



# 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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**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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (15<sup>th</sup> January 2023)

### TODAY'S MASS READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Ps 65:4  
All the earth shall bow down before you, O  
God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**First reading:** Isaiah 49:3,5-6  
The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel,  
in whom I shall be glorified';  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his  
servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back  
the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the  
ends of the earth.'

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

*Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

*Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I.

*Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.

*Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.

*Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle,  
together with brother Sosthenes, send  
greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to  
the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are  
called to take their place among all the saints  
everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus  
Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours.  
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ send you grace and peace.

**Gospel Acclamation:** cf. Lk 19:38, 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven

and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said,  
'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes  
away the sin of the world. This is the one I  
spoke of when I said: A man is coming after  
me who ranks before me because he existed  
before me. I did not know him myself, and  
yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came  
baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I  
saw the Spirit coming down on him from  
heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did  
not know him myself, but he who sent me to  
baptise with water had said to me, "The man  
on whom you see the Spirit come down and  
rest is the one who is going to baptise with  
the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am  
the witness that he is the Chosen One of  
God.'

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 22: 5

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that  
quenches my thirst.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In contrast to the other gospels, where the reader observes the disciples discovering gradually who Jesus is, John gives us a week between the baptism and the marriage-feast of Cana, during which Jesus is given increasingly significant titles by those who meet him: Rabbi, the Messiah, Son of God, King of Israel. Perhaps the most significant titles of all are those given by the Baptist himself, Lamb of God and Chosen One of God.



Jesus as the Lamb of God is a theme which overarches the gospel; it is introduced again at the Crucifixion. According to John Jesus dies at the moment the paschal lambs were being slaughtered in the Temple, and John alone refers the scriptural saying to Jesus that 'Not one bone of his will be broken' (John 19:36) which was originally part of the instructions for the sacrificing of the lamb at the Festival of Passover (Exodus 12:46). In the Book of Revelation Jesus is represented standing 'as a Lamb that seemed to have been sacrificed'. The Lamb is therefore an image both of his suffering and of his triumph. It links up with the picture of Jesus as the Suffering Servant of the Lord who moves through suffering and humiliation to vindication and to the triumph of God.

**Reflection: Reflect on Jesus as the Lamb standing as though sacrificed**

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

## **This week's Mass intentions**

**Saturday 6.00pm** - Carlton Johnson & Cynthia Williams - RIP Anniversary

**Sunday 10.00am** - People of the Parish

**Sunday 12 Noon** - Gifty Roberts - RIP Thanksgiving

**Tuesday 10.00am** - Mary O'Keefe - RIP

**Wednesday 10.00am** - Angela Doherty - Intentions

**Thursday 10.00am** - Donnye and Eileen - Family Intentions

**Friday 10.00am** - Frank Gilmore - RIP

**Saturday 6.00pm** - Frank Gilmore - RIP

**Sunday 10.00am** - People of the Parish

**Sunday 12 Noon** - Michael Cosgove - RIP

## **Last week's collection**

Planned giving £461.19; Loose plate £366.87.

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.

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

From the beginning of February, there will be an extra period of Adoration each week, between 5.00pm and 5.45pm on Saturdays. This is in addition to the Adoration which takes place after the 10.00am Mass on Fridays. All are welcome to come and worship Jesus present on our altar.

## **Open House**

There will be an Open House this Tuesday between 5pm and 6pm in the presbytery, to see Fr .Tony briefly without an appointment.

## **Baptism preparation classes**

Parents wishing to have their children baptised should attend a class on one of the following dates: 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.*

## **Congratulations to our newly baptised children**

Congratulations to Zion Moyo, Savannah Moyo and Kendrick Mushiandam, who were baptised here yesterday (Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January). We are delighted to welcome you as the newest members of our parish!

## **Gifty Roberts RIP**

The family of Gifty Roberts would like to thank the parishioners of Five Precious Wounds Church for all their advice, generosity, help and support during this difficult time and for attending her funeral in November last year.

## **Theresa Fitzpatrick and Denis Harrington RIP**

The funeral of the late Theresa Fitzpatrick and Denis Harrington RIP will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 11.00am. Please pray for the repose of their souls. May they rest in peace.

**First Holy Communion classes:** The First Holy Communion classes will continue on 22<sup>nd</sup>

January, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup> February, and 12<sup>th</sup> February, at 10.45am.

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.

### **Pax Christi**

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. The Pax Christi donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

### **Christmas Crib:**

There is still time (until Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February) to visit the Christmas Crib, now with the arrival of the three Kings. Do please take the opportunity to look at our beautiful crib, and maybe for a moment before it, offer a prayer. All Crib offerings (donations) made will, as usual, be sent to the Catholic Children's Society, for their important work with children. Thank you for supporting the Society.

### **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 12.00pm 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.

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### **School Information**

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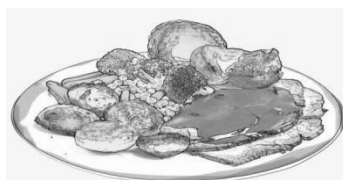
#### **Our Lady of Lourdes Nursery**

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.

## **SUNDAY LUNCH - 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY**

**Please join us for our first social event of 2023! We are hosting a Sunday lunch in the hall after the 12.00pm Mass: a traditional roast followed by desert. Tickets are £15 per person (excluding wine) and there will, of course, be a raffle! You can reserve a ticket through the office or by calling June on 0208 9613332.**

**Please come - all welcome!**



## CHILDREN'S CORNER



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

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LAMB  
SIN  
ISRAEL  
WATER  
SPIRIT  
HEAVEN  
DOVE  
BAPTISE  
HOLY  
WITNESS  
CHOSEN  
ONE



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



**"You should know that there is present with you the angel whom God has appointed for each man. . . This angel, who is sleepless and cannot be deceived, is always present with you; he sees all things and is not hindered by darkness. You should know, too, that with him is God."**

*- St Anthony Abbot, whose feast day falls on 17<sup>th</sup> January*

# THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Isaiah 49:3,5-6** 'I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth'

**1 Corinthians 1:1-3** 'May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace'

**John 1:29-34** 'Look: there is the Lamb of God'

## **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**Hebrews 5:1-10** 'Although he was Son, he learned to obey through suffering'

**Mark 2:18-22** 'Why do you disciples not fast?'

## **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January - Saint Antony, Abbot**

**Hebrews 6:10-20** 'In this hope we have an anchor for our soul'

**Mark 2:23-28** 'The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath'



## **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17** 'You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, for ever'

**Mark 3:1-6** 'Is it against the law on the sabbath day to save life?'

## **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Saint Wulstan, Bishop, Religious**

**Hebrews 7:25-8:6** 'He has offered sacrifice once and for all by offering himself'

**Mark 3:7-12** 'He warned them not to make him known as the Son of God'

## **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January - Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr & Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

**Hebrews 8:6-13** 'The first covenant is already old'

**Mark 3:13-19** 'He appointed twelve to be his companions'

## **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

**Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14** 'He has entered the sanctuary once and for all through his own blood'

**Mark 3:20-21** 'Jesus' relatives were convinced he was out of his mind'