

FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Bulletin – 11th Sunday in Ordinary time – 18th 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 18th June | |
| Saturday 6pm | Anne McGuire - RIP |
| 10am | People of the Parish |
| 12pm | Corazon J. Atienza - Birthday |
| | Thanksgiving |
| Monday 19th June | |
| No Mass | |
| Tuesday 20th June | |
| 10am | Carl Hoyt RIP |
| Wednesday 21st June | |
| 10am | |
| Thursday 22nd June | |
| 10am | |
| Friday 23rd June | |
| 10am | Rosy Cardoza - RIP Anniversary |
| Sunday 25th June | |
| Saturday 6pm | Lizzy Ryan - RIP |
| 10am | People of the Parish |
| 12pm | Ann Obi - 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

Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the Kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them, and sent others out to do the same. His aim was to bring them the peace of God, to help them by ridding them of their worries, their sickness, their embarrassment at being lost sheep without a shepherd (God was always the shepherd in Israel).

When he set up the twelve apostles he was making a New Israel, a new set of twelve tribes, as a permanent healing body, to make sure that the Kingdom of the Father and its peace and generosity would always be available. He was not setting up a clergy, a set of leaders, but appointing his own helpers in spreading God’s Kingdom. That is what every Christian must do.



Do I make it my business to spread the Kingdom or the Kingship of God?

Am I a labourer in the harvest, trying to bring God’s peace and healing to all the sick sheep?

After all, I was made in the image of God, and God gave me the task of following on his creative work. And then Jesus called me, too, to work with him.

TODAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 26:7,9
O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First reading: Exodus 19:2-6
From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, “You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle’s wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.”’

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 99(100):2-3,5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading: Romans 5:6-11
We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God’s anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8
When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.’

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.
These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:
‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’

Communion Antiphon: Ps 26: 4
There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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 £437.67, loose plate £418.49. 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.

Thank you

Thank you to all those who helped and provided food for our bring-and-share lunch on the feast of Corpus Christi last Sunday. It was a wonderful celebration!

Grand draw winners

Congratulations to our grand draw winners! The lucky winning numbers are as follows:

Air fryer - 31

Gent's watch - 3

Microwave - 17

Please contact Violet in the parish office to claim your prize.

Volunteers needed

Our parishioner Arlene has very kindly offered to establish a rota for church cleaning. We currently rely on a very small group of people to carry out this ministry. Cleaning will most likely take place on Friday and Saturday mornings. Please call Arlene on 07817 548690 if you are able to help. Thank you.

Mission Appeal - Second collection

Sr. Asmeret Abreha, Comboni Missionary Sister, will be giving the mission appeal in our church on this weekend, after each mass. There will be second collection for this mission. Please give generously to this appeal.

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

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.

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

World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day takes place every year on the 20th June. 2023 marks the 25th anniversary of Refugee Week, which is an initiative founded in the UK. The theme for this years' Refugee Week is compassion.

Pope Francis has called compassion 'the language of God' and 'the path of true justice'. He also says that 'closeness, tenderness, compassion are the style of God. God draws near, and he draws near with tenderness and compassion.' Recently the Catholic Bishops' Conference shared the new document 'Love the Stranger'. You can read this at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/>

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.

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 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.

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

**I die the king's
faithful servant, but
God's first**

**St Thomas More (1478-
1535), whose feast day falls
this Thursday**

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

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APOSTLES SIMON PETER
ANDREW
JAMES
JOHN
PHILIP
BARTHOLOMEW
THOMAS
MATTHEW
THADDAEUS
JUDAS
ISCARIOT
ZEBEDEE
ALPHEUS
ZEALOT

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:

Anna Nicol, 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.