

FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Bulletin – Corpus Christi – 11th 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

Sunday 11th June Saturday 6pm	Corpus Christi - Solemnity Alan & Arlene Gonzales - 30 th Wedding Anniversary - Thanksgiving Anna Duffy - RIP Anniversary Sheila Mitchell - RIP Anniversary
10am 12pm	
Monday 12th June No Mass	
Tuesday 13th June 10am	Elen McDonagh & Family - Intentions
Wednesday 14th June 10am	McDonagh family, Corcoran family, O'Donnell family, Mongan family and Barrett family - Intentions
Thursday 15th June 10am	
Friday 16th June 10am	Michael and Lilly Ann Corcoran - RIP
Sunday 18th June Saturday 6pm 10am 12pm	Anne Mc Goire - RIP People of the Parish Corazon J. Atienza - Birthday Thanksgiving

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 is the final section of Jesus’ great discourse in the gospel of John on the Eucharist, delivered in the synagogue at Capernaum. It is in the form of a synagogue-sermon, commenting in turn on the phrases of Psalm 78, ‘He gave them bread – from heaven – to eat’. Jesus explains that these words are truly fulfilled not by Moses’ historic gift of manna in the desert, but by the Father’s continuous and repeated gift of Eucharistic bread. The discourse has the same pattern as the Mass, instruction followed by eating. The first two sections of the discourse were about God’s gift of revelation in Christ, which is accepted and assimilated by belief in the teaching of Jesus. Now we come to the final section on God’s gift of Christ as food. Particularly striking are two points. Firstly, the stress on eating: the word used for ‘eat my flesh’ is full of the reality of eating; it really means ‘chew’, and designates the sacramental eating as a real assimilation of the nourishing food. The second point is that ‘my flesh for the life of the world’ links firmly to the Last Supper: the Christ that we receive is the Christ at the very moment of his redemptive act of self-offering, an act which continues throughout time and into eternity.



What is the best way to prepare for Holy Communion?

TODAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 80: 17
He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16
Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.
‘Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.’

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Sequence
Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God’s true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.
Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn6:51
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,
says the Lord.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58
Jesus said to the crowd:
‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

Communion Antiphon
Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life,
which is foreshadowed in the present age
by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

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 £423.25, Loose plate £365.70. 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.

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

Today, Sunday 11th June, is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ. 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 today 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 will wear their First Holy Communion outfits again at this Mass.

Mission Appeal - Second collection

Sr. Asmeret A. Abreha, Comboni Missionary Sister, will be giving the mission appeal in our church on next weekend, 17&18 June 2023 at each mass. There will be second collection for this mission. Please give generously to this appeal.

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.

Catechists' Summer Gathering

The Summer Gathering for all the Catechists will take place on Saturday 8th July from 9:45am to 3:30pm at Sacred Heart High School, Hammersmith. To Register email to: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

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. The cost per person is £30 only. Please contact June on 0208 961 3332 or Cecil on 0208 459 6880 for further information.

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

Open House There will be an 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 9th June at 7pm Bishop John Sherrington, celebrated Confirmations with our young people. Congratulations to all the young people who received the sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for them to continue their journey in the Spirit.

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

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.

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.

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.

Diocesan Jobs

For the Job vacancies of Westminster Diocese please see the Notice Board

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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 ALPHA COURSE

Fr Tony writes: the Alpha Course runs over several weeks and is a space where anyone – believers or non-believers alike – can come together to chat about faith, life and God in a friendly, open and informal setting. As some of you know, I didn’t grow up as a practising Christian, but came to faith when I did Alpha.

This September, I hope to begin an Alpha Course here in Stonebridge. More details will follow, and all are welcome. Please do pray for God's blessing on this new initiative; that, through it, parishioners may have a deeper experience of the Father's love and a renewed friendship with Jesus Christ.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration.”

Pope St John Paul II

CHILDREN’S CORNER

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

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N	D	O	O	R	E	V	E	T	H
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T	A	B	D	T	E	L	I	C	H
E	V	R	E	A	F	A	B	N	I
L	S	E	L	F	E	E	V	A	K
A	N	R	E	T	E	D	A	E	L

BREAD
EVER
BLOOD
ANCESTORS
HEAVEN
FLESH
ETERNAL
DEAD
LIVE
DRINK
FATHER
ANYONE



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.

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!