

FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Bulletin – Easter Sunday - 31st March 2024

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 1pm
Ghanaian Association:
Monthly on the last Sunday of the month at 1pm
Filipino Association:
Mass on the First Sunday of the month at 3pm

First Saturday Devotion – Rosary Group:
First Saturday of each month at 4.00pm

You are God's
chosen people,
holy and dearly
beloved

Colossians 3:12



All are welcome here

Church of the Five Precious
Wounds, Stonebridge

PRAYER FOR VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS


Loving God, we ask your blessing upon all who visit
and are new to our parish today.

May they encounter a sense of belonging and a
place where they feel truly at home.

Let our open hearts reflect your unconditional love.

We pray that within these walls, all might find
rest, renewal and peace.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



THIS WEEK

Sunday 31st March 2024 Saturday 8:30pm 10am 12pm Monday 1st April No Mass Tuesday 2nd April No Mass Wednesday 3rd April 10am Thursday 4th April 10am Friday 5th April 10am	Easter Sunday People of the Parish Maria Do Carmo Machado - RIP Philip and Magdeline D’Souza -RIP
Sunday 7th April Saturday 6pm 10am 12pm	Carlton and Cynthia Johnson - RIP Eleanor Teves - Birthday - Thanks Emmanuel Aniuga & Michael Udeonu - RIP 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) Gerald O’Neill - Birthday - RIP ‘A’ People of the Parish Ann Obi ‘RIP’

GOSPEL REFLECTION

There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each ‘performance’ is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings emphasise two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which brings him to faith.

What aspects of the gospel accounts of the resurrection help to strengthen your own faith?

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TODAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon
Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6
I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

First reading: Acts 10:34,37-43
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:
‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’.

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23
This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.
or
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.
or
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.
or
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.
or
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Second reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence
Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!

Life’s own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation: 1Cor5:7-8
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9
It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon 1 Cor 5: 7-8
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Solemn Blessing

May almighty God bless you
through today’s Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend you from every assault of sin.
Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.
Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord’s Passion have drawn to a close,
may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast
come with Christ’s help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

AROUND THE PARISH



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £461.50, loose plate £706.63. 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.

Fr Tony and Deacon Andrew wish you all a very happy Easter. This is an opportune moment to thank everyone who volunteers in our parish for your hard work and commitment: our catechists, cleaners, flower arrangers, office workers, readers, servers, Eucharistic ministers, Alpha leaders, repository workers, counters, stewards, welcomers - and anyone else we may have missed! Without you, the parish couldn't operate! We are very grateful for all you do.



Please note there will be no Mass on Tuesday this week. We will return to our normal schedule on Wednesday.

Open House There will be no Open House this Tuesday.

Divine Mercy

Next Sunday (7th April), the Octave Day of Easter, is also Divine Mercy Sunday. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed in church at 2.30pm (earlier than the usual time of 3pm) followed by the monthly Filipino Mass.

Alpha Course

Due to works which will soon take place in the hall, our next Alpha Course will now take place in the autumn.

Parish Vision Afternoon

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Parish Vision Afternoon recently and for your

enthusiastic engagement as we discussed becoming a more missionary and evangelistic parish. **Our dream is to be a place of welcome and acceptance for all - where lives are changed as people encounter God's love, find belonging and purpose in our parish community, and use their unique gifts to serve one another like Jesus.**

Leo Albert - RIP

The funeral of the late Leo Albert will take place on Wednesday 10th April at 1pm at West London Crematorium. *May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Planned Giving Boxes

New planned giving boxes are available for collection. Please let the office know as soon as possible if you wish to transfer to a Standing Order, have changed your address, or if you no longer want a box of envelopes for your offerings. Also, please let us know if you are currently registered for Gift Aid but your circumstance mean you are no longer eligible.

If you can remember your number, it will be helpful while collecting your envelope box.

Baptism preparation

Please note that the next baptism preparation session will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 7pm.

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 • Universalis • The Catholic App



Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger and provides 2.4 million children every day with one meal in their place of education in some of the poorest countries of the world. We are working to reach the next hungry child and to do so need more volunteers in London for administrative tasks or to make phone calls. The work can be done from our office on a Thursday nr Notting Hill/Holland Park or from home. If you would like to know more please contact gerrard.mcmahon@marysmeals.org or 077141-33383.

Connect Group

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 11th April at 6.30pm, when we'll be exploring the importance of praying for others.

FPW Youth Group

Our new Youth Group meets on the first Friday of each month at 6.30pm for food, music and Youth Alpha. It's open to anyone between the ages of 13 and 18. Please join us! Next meeting on Friday 5th April.

First Holy Communion 2023-24

The First Holy Communion classes finished last weekend. Parents should continue to sign the Mass attendance register which will be at the back of church.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony: Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Candle sales

Due to cost increases, the price at which we sell candles no longer reflects what the parish pays for them. In fact, we now make a loss on each candle sold.

Regrettably, this means that from the beginning of February, we have raised the price of our candles as follows:

Tea lights - 25p (remains the same);

24-hour votive lights - £1.50; Pillar candles - £2.50

If parishioners wish to purchase whole boxes of candles, we are very happy to order them from our suppliers. However, we currently make a substantial loss on these so in future we will have to charge the following prices, as follows:

Box of 96, 24-hour votive lights - £90

Box of 24 pillar candles - £40.

Thank you for your understanding.

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 2nd March. All welcome.

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Primary School

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School

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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.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Sunday 19th May after the 12pm Mass

A Taste of Africa Sunday Lunch

Tickets £15 per person

Sunday 23rd June after the 12pm Mass

Summer Fayre

Please contact the office if you are able to run a stall selling bric-a-brac, books, cakes, take away food etc.

Sunday 11th August after the 12pm Mass

Parish festival and BBQ



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die”

John 11:25-26

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, Camilla Rowe, 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.

Easter reminds us that hope should never be lost for as dark the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled and may wonderful blessings be upon you and all your loved ones on this very special day. Happy Easter.

