

FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Bulletin – 16th Sunday in Ordinary time – 23rd July 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

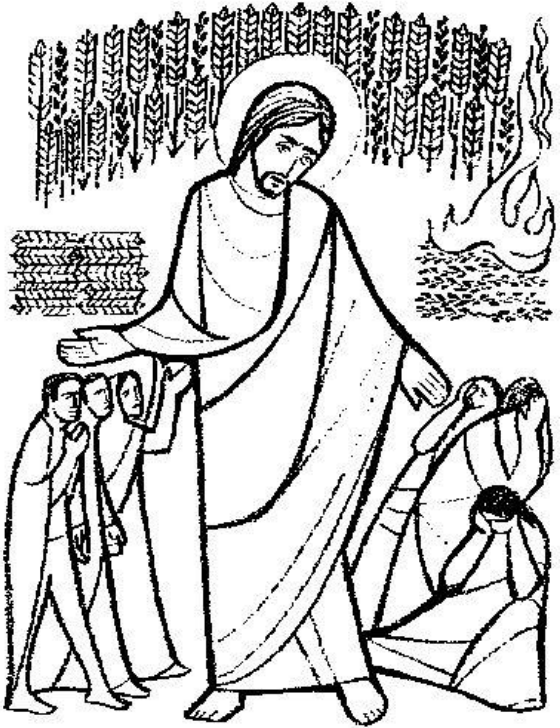
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| Sunday 23 rd July | |
| Saturday 6pm | People of the Parish |
| 10am | Philomena McMillan - RIP Anniversary |
| | Ann Obi - RIP Anniversary |
| 12pm | |
| Monday 24 th July | |
| No Mass | |
| Tuesday 25 th July | |
| 10am | Thomas Kelly - RIP 3 rd Anniversary |
| Wednesday 26 th July | |
| 10am | Agnes Otigbah - RIP Anniversary |
| Thursday 27 th July | |
| 10am | Ana Nicol’s intentions (healing) |
| Friday 28 th July | |
| 10am | |
| Sunday 30 th July | |
| Saturday 6pm | Mary Bryanston - RIP |
| 10am | People of the Parish |
| 12pm | |

PARISH SCHEDULE

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| 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

The Gospel of Matthew gathers together a whole set of pictures which Jesus used to describe the society of God’s servants which he was intent on setting up. Matthew calls it ‘the Kingdom of Heaven’. Jews avoided bandying around the name of ‘God’, so Matthew calls it by the place where God is enthroned, Heaven. The first picture, the wheat and the darnel, shows that in some of those called the good seed has been overlaid by weed. In its early growth this weed, the inedible darnel, is incredibly difficult for a non-farmer to distinguish from good barley. No more can we presume to sort out who is seeking God and who is not; it is dangerous to despise or to dismiss anyone at all. The explanation given by Matthew constitutes a warning that the harvest, the judgment, will come in the end.



Do we have any right to judge others (or may we be mistaking wheat for darnel)?

What is the darnel in us that needs weeding out before the judgment?

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

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



Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 53:6,8
See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19
There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second reading: Romans 8:26-27
The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation: cf.Ep1:17,18
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30
Jesus put another parable before the crowds: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”’

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 110:4-5
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

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.

AROUND THE PARISH



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £372.00, loose plate £447.25. 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.

Parish festival and BBQ

Our next social event will be our parish festival and BBQ on Sunday 13th August. After the 12pm Mass there will be a Marian procession, followed by a BBQ, food, drink and music in the garden. All are welcome.

Today, 23rd July, there will be a planning meeting straight after the 10am Mass in the hall, for those who are able to help with this event.

This week Fr Guy Sawyer will be celebrating our weekday Masses. We welcome him and thank him for his support.

Friday 28th July

Please note that this Friday 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.

Caribbean Catholic Association pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory

This will take place on Sunday 30th July, departing by coach from Five Precious Wounds at 9am. The cost per person is £23 only. Please contact June on 0208 961 3332 or Cecil on 0208 459 6880 for further information.

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.

Open House

There will be no Open House this Tuesday.

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.

Diocesan Jobs

For the Job vacancies of Westminster Diocese please see the Notice Board or please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 23rd September 2023. More information is on the Notice Board.

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, to Walsingham Saturday 5th August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald.

For details see the poster on the noticeboard, or go to

www.prolifepilgrimage.org

Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle. The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for "Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation" on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm. Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

Young Adults Formation

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such *Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham*. There are two choices of dates: 14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September. More information can be found here: [News & Events | The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham \(walsinghamcommunity.org\)](#)

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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

**Persevere in prayer
without ceasing.. to
understand and live
according to his will,
not to change it.**

**St Charbel Makhoulf
whose feast day falls this
Monday**

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

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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.