

# FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

# CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Parish Bulletin – PENTECOST – 28<sup>th</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 28<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 6pm

10am

12pm

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May

No Mass

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

10am

#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May

10am

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June

10am

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

10am

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 6pm

10am

12pm

#### Pentecost

People of the Parish

Fidelis Ilonwah - RIP Anniversary

Ann Obi - RIP

Mary & Brian Shanahan - RIP  
Anniversary

People of the Parish

Anna Nicoal - Birthday, Private Intention

Shaun La'Crette - 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

At first sight this is a surprising gospel reading for Pentecost, but of course the event of Pentecost came too late to be a subject for the gospels, and we read the account of another incident where the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples.

There are two emphases in the account. The first is peace.

Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian watchword.

Peace was the song of the angels at Jesus' birth. Each of Paul's letters opens with a greeting of peace. The letter to the Ephesians proclaims that Christ is our peace, the removal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition.

'Go in peace' is Jesus' dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. Peace was Jesus' bequest to his disciples after the Last Supper. The second watchword is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus came to show by his constant approach to sinners. But the Lord's Prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God's forgiveness of ourselves too. 'Forgiveness is the only sure path to peace.'

**Does this cause any difficulties? Which is more important to you, peace or forgiveness? Or are they the same?**



### 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:** Wis 1: 7  
The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world  
and that which contains all things  
understands what is said, alleluia.

**First reading:** Acts 2:1-11  
When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.  
Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13  
No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.  
There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.  
Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**Sequence**  
Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure  
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul’s delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet  
Pleasant coolness in the heat  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew  
On our dryness pour thy dew  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill

Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die  
Give us life with thee on high  
Give us joys that never end.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23  
In the evening of 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.’

**Communion Antiphon**  
Acts 2: 4, 11  
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

**PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS**

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

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.

# AROUND THE PARISH



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £340.21, Loose plate £588.52. 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.

### Second Collection - St Claudine's students' pilgrimage to Lourdes

At Masses this weekend three young parishioners who are students at St Claudine's will make an appeal to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Lourdes this July. In Lourdes they will help care for sick pilgrims from our Diocese. Please give generously to this appeal.

### 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 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.

## 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.

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

### 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.

### 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](#).

#### Our Lady of Lourdes Nursery – Open Morning – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 09:00

Nestled in the midst of a busy community, Our Lady of Lourdes Nursery is an oasis of calm that provides a fantastic learning environment for your child to develop. We have limited places still available for September 2023

#### Our Lady of Lourdes Reception Class – Open Morning – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 10:00

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. We have limited places still available for 2023

Please join us for one of our Open Mornings

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.

# 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

“Do not think that Jesus Christ is forgetful of you, since he has left you, as the greatest memorial and pledge of his love, himself in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.”

-St Alphonsus Liguori-

## CHILDREN’S CORNER


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

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

EVENING  
DOORS  
PEACE  
BREATHED

FIRST  
CLOSED  
SIDE  
FORGIVE

DAY  
DISCIPLES  
FATHER  
RETAIN



## 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.