

FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Bulletin – 4th Sunday of Easter - 21st April 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.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Each year on this 4th Sunday of Easter there is a reading from John about the Good Shepherd. To think of ourselves as woolly and cuddly sheep, obedient to the shepherd, would be a mistake. Sheep are renowned as being silly, contradictory creatures, always starting off in the wrong direction, getting themselves into tangles and difficulties. In the Holy Land they are scraggy beasts, pastured on rocky and often dangerous ground, amid boulders and cliffs, threatened by wild animals and marauders. It was not simply a matter of the shepherd sitting on a rock and idly playing his pipe. He needed to be on the alert to save the sheep from hurting themselves. So Jesus as the good shepherd is kept well occupied by our foibles, our stubbornness, our mistakes and our fears. Again, as in this Sunday's other two readings, there is the reassurance of a close relationship with the Father. Jesus knows us intimately, just as he knows the Father. It is questionable whether in real life a shepherd should lay down his life for his sheep. What would happen to the remainder of the flock? But it is an expression of Jesus' whole-hearted devotion to the flock that he shepherds.

What is a shepherd's job with the sheep?

How can Jesus act as your shepherd?

Who do you think of as shepherds in your life?

What do you value most in those who guide you?

THIS WEEK

Sunday 21st April 2024

Saturday 6pm

10am

12pm

Monday 22nd April

No Mass

Tuesday 23rd April

10am

Wednesday 24th April

10am

Thursday 25th April

10am

Friday 26th April

10am

Sunday 28th April

Saturday 6pm

10am

12pm

4th Sunday of Easter

James William Holder - RIP and
the departed souls of Holder family
People of the Parish
Paul and stella Cullen - RIP

Jim and Una Flanagan - family
Intentions

Major Emile Allotey Annan - RIP

Cecilia Correa - RIP

Pat Stokes - RIP

5th Sunday of Easter

Mary Flanagan's Intentions
People of the Parish

Daniel Archer - RIP

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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 32: 5-6
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First reading: Acts 4:8-12
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
or
Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men;

it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
or
Alleluia!

I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
or
Alleluia!

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
or
Alleluia!

Second reading: 1 John 3:1-2
Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn10:14
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18
Jesus said:
'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock,
and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Communion Antiphon
The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

AROUND THE PARISH



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £374.00, loose plate £436.18. 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 week we welcome Fr Guy Sawyer, who will celebrate our Masses while Fr Tony is on his post-Easter break.

- There will be no Confessions this week.
- On Friday, there will be Adoration and Rosary but no Benediction
- On Saturday, there will be no Adoration or Benediction

Corpus Christi procession

We would like to invite all our children who will make their First Holy Communion in May to take part in our Corpus Christi procession at the end of the 12pm Mass on Sunday 2nd June. They are encouraged to wear their special First Holy Communion outfits for the occasion.

Recommissioning our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We are going to recommission our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the 10am Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi. All Extraordinary Ministers are therefore invited to attend this Mass. Thank you for this important ministry.

We will recommission all our readers, too, soon.

Our Lady of Willesden May Procession

The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Sunday, 12th May, at 3pm at which the Preacher will be Fr Pius Collins, O.Praem. A poster is attached

Annual Santacruzán and May flower festival

Our Filipino community will be celebrating its annual Santacruzán and May flower festival on Sunday 5th May, after the 12pm Mass. There will be food and entertainment - all parishioners are welcome to attend.

'Hoodie' sale

To raise funds for the parish, our Filipino community will be selling brightly coloured 'hoodies' emblazoned with Biblical quotations during the month of May. They will cost £10 each. Look out for more information soon.

Taste of Africa lunch

Our next parish social/fundraising event is our 'Taste of Africa' lunch on Sunday 19th May after the 12pm Mass. Delicious Nigerian and Ghanaian food will be served and tickets at £15 each are available through the office. All welcome!

Summer Fayre

Our parish will be holding a Summer Fayre on Sunday 23rd June after the 12pm Mass. Please contact the office if you are able to run a stall selling bric-a-brac, books, cakes, take-away food etc. Also, we need items to be donated for sale - we will let you know when to bring them to church. Many thanks.

Priest Training Fund

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood.

Sean Power, a seminarian of Westminster Diocese, will be with us this weekend to make the Priest Training Fund appeal.

There are currently **49** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **13** of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese.

The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation [online](#) or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Alpha Course

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

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 16th May at 6.30pm.

FPW Youth Group

Our new Youth Group had a great meeting again this week. We are now going to meet 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! Our next meeting will take place on Friday 3rd May 2024.

Parish Vision Afternoon

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Parish Vision Afternoon last month and for your enthusiastic engagement as we discussed becoming a more missionary and evangelistic parish. Here is the Vision Statement we discussed:

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.

Planned Giving Boxes

New planned giving boxes are now available. 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.

Open House

There will be **No** Open House this Tuesday.

Baptism preparation

Please note that the next baptism preparation session will be held on Tuesday 4th June at 7pm.

Annual Eucharistic Octave and Central London Corpus Christi Procession

The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane will again be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from 25th May to 2nd June. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and includes the celebration of Masses in the various Rites of the Church and the Quarant'Ore devotions. Full details can be found at catholiclondon.org. The Octave concludes on Sunday 2nd June at 11am with Mass celebrated by His Excellency the Papal Nuncio followed by the annual Corpus Christi Procession through central London. The procession this year will take place in two parts. The first half begins after the 11am Mass at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street. Here will then be a period of adoration here and the opportunity to lunch locally. The procession will then continue from Warwick St to St James's, Spanish Place at 3.30pm, where it will conclude with Benediction. A poster is attached.

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.

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

“The closer we are to the Shepherd, the Safer we are from the Wolves.”

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!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

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| O | D | P | W | D | I | R | H | D | A | FLOCK | WILL | POWER | COMMAND |
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PRAYERS, PLEASE

Please keep in your prayers our parishioners who are sick or housebound:

Lin Thomas, Eileen O'Brian, 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.