	N	E	K	I	N	E	E
L	R	A	G	E	N	I	V	F	O
O	L	D	R	E	E	J	N	I	P
S	D	E	K	C	O	M	I	G	L

PEOPLE
JEERED
VINEGAR
FEAR

CROSS
SOLDIERS
KING
SENTENCE

LEADERS
MOCKED
CRIMINALS
PARADISE

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



'Let us fix our Gaze on the blood of Christ, realising how precious it is to his Father, since it was shed for our Salvation and brought the Grace of Repentance to all the world'

*- Pope Saint Clement I
whose feast day falls on 23rd November*

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday 20th November 2022 - Christ the King Solemnity

2 Samuel 5:1-3 'they anointed David king of Israel'

Colossians 1:12-20 'The Father has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves'

Luke 23:35-43 'Today you will be with me in paradise'

Monday 21st November - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Apocalypse 14:1-5 'The redeemed have Christ and his Father's name written on their foreheads'

Luke 21:1-4 'The widow's mite'

Tuesday 22nd November - Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

Apocalypse 14:14-19 'The harvest and the vintage of the earth are ripe'

Luke 21:5-11 'The destruction of the Temple foretold'



Wednesday 23rd November - St Clement I, Pope, Martyr; St Columbanus, Abbot and Missionary

Apocalypse 15:1-4 'The victors sang the hymn of Moses and of the Lamb'

Luke 21:12-19 'Your endurance will win you your lives'

Thursday 24th November - Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions, Martyrs

Apocalypse 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9 'Babylon the Great has fallen'

Luke 21:20-28 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars'

Friday 25th November - Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

Apocalypse 20:1-4, 11-21:2 'The book of life was opened, and the dead were judged'

Luke 21:29-33 'My words will never pass away'

Saturday 26th November

Apocalypse 22:1-7 'The Lord God will shine on them; it will never be night again'

Luke 21:34-36 'That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap'