

# FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

# CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Parish Bulletin – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21<sup>st</sup> 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

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday of the Word of God)</b>
Saturday 6pm	People of the Parish
10am	Dale Pereira - Birthday Thanksgiving
12pm	Iris Julien - RIP Anniversary
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	
No Mass	St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	
10am	Vania Devenish - Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>St Francis de Sales, Bishop</b>
10am	Lin Thomas - Get Well
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle - Feast</b>
10am	Pedrupillai Jeseoph Lawrence - RIP Anniversary
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>St Timothy and Titus, Bishops</b>
10am	Jacques Ekango - RIP Anniversary
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Saturday 6pm	Mary Ann and Patrick Flanagan - RIP Anniversary
10am	Lin Thomas - Healing
12pm	Ann Obi - RIP

## 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

What is going on? We had last Sunday the story of the first two disciples joining Jesus. One of them was Andrew, the other unnamed. Now we get another story, in another place, of other first disciples being called. So the Church underlines, two weeks running, the importance of Jesus’ new community. The first thing he does is call disciples. He can’t do everything on his own, and that is the point of the Church. He calls disciples to make a new people a new Israel - old, young, middle-aged: we all have our part to fill in Jesus’ play. Tired old people, busy parents, lively youngsters - each of us can make a unique contribution, especially since Jesus has chosen us himself. An odd choice, some of us! What did he want ME to do in the new family of Jesus? The two different versions of the calling of the disciples show that at least two different people told this story. When two people tell the same story, there are bound to be variations. The place didn’t matter, or the order in which the disciples were called. The point of the story was the call, the response and the companionship, the working together with the Lord.



**Do you enjoy more being on your own or linking up with others?**

**What is Jesus 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:

Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6  
O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

### First reading:

Jonah 3:1-5,10  
The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: ‘Up!’ he said ‘Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.’  
Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day’s journey. He preached in these words, ‘Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.’ And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them

the disaster which he had threatened.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

*Lord, make me know your ways.*

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

*Lord, make me know your ways.*

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

*Lord, make me know your ways.*

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor.

*Lord, make me know your ways.*

### Second reading:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become

engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Mk1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is close at hand:  
repent, and believe the Good News.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel:

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.’ And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33: 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

# AROUND THE PARISH



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving 363.00, loose plate £328.03. 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.

## Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 is the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. There will be a Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2.30pm, celebrated by the Cardinal, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. Those who are interested to attend can give their names to the parish office.

## Connect Group

On Thursday we had the first of our post-Alpha Connect groups. Despite the freezing weather (outside and inside the parish hall!) there was a good turnout and we had a great discussion on the theme of "Why pray?"

The Connect group is for anyone who's done Alpha (and all those who are curious) to come together once a month to connect with each other and with God. We'll follow the same format as Alpha: food and social time, praise and worship music, video input and small group discussion.

To begin with, our input will be from The Prayer Course (<https://prayercourse.org/sessions/>). Our next Connect group will be on Thursday 15th February at 6.30pm, when we'll be exploring the prayer of Adoration: how we can enjoy God's presence in praise and worship.

PS - for those who haven't had a chance to do Alpha yet, we're going to run it again later this year. Look out for further announcements.

## Christmas Crib

Our Crib will remain in the church until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord ('Candlemas') on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 this weekend on behalf of the SPUC White Flower appeal. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the

## NEW YEAR FUN!

### New Year Bring-and-Share Lunch

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> January. All proceeds to parish funds.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February. All welcome.

## Baptism preparation

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

## First Holy Communion 2023-24

The next First Holy Communion sessions take place on 28<sup>th</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.45am in the parish centre. 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



# AROUND THE PARISH

## HOW TO CONTACT US

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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 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Please take part and support our parish. Thank you!

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. "**

St. Francis de Sales

whose feast day falls this Wednesday

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

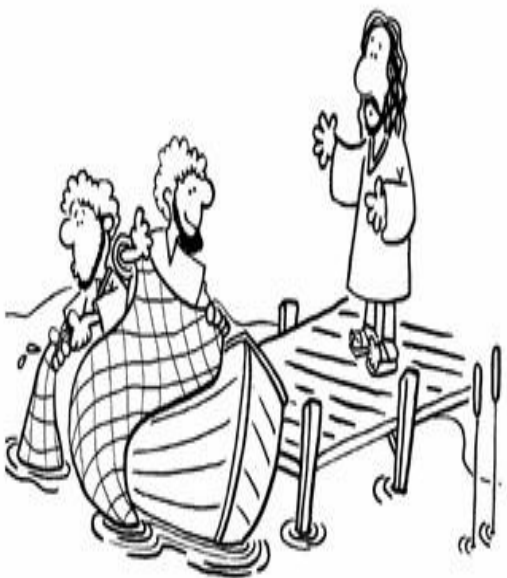
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NEWS HAND REPENT

BELIEVE CASTING FOLLOW

JAMES ZEBEDEE BOAT



## 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.*