

FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Bulletin – Most Holy Trinity – 4th June 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

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| Sunday 4th June Saturday 6pm 10am 12pm | Most Holy Trinity People of the Parish Anna Nicoal -Birthday, Private Intention Shaun La’Crette - RIP |
| Monday 5th June No Mass | |
| Tuesday 6th June 10am | |
| Wednesday 7th June 10am | Bhargava - Family Intentions |
| Thursday 8th June 10am | Concetta Assunta Ritaccio - RIP |
| Friday 9th June 10am | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 11th June Saturday 6pm 10am 12pm | Alan & Arlene Gonzales - 30 th Wedding Anniversary - Thanksgiving Anna Duffy - RIP Anniversary Sheila Mitchell - 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

At first sight this part of the dialogue with Nicodemus seems to mention only the Father and the Son and not involve the Holy Spirit. A chief concern of the Gospel of John is to show the relationship of loving obedience between Father and Son. The love and equality in a perfect relationship between a human parent and a child is the nearest reflection of such divine love which we can envisage. In complete trust and confidence the parent gives to the child everything that is theirs. The parent’s only interest is the advancement of the child. The child’s only care is to please the parent and to be as close to the parent as they can be, in word, in action and in relationships. Each has a vibrant and continuous bond of love for the other.

Such a relationship may be rare in human family life, but it can model for us a pale reflection of the loving relationship between the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son, love in person, the living bond which unites them. We must, however, appreciate that any such language limps and belittles the divine relationship, which is of a different order of perfection and intensity. Human language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding.

We are familiar with St Patrick’s clover-leaf image of the Trinity. Are there any other images of the Trinity which you find helpful?

How are Father, Son and Spirit presented in this Gospel passage? How does the Holy Spirit bring us close to the Father?

How can we respond to God’s love for us?

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First reading: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm:

Daniel 3:52-56

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Blest your glorious holy name.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.



To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation: cf.Rv1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

Communion Antiphon

Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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 • The Catholic App •
Universalis



AROUND THE PARISH



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £436.95, loose plate £486.87. 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.

The funeral of the late Kevin Brennan will take place on Friday 16th June at 12.30pm, followed by the cremation at West London Crematorium at 2.30pm. May he rest in peace.

Church cleaning

We will be doing a deep clean of the church on Saturday 10th June, from 10am, so that it looks at its best for our Corpus Christi celebrations. Please come along and help us if you can!

Volunteers needed

Please let Fr Tony or Deacon Andrew know if you can give a few hours each month to help with church cleaning or flower arranging. We plan to start regular cleaning on Friday mornings, after Mass and Adoration.

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ – falls next Sunday 11th 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 11th 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 this Thursday, 8th 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.

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be on Monday 19th June at 11.30am.

Caribbean Catholic Association pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham

This will take place this year on Sunday 25th 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

This Friday, 9th 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.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Sunday 11th 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.

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.

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Nursery – Open Morning – Thursday 22nd 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 22nd 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 11th June.

Please take part and support our parish. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

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NICODEMUS LOVED WORLD
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Wherever there is love, there is a Trinity: a Lover, a beloved, and a Fountain of love ”

- St Augustine

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.