

FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Bulletin – 29th Sunday in Ordinary time – 22nd October 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 22nd October Saturday 6pm 10am 12pm Monday 23rd October No Mass Tuesday 24th October 10am Wednesday 25th October 10am Thursday 26th October 10am Friday 27th October 10am Sunday 29th October Saturday 6pm 10am 12pm	29th Sunday Ordinary Time People of the Parish Philomena Popo - RIP Gifty Roberts - RIP Anniversary St. John of Capistrano, Priest St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop Mary Ann Heavey - RIP Anniversary Pilar Moreno & Amari Atienza - Birthday - Thanksgiving Sts. Chad and Cedd, Bishops Mary and Ignatius Fanagan - Intentions (50 th Wedding Anniversary) Esther McCarthy’s intentions 30th Sunday Ordinary Time Charlie Ward - RIP Anniversary People of the Parish Gifty Roberts- RIP Anniversary
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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

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

They must really have thought they had their victim sewn up! If Jesus said he paid the Roman taxes, he recognised the Emperor, not God, as his Lord. If he said he didn’t pay, he was a traitor to Rome. Jesus turns the question back on them. First he makes them admit that they themselves recognise Rome as overlord by carrying a Roman coin, for the coin would carry the Emperor’s head.



Next he puts them a question: what do they consider is due to Caesar? Finally he goes beyond their question, to interrogate their ultimate loyalty: in the last analysis, just what is due to God? At a superficial level this seems a little verbal tussle, in which Jesus outwits his opponents. But the story was remembered and passed on in the Christian community not because of Jesus’ cleverness, but because at a deeper level it is a question which Jesus puts to each of us: just where do our loyalties and priorities lie? Money? Respect? Sex? Fame? A good holiday? Comfort? Power? Jesus is not a dictator who imposes his will. He just asks the question and leaves us to give our own answer. To those who question him he gives no easy response, but always replies with another question. **What takes priority in my life? Does God get a look-in? In what way?**

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 16: 6, 8
To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed,
to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

‘It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising
to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

Give the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord glory and power.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord glory and power.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Give the Lord glory and power.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Give the Lord glory and power.

Second reading:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love

and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32: 18-19
Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

AROUND THE PARISH



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving 457.92, loose plate £479.70. 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.

THIS WEEKEND - Collection for albs for our altar servers

It is wonderful that we now have so many young altar servers at our Sunday Masses. Their presence adds great dignity to our celebrations. Unfortunately the albs (robes) that they wear are now quite old so we would like to buy some new ones for them to wear from Christmas onwards. We will have a second collection for this purpose this weekend. Please give as generously as you can.

This week we welcome Fr John McCarthy, who will be celebrating Masses from Tuesday - Friday. **Please note that there will be no Adoration or Confessions on Friday.**

Open House There will be no Open House this Tuesday. The next Open House, when you can meet Fr Tony without an appointment, will be on Tuesday 31st October between 5pm and 6pm in the presbytery.

Deacon Andrew will be away from the parish for several weeks from next week. We appreciate everything he does for our parish, and wish him an enjoyable and well-earned rest!

Forthcoming funerals

Ana Nicol RIP

The funeral of the late Maria (Ana) Nicol will take place on Tuesday 24th October at 11.30am.

Dudley Henry RIP

The funeral of the late Dudley Henry will take place on Wednesday 8th November at 11.00am. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

All Saint's Day

Wednesday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saint's. This is a Holy Day of Obligation (or, to put it another way, an extra opportunity to come to Mass during the week!). There will be Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

Parish Alpha

Please continue to pray for God's blessing on Alpha in Stonebridge:

Heavenly Father,
fill the hearts of our Alpha guests with the Holy Spirit,
so that each person may grow in friendship with Jesus,
and experience the depths of your love in their lives.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Alpha participants

For those attending Alpha: please remember there is no session this week (half-term). We will meet again on 2nd November. Our away-day at St Patrick's, Neasden, is from 10am-4pm on 4th November.

Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month to remember and pray for the Holy Souls. Please place the names of your deceased loved ones for whom you wish to pray in one of the envelopes available at the back of church. Holy Mass will be offered for them in the month of November.

Friday collection

As many of you know, we are blessed in having music at our Friday morning Mass and Adoration. This is enjoyed by our own parishioners and by those who visit us from other parishes. To help defray the cost for our Friday music, from the start of November we are going to introduce a collection at the end of Mass and Adoration. If everyone who comes on a Friday donates just a pound or two to this collection it will go a long way to covering these costs and helping the parish in difficult financial circumstances.

Sunday 22nd October - World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work along side communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr. Mary who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our church. Please call 02078219755 (office hours) or visit Missio's

website to give a single gift or setup a direct debit and gift-aid your donation if possible. Missio.org.uk.

Please note: we will be holding our second collection for Missio on 4th/5th November.

Calling our young people!

Westminster Youth Ministry is hosting a Summit event at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Tuesday 31st October at 7pm. The Summit is aimed at young people aged 13-18 years old, for an evening of food, games and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

It would be if a group of young people from our parish could attend. Please speak to Fr Tony if you are interested. We will meet at Five Precious Wounds at 6.30pm at walk up to the Shrine (10 minutes) together.

Holy communion for the sick and housebound

Are you able to help with the important role of taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound? Just one visit a month to someone at home can make a world of difference to them. If you can help, please speak to Fr Tony. You will receive training and be enrolled as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Universe Catholic Weekly

This newspaper is now available in paper format, at £3.50 per issue. If you would like to get a subscription please contact the office, so this can be arranged for you.

Good news about the repository

As you know, the repository (church shop) has been closed for some time while we looked for new volunteers to run it. A couple of generous volunteers have stepped forward and the repository will soon open again between the two Masses on the first Sunday of each month, starting from **5th November**. Are you able to help in the repository so we can extend these opening hours even further? Please speak to Fr Tony or Deacon Andrew if you can.

Baptism preparation

The next baptism preparation session, for parents wishing to have children baptised, will be on Tuesday 7th November at 7.30pm in the hall. Please email Fr Tony if you wish to attend. Parents wishing to have their children baptised should be attending Mass regularly.

Parish social events

Friday 17th November from 7pm-9pm - Karaoke Night. Come along to the hall and sing some of your favourite songs! Entry £5 at the door.

Sunday 17th December at 6pm - Parish carol concert and reception.

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.

KARAOKE NIGHT

Our next parish social event is our Karaoke Night on Friday 13th November. Come along and sing some of your favourite tunes!
From 7.00pm until 9.00pm. Entry £5 at the door, including soft drinks/light refreshments.
All welcome!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Christian perfection consists is three things: Praying heroically, working heroically, and suffering heroically."

St. Anthony Mary Claret
whose feast day falls this Tuesday

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

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

PHARISEES TRAP DISCIPLES
HERODIANS TEACH OPINION
MALICE TAX HYPOCRITES
DENARIUS MONEY HEAD

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

Please give the names of any sick or housebound you would like mentioned in the newsletter to Fr Tony or Violet, our administrator.