

FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Bulletin – 12th Sunday in Ordinary time – 25th 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 25th June	
Saturday 6pm	Lizzy Ryan - RIP
10am	People of the Parish
12pm	Ann Obi - RIP Anniversary
Monday 26th June	
No Mass	
Tuesday 27th June	
10am	Michael Lynott - RIP
Wednesday 28th June	
10am	Jean Sullivan - RIP
Thursday 29th June	
10am	Mrs Margaret (PEG) Gillespie - RIP
7pm	Alan Dela Rosa Austria - Healing
Friday 30th June	
10am	
Sunday 2nd July	
Saturday 6pm	People of the Parish
10am	Cimona D’souza -Birthday Thanksgiving
12pm	For deliverance

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 whole chapter of Matthew brings together and sums up what Jesus has to say to his apostles about declaring his teaching in the face of hostility and persecution. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming his message. He ‘taught with authority’, as the gospel constantly tells us. His disciples are sent out to do the same. We do not often meet with real persecution, although it may yet happen. The martyrs of communist Russia or Vietnam lived many years of peaceful Christianity before unexpectedly facing martyrdom. The monk martyrs of Algeria did not reckon on martyrdom when they went to Algeria. The only preparation for martyrdom can be fidelity and prayer. More often we face mockery for holding to Christian principles, and that too can be difficult to bear. We can be accused of narrow mindedness, lack of appreciation of human values, blind obedience, sentimentality, naivety, and a host of other hurtful slurs. Jesus did not promise that the Father would prevent the sparrows falling to the ground! Neither is it always easy to respond to such slurs with the patience and generosity as well as the truthfulness which Jesus would have shown. ‘A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar’, said St Francis de Sales.



Do I fearlessly proclaim the Gospel?

What situations in the coming week might require courage?

How can I grow in courage?

TODAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 27:8-9
The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has
anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your
heritage,
and govern them for ever.

First reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Jeremiah said:
I hear so many disparaging me,
“‘Terror from every side!”
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!’
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be
theirs.
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe
with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on
them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother’s sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their
chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him
praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

Second reading: Romans 5:12-15
Sin entered the world through one man,
and through sin death, and thus death has
spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed
in the world long before the Law was
given. There was no law and so no one
could be accused of the sin of ‘law-
breaking’, yet death reigned over all from
Adam to Moses, even though their sin,
unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of
breaking a law.
Adam prefigured the One to come, but
the gift itself considerably outweighed the
fall. If it is certain that through one man’s
fall so many died, it is even more certain
that divine grace, coming through the one
man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an
abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:27
Jn1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived
among us:
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do
not be afraid. For everything that is now
covered will be uncovered, and everything
now hidden will be made clear. What I say
to you in the dark, tell in the daylight;
what you hear in whispers, proclaim from
the housetops.
‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the
body but cannot kill the soul; fear him
rather who can destroy both body and
soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows
for a penny? And yet not one falls to the
ground without your Father knowing. Why,

every hair on your head has been counted.
So there is no need to be afraid; you are
worth more than hundreds of sparrows.
‘So if anyone declares himself for me in
the presence of men, I will declare myself
for him in the presence of my Father in
heaven. But the one who disowns me in
the presence of men, I will disown in the
presence of my Father in heaven.’

Communion Antiphon: Ps 144: 15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due
season.

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.

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 £318.50, loose plate £372.43. 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.

Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul

Next Thursday (29th June) is the Solemnity and St Peter and St Paul. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses will be at 10am and 7pm. Please see this Solemnity as a wonderful extra opportunity to hear the Word of God and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on a weekday.

Supply priests

Between 26th June and 11th July, Frs Kevin O'Shea, Guy Sawyer and John McCarthy will be celebrating our Masses in Stonebridge. We welcome them and thank them for their support.

Confessions

Please note that there will be no scheduled Confessions in the parish between 26th June and 11th July. If you would like to go to Confession during this time, please speak to one of our visiting priests.

Adoration on Saturday

There will be no Adoration before Mass on Saturday 1st July and Saturday 8th July.

Friday 30th June and Friday 7th July

Please note that on these Fridays there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 10am, followed by Adoration and Benediction as normal. There will be no Confessions during Adoration.

Grand draw winners

Congratulations to our grand draw winners! Only one prize remains to be claimed. The **lucky winning numbers of the gent's watch is 3**. 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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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 or please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

Wintershall Life of Christ

The greatest story of all time is movingly recreated with authentic detail, outstanding quality sound and music. The Life of Christ is a passion play not to be missed. It is both educational and entertaining, amusing and serious.

Watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside.

Young and old from all walks of life will be mesmerised as the story unfolds across three captivating acts from **10am to 3.30pm. 27th June - 1st July.** [Book your tickets](https://www.wintershall.org.uk/life-christ-6) <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/life-christ-6>

Job Advert – CAFOD Diocese of Westminster

Community Participation Co-ordinator – Full time role. Involves both recruitment and support of existing team of Volunteers. To inspire and resource volunteers to work with parish and school communities to enable them to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice in partnership with CAFOD. Further details on web page. cafod.org.uk/jobs (Closing Date 25/6)

CAFOD - update on the conflict in Sudan

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Georges RC Church, 970 Harrow Road, HA0 2QE on Saturday 8 July 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

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.

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 glory of
God is man
fully alive”


St Irenaeus of Lyons (c130-202), whose feast day falls this Wednesday

CHILDREN’S CORNER

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

T	G	H	I	L	D	A	Y	I	A
H	S	O	U	S	A	N	Y	F	D
G	E	W	L	D	N	D	R	O	E
I	D	H	O	E	A	A	A	W	S
L	E	I	P	R	I	F	E	L	T
Y	C	S	K	D	R	L	L	L	R
A	L	P	I	N	L	A	C	I	O
D	A	E	H	U	F	E	P	K	Y
A	R	R	O	H	R	A	P	S	T
S	E	S	P	I	H	W	O	S	E

AFRAID
CLEAR
DARK
DAYLIGHT
WHISPERS
KILL
SOUL
DESTROY
SPARROWS
PENNY
HEAD
HUNDREDS



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.