

FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Bulletin – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th January 2024

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 14 th January 2024	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 6pm	Maureen Barrett - Get well
10am	People of the Parish
12pm	Jean Edinborough - RIP
	Anniversary
Monday 15 th January	
No Mass	
Tuesday 16 th January	
10am	Maureen Barrett - Get well
Wednesday 17 th January	St Antony, Abbot
10am	Caetano and Brunilda D’Souza- RIP
Thursday 18 th January	
10am	Ana Leneghan -for the departed
	souls of the Family
Friday 19 th January	St Wulstan, Bishop
10am	Lin Thomas - Intentions (Healing)
Sunday 21 st January	
Saturday 6pm	People of the Parish
10am	Dale Pereira - Birthday
12pm	Iris Julien - 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

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 year the ordinary Sunday gospel readings are taken from Mark, and this provides us with a full picture of that gospel. But Mark is the shortest of the gospels, and is not quite long enough, so just occasionally a reading from John slips in to enrich our understanding of the meaning of Jesus’ words and actions. Today’s story is about the call of the first disciples and takes place in the Jordan valley, where John was baptising. The first two to be called are disciples of John, so they had already joined his group who were waiting for the Messiah. They were ready when John pointed him out. It is striking that Jesus first calls them to be with him, and that they remain with him for a time. In our call to follow Christ, first comes prayer and getting to know him, before we can actively work for Christ and bring others to share his joy. Only after this repose with the Lord do the disciples sprint off in their enthusiasm and bring others to join in the benefits they have received from that tranquillity and refreshment which comes from keeping company with Jesus.



Do I spend enough time simply being with Jesus?

What is God calling you to do?

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:

Ps 65: 4
All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First reading:

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ He answered, ‘Here I am.’ Then he ran to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli said, ‘I did not call. Go back and lie down.’ So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ He replied, ‘I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.’ Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, ‘Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, ‘Samuel!

Samuel!’ Samuel answered, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’ Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Second reading:

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ’s body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But

anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.
Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

1S3:9,Jn6:68
Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:35-42
As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God.’ Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, ‘What do you want?’ They answered, ‘Rabbi,’ – which means Teacher – ‘where do you live?’ ‘Come and see’ he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas’ – meaning Rock.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22: 5
You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

AROUND THE PARISH



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving 444.50, loose plate £314.99. 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

Fr Tony writes: we had a lovely celebration of Christmas here at Five Precious Wounds, with large numbers attending our Masses and a joyful atmosphere. Deacon Andrew and I would like to thank you for the many cards and gifts you have given us. We are very grateful for your kindness.

Christmas Crib

Our Crib will remain in the church until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord ('Candlemas') on 2nd February. Donations made at the Crib will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society.

Second collection – White Flower Appeal

There will be second collection on the weekend of 20th/ 21st January on behalf of the SPUC White Flower appeal. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independent poll, 86% of GPs are concerned that the Government's "pills by post" scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy. A speaker from the charity will speak for a short while at the end of Masses. Please support this appeal as generously as you can.

Youth group

Our youth group has good food, games, friendship, maybe a video if we have time (Alpha youth). All aged 13-18 are welcome. Our next one will be on Friday 2nd February at 6.30pm in the hall. Please bring along a completed parental consent form, which you can obtain through the office. All welcome!

Confirmation

Last year, a small number of our young parishioners was Confirmed in a joint celebration with St Patrick's, Neasden. Due to the reduced numbers, Fr Patrick and I have decided we will celebrate Confirmations on alternate years for the

NEW YEAR FUN!

New Year Bring-and-Share Lunch

On Sunday 28th January after the 12pm Mass we will be hosting a bring-and-share lunch to welcome (a little belatedly!) 2024. Please bring a plate of food to share with fellow parishioners. All welcome!

Parish Grand Draw

We are launching another Grand Draw! Tickets will be £10 and the top prizes will be a Samsung tablet computer, a designer handbag for ladies, and a gents' watch. The draw will be made at the bring-and-share lunch on 28th January. All proceeds to parish funds.

time being, as many other parishes now do. So our next Confirmations will take place in Spring, 2025. Please look out for enrolment details in the autumn.

Open House There will be no Open House on Tuesdays until further notice. During this time, please call the office to make an appointment with Fr Tony. Many thanks for your understanding.

Fr Tony writes:

I am grateful for the many prayers that have been offered for my mum, Lin, following her recent cancer diagnosis. She is now undergoing radiotherapy her treatment will continue until February. During this period, I will be away from the parish on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mass will take place on Tuesday mornings as usual.

Alpha - the journey continues...

Recently we had a wonderful celebration to mark the end of our parish Alpha course. We are going to continue meeting as an Alpha family to connect with God and each other and be inspired to share Jesus with others. On Thursday 18th January at 6.30pm we will gather for food, worship music and begin watching the Prayer Course. All welcome - you don't need to have done Alpha to join us!

Carer required

An older lady in our parish needs personal care in her home, which is close to the church. Professional training and accreditation is required. Overall hours to be negotiated, but will include 2 hours each morning. Salary to be discussed on application. If interested, please call Mark directly on 07974 630891.

First Saturday Devotion

Each month the Filipino community will celebrate the First Saturday devotion to Our Lady at 4pm.

This will be followed as normal by Adoration and Confessions, and Mass at 6pm. Next celebration on 3rd February. All welcome.

CAFOD Volunteers

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with brozycka@cafod.org.uk Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

Baptism preparation

Please note that the next baptism preparation will no longer take place on Tuesday 16th January but will be held on **Tuesday 6th February at 7.30pm** instead.

First Holy Communion 2023-24

The next First Holy Communion sessions take place on 21st, 28th January and 4th February at 10.45am in the parish centre. There will also be a parent's session at 7pm on Friday 19th January. Parents should sign the Mass attendance register which will be at the back of church.

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School & Nursery - Open Morning for 2024-2025 Intake – Thursday 16th November 2023

Nestled in the midst of a busy community, Our Lady of Lourdes is an oasis of calm that provides a fantastic learning environment for your child to develop. Our wonderfully spacious and colourful learning environment has the most up-to-date facilities to encourage your child's development, providing a happy and secure stepping-stone from which your child can progress. Our staff are highly qualified, dedicated and caring, with a wealth of experience in delivering early years education. The children are presented with a wide range of practical experiences intended to motivate, stimulate and challenge and which promote learning through experience and encouragement of independence in preparation for the next stage of their learning journey. We still have limited spaces in both settings for this academic year. To arrange a visit please contact the school office on 0208 961 5037.

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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.

PARISH GRAND DRAW

To raise funds for our parish, we are holding another Grand Draw. Tickets are on sale at £10 each. Please choose from the following prizes you can win:

- A Samsung Galaxy tablet computer
- An lady’s designer handbag
- A Gamage men’s sports watch

Tickets are available after Masses this Sunday and from the parish office during the week. The draw will be made at our parish bring-and-share lunch on Sunday28th January.

Please take part and support our parish. Thank you!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross”

St. Antony, Abbot

whose feast day falls this Wednesday

CHILDREN’S CORNER

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

E	I	B	B	A	R	H	P	E	C	DISCIPLES
H	A	I	S	S	E	M	A	S	T	LAMB
R	E	H	C	A	E	T	R	E	M	RABBI
C	G	K	E	B	H	E	E	L	O	TEACHER
A	N	W	C	R	W	P	T	P	N	FOLLOWERS
E	I	O	S	O	E	H	E	I	R	ANDREW
T	N	L	L	T	R	T	P	C	I	BROTHER
I	R	L	A	H	D	O	E	S	G	PETER
N	O	O	M	E	N	R	T	I	N	MORNING
F	M	F	B	R	A	B	B	D	E	MESSIAH
										CEPHAS
										ROCK

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:

Lin Thomas, 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.