

FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Bulletin – 2nd Sunday of Easter 16th April 2023

Welcome to everybody at Mass today and especially to anyone who is new or visiting. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 16th April Saturday 6pm 10am 12pm	Second Sunday of Easter Frank Gilmore - RIP Doris Camilo Antao - RIP People of the Parish
Monday 17th April No Mass	
Tuesday 18th April 10am	Lavonne Johnson - RIP
Wednesday 19th April 10am	Steven Robinson - Private Intention
Thursday 20th April 10am	Kevin Carberry - RIP Anniversary
Friday 21st April 10am	Danilo R Parungao - RIP
Sunday 23rd April Saturday 6pm 10am 12pm	Frank Gilmore - RIP People of the Parish Briget & Anthony Karrell-RIP Anniversary

PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

6pm Saturday (Said Mass), 10.00am (Sung Mass), 12pm (Mass with hymns)

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday – Friday 10.00am

Holy Days of Obligation:

10.00am and 7.00pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday 10.35-11.20am and Saturday 5.00-5.45pm

Confessions:

Friday 10.35-11.20am and Saturday 5.15-5.45pm

NeoCatechumenal Way:

Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm and Saturday evenings at 8pm in the hall

Nigerian Friends:

Monthly on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1.00 pm

Ghanaian Association:

Monthly on the last Sunday of the month at 1 pm

Filipino Association:

Mass on the First Sunday of the month at 3 pm

First Saturday Devotion – Rosary Group:

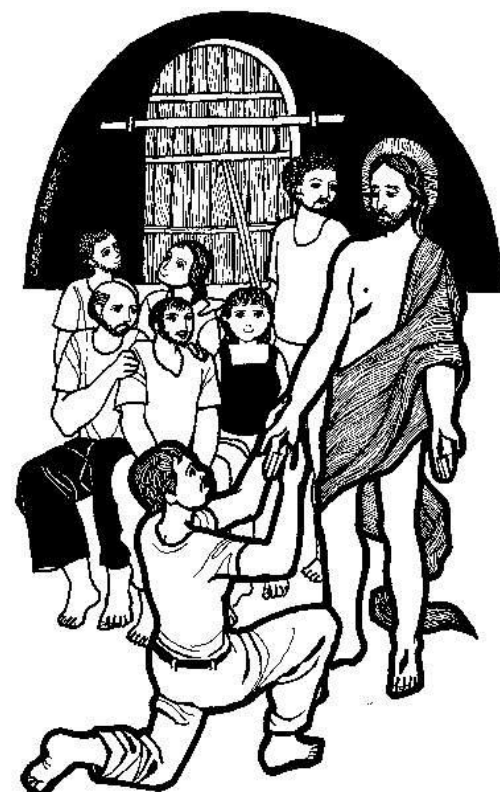
First Saturday of each month at 4.00pm in the parish hall.

Divine Mercy Devotion:

Third Saturday of each month at 3.00pm in the parish hall.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This passage from John's Gospel has all the more significance because it brings the Gospel to a close. The story of the breakfast-party with the Risen Christ on the shore of the Lake of Galilee is a sort of appendix. The story-line of the main Gospel ends with Thomas blurting out 'My Lord and my God'. The Gospel therefore ends as it began, with the only two unmistakable declarations in the New Testament of the divinity of Jesus. 'The Word was God' and 'My Lord and my God' bracket the Gospel, indicating the purpose and angle of the whole Gospel which is to show that Jesus is God. John's Gospel complements the other Gospels: they show a man who is also God, whereas this Gospel shows God who is also a man. It is with the divine authority that Jesus confers on his Church the divine power to forgive. Real forgiveness is indeed Godlike. It is not simply 'forgive-and-forget', but forgiveness in the knowledge that a hurt has occurred. Just as a bone, broken and merged together again, can be stronger than it was before it was broken, so forgiveness can create a real link of love on both sides, a treasured secret of divine graciousness between forgiver and forgiven.



How have you experienced real forgiveness in your life?

TODAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: 1 Pt 2:2
Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First reading: Acts 2:42-47
The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let the sons of Aaron say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let those who fear the Lord say:
‘His love has no end.’

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope

and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God’s power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Sequence
Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!

Life’s own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation: Jn20:29
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews.

Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Jn 20: 27
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

FAITH APPS FOR YOUR PHONE

Here are some great apps to help you develop your faith, which you may be interested in exploring:

Bible in one year • Hallow • Amen •
Laudate • Universalis • The Catholic App



AROUND THE PARISH



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £573.00, Loose plate £1403.45. 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.

Registration Form

Our parish register is several years of date. We therefore plan to create a new database, and will be giving out registration forms at our Masses this weekend. Please know that any data we hold will only be used for parish purposes and will not be passed on to a third party. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Funeral Mass:

- The funeral of Maureen Ferriter will take place on Wednesday 19th April at 11am. May she rest in peace
- The funeral of Margaret Greta Donoghue will take place on Wednesday 3rd May at 11:30am. May she rest in peace.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today is the Octave Day (eight day) of Easter. Such is the importance of the Resurrection, every day of the Octave is celebrated as if it were Easter Sunday!

Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. The church will be open for prayer until 4pm, with a period of simple Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm until 4pm.

Confirmation preparation

The first preparation session for our Confirmation Candidates takes place next Saturday, 22nd April, between 10am and 3.30pm in the parish centre. All candidates must attend. At 10am there will also be a brief presentation about photography at the Confirmation Mass, which parents of candidates are invited to attend.

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.

Planned giving envelopes

REPOSITORY

We thank those who have already volunteered to help run our shop (the repository) at the back of church. For the shop to remain viable, we do need a few more people to come forward. Without a rota of volunteers, the shop may be closed for a while after Easter. If you think you can spare some time to help, please speak to Fr Tony or Deacon Andrew.

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year 2023-24 are ready for collection. They can be collected at the back of the Church after Mass today. If you can remember your envelope number, it will be helpful while collecting your envelope box. If anyone would like to contribute their offertory through planned giving envelopes, please let us know. We can provide you with the new envelopes.

Gift Aid

If you are currently registered for Gift Aid but are no longer eligible, please let Violet in the office know, so that we can update our records.

First Holy Communion Rehearsals

Rehearsals for First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 13th May (for those making their FHC on 14th May) and Saturday 20th May (for those making their FHC on 21st May). Rehearsals start at 11am prompt and attendance is mandatory.

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

You'll see our contactless giving machine on the right 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:

Join us on our pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land, led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP.

Dates: Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November.

Route: Galilee – Jerusalem – Bethlehem.

Flying from Heathrow on BA.

Cost is for full board £2265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential.

You can book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage office 0207 798 9173.

Vocations to the priesthood

On Wednesday 17th May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre for a short presentation and informal conversations and refreshments. Do come and join us if you can. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

Prayer for King Charles III

The forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III is a moment of great importance for this nation. Christians from all traditions to are invited to join together in a period of daily prayer, for both the King and the nation, from Easter Day through to 6 May. This can be found at: <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/coronation-prayers>

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

We are delighted to share news of some forthcoming parish social events. Please put the following dates in your diary and know that all are welcome!

Sunday 7th May at 1pm - Bring and share lunch to celebrate the Coronation

Sunday 28th May at 1pm - Pentecost celebration with Filipino food

Sunday 13th August at 1pm - Annual parish festival and BBQ

Sunday 15th October at 1pm - Parish Sunday lunch

Sunday 17th December at 6pm - Parish carol concert and reception.

More information about each event will be published in due course.

A CAFOD word of thanks

Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill

AROUND THE PARISH

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The parish office is open from 10.30-2.30pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
There is an ‘Open House’ each Tuesday between 5.00pm and 6.00pm to see Fr Tony briefly without an appointment.
The church shop (repository) is open after the 10.00am and 12.00pm Mass on Sundays.

CORONATION CELEBRATION

On Sunday 7th May we will have a bring-and-share lunch to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. All are welcome to join us to mark this important moment in our national life.

Our 12pm Mass on 7th May will be celebrated for the King’s intentions.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The Quote of the Week over the coming weeks will reflect the Church’s teaching on the importance of evangelisation.

“The fundamental task of the evangelization of culture is the challenge to make God visible in the human face of Jesus.”

- Pope Benedict XVI -

CHILDREN’S CORNER

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

R	F	O	R	G	I	V	E	A	J
E	I	D	H	A	N	D	S	O	I
G	N	I	N	E	V	E	Y	F	N
I	G	S	N	Y	E	H	A	E	W
F	E	C	I	A	N	T	C	A	T
H	R	I	W	D	H	A	S	R	Y
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E	V	E	I	L	E	B	R	E	J
S	E	S	L	I	A	N	D	O	L

EVENING
PEACE
JOY
TWIN

DAY
HANDS
FATHER
HOLES

DOORS
SIDE
BREATHED
NAILS

FEAR
DISCIPLES
FORGIVE
FINGER

A cartoon illustration of a priest with a beard and long hair, wearing a white cassock, standing and talking to two children. The children, a boy and a girl, are sitting on a bench. The boy is looking up at the priest, and the girl is looking towards the priest.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

There are refreshments in the hall after the 12.00pm Mass on Sundays and after all weekday Masses.

Please join us for a friendly cuppa and chat!

PRAYERS, PLEASE

Please keep in your prayers our parishioners who are sick or housebound:

Pete Julien, Amar Atienza, Betty O’Reily (Elizabeth), Eileen Dowd, Marcella Frawley, Valda Baptist, Maureen Ferriter, Omolara Ademuyiwa, Theophilus Ademuyiwa

Please give the names of any sick or housebound you would like mentioned in the newsletter to Fr Tony or Violet, our administrator.