

# FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

# CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Parish Bulletin – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 21<sup>st</sup> May 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 21<sup>st</sup> May

Saturday 6pm

10am

12pm

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

No Mass

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

10am

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

10am

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

10am

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

10am

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 6pm

10am

12pm

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter

People of the Parish

Michael Rahilly - RIP Anniversary

Robert Julien - RIP Anniversary

Arlene Gooday - Special Intentions

Sabina D'Silva - 1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary

People of the Parish

FideliS Ilonwah - RIP Anniversary

Ann Obi - RIP

### 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

The discourse of Jesus given by John after the Last Supper is of a special literary genre. It was a convention that the final instructions of a great leader for his future community should be gathered together in the context of a final meal. Jesus' life and purpose is summed up in this great prayer. The discourse is shot through with the warmth of the relationship of Jesus to his Father and with the fact that Jesus came to do the will of the Father. But most striking of all is the stress on the glorification of Jesus. The earliest kerygma about the Resurrection, as we have it in Paul's writings, is not about the empty tomb, but is about the glory of the risen Christ, that Christ is lifted up to his full participation in the divine glory of the Father. The hymn in Colossians puts him as first-born in creation and now first-born from the dead, so that he can be first in every way. Philippians declares that he must receive the homage of bending the knee in the worship due only to God. This is not blasphemy, for it is 'to the glory of the Father' that the Risen Christ should share in this glory. In a way this gospel reading is a meditation on the effects of the culmination of the Ascension for the Risen Christ.



#### What do we mean by 'the Glory of Christ'?

##### 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





# TODAY’S MASS READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 26: 7-9  
O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

**First reading:** Acts 1:12-14  
After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 26(27):1,4,7-8

I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
‘Seek his face.’

I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.

**Second reading:** 1 Peter 4:13-16  
If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

**Gospel Acclamation:** cf.Jn14:18  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you,  
and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 17:1-11  
Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Father, the hour has come:  
glorify your Son  
so that your Son may glorify you;  
and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him,  
let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him.  
And eternal life is this:

to know you,  
the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
I have glorified you on earth  
and finished the work that you gave me to do.  
Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me  
with that glory I had with you before ever the world was.  
I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me.  
They were yours and you gave them to me,  
and they have kept your word.  
Now at last they know  
that all you have given me comes indeed from you;  
for I have given them the teaching you gave to me,  
and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you,  
and have believed that it was you who sent me.  
I pray for them;  
I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you:  
all I have is yours  
and all you have is mine,  
and in them I am glorified.  
I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world,  
and I am coming to you.’

**Communion Antiphon**  
Jn 17: 22  
Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

# AROUND THE PARISH



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £423.50, Loose plate £594.74. 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.

## First Holy Communions today

A group of our children will receive Holy Communion for the first time at the 12pm Mass today (21<sup>st</sup> May). Many congratulations to them and their families.

## Santacruzán and May flower festival

The annual Santacruzán procession and flower festival, celebrated by the Filipino community, will take place today, 21<sup>st</sup> May, in the afternoon. There will be a Filipino Mass at 3pm. All parishioners are welcome to join the festivities!

**This week** Fr Guy Sawyer will celebrate Masses from Tuesday to Friday. There will be no Confessions on Friday morning.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays

Some months ago we introduced an extra period of Adoration each week, between 5.00pm and 5.45pm on Saturdays. Sadly, over recent weeks hardly anyone has attended. **If more people do not take the opportunity to attend Adoration on Saturdays, then it will cease at the end of June.**

## Solemnity of Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ – falls on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. The 12pm Mass will be followed by a Blessed Sacrament procession around the grounds of the church. There will be a bring-and-share lunch afterwards in the hall, and the winning numbers of the Grand Draw will be announced. All are welcome to join us for this celebration!

## Celebration for First Holy Communion children

The 12pm Mass on 11<sup>th</sup> June will also be a celebration for children who have made their First Holy Communion this year. At the end of Mass, the children will receive their First Holy

## 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.

Communion certificates and be invited to join our Blessed Sacrament Procession (see above). The children may wear their First Holy Communion outfits again at this Mass.

## Concetta Assunta Ritaccio RIP

We recently heard the sad news of the death of Concetta Assunta Ritaccio, the mother of our previous parish priest Fr Antonio. Mrs Ritaccio's funeral will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am at St Frances Cabrini RC Church, 10 Woburn Road, Bedford, MK40 1EG. Our condolences go to Fr Antonio and his family. May she rest in peace.

## Caribbean Catholic Association pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham

This will take place this year on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, departing by coach from Five Precious Wounds at 7.30am. Please contact June on 0208 961 3332 or Cecil on 0208 459 6880 for further information.

**Open House** There will be **NO** Open House this Tuesday.

## 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.

## Confirmations

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm we welcome Bishop John Sherrington, who will be celebrating Confirmations with our young people. Please pray for them and their families at this special time.

## Planned giving envelopes

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

## PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm - Corpus Christi procession followed by bring and share lunch

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 1pm - Annual parish festival and BBQ

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm - Parish Sunday lunch

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm - Parish carol concert and reception.

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

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.

## Mass intentions

If you would like to book a Mass intention, please do so by phoning the parish during office hours, by taking a Mass intention envelope and putting it through the door of the presbytery, or by speaking to one of our stewards at the end of a Sunday Mass.

## 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.

## Blessed Carlo Acutis

Bishop Nicholas Hudson and Westminster Youth Ministry are hosting a Eucharistic Adoration event on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7:30pm to 9pm at Farm St Church in Mayfair. Blessed Carlo Acutis's mother will be giving a talk during the Event. All are welcome.

## Following the footsteps of the Saints

### Called to action by our faith – Saturday 10th June

You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help. The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as [Live Simply](#), Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Tony [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk) or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events> or Eventbrite [here](#).



# 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.

## PARISH GRAND DRAW

To raise funds for our parish, we are holding a Grand Draw. Tickets will be on sale from this weekend and are £10 each. Please choose from the following prizes you can win:

- A microwave
- An air fryer
- A Gamage men’s sports watch

Tickets are available after Masses this Sunday and from the parish office during the week. The draw will be made at our parish Corpus Christi celebration on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Please take part and support our parish. Thank you!

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus... We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist.”

St Teresa of Calcutta

## CHILDREN’S CORNER

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

A	T	I	Y	R	O	H	T	U	A
N	A	M	T	I	R	I	P	S	M
S	N	O	I	T	A	N	E	P	E
R	B	N	R	A	E	T	M	R	A
E	A	M	O	U	N	T	A	I	N
H	P	E	H	S	H	R	N	E	F
T	T	I	T	P	F	A	V	N	A
A	I	R	U	A	V	E	N	S	T
F	S	S	A	B	L	O	L	R	H
N	E	V	A	E	H	F	E	L	E

ELEVEN

MOUNTAIN

FELL

AUTHORITY

HEAVEN

EARTH

NATIONS

BAPTISE

NAME

FATHER

SON

SPIRIT



## 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:

Kadeem Edwards, Amar Atienza, Betty O’Reily (Elizabeth), Eileen Dowd, Marcella Frawley, Valda Baptist, 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.