

FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Bulletin – 6th Sunday of Easter - 5th May 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

Like so many of the great discourses of Jesus in the gospel of John, today's reading is not a shorthand record of Jesus' words, but will have been written up after the event. Most probably there were several slightly different versions of what Jesus said at the Last Supper. In any case, one can see that the author has in mind two different contexts: Jesus' own historical situation at the Last Supper and the situation of the early Church, where the disciples are being tested hard in their mission. They need encouraging by Jesus' own example of his sacrifice and by his promise of real friendship; they are friends, not servants, specially chosen by Jesus to bear fruit that will last. So we too are welcomed as friends, chosen and commissioned by Jesus to go out and bear fruit, but reminded that we must be prepared to pay the price. There is no fruit without pruning. Jesus had just given the example of service by washing the feet of his disciples. If we are to share the joy of Jesus we must be ready to join him also in laying down our lives for our friends.

Do we ever have to make hard choices for Christ?

THIS WEEK

Sunday 5th May 2024

Saturday 6pm

10am

12pm

Monday 6th May

No Mass

Tuesday 7th May

10am

Wednesday 8th May

10am

Thursday 9th May

10am

7pm

Friday 10th May

10am

Sunday 12th May

Saturday 6pm

10am

12pm

6th Sunday of Easter

People of the Parish

Reece John-Baptist - Intentions

Ezinna Charles Opara - RIP

Emmanuel Aniuga and Michael

Udeonu - RIP

Deo Roy - Intentions

Medina Masbad - RIP

Farrell Tansey - RIP

Gradan Mascarenhas- Thanksgiving

7th Sunday of Easter

Kieran Devaney - RIP Anniversary

People of the Parish

Antonio Pereira and Jockim Pillai

- 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. Is 48: 20
Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people,
alleluia.

First reading:

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of

Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97(98):1-4

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Or Alleluia!

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Or Alleluia!

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Or Alleluia!

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Or Alleluia!

Second reading: 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten
by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son

to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment:
love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business;
I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Communion Antiphon Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

AROUND THE PARISH



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £289.60, loose plate £432.56. 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.

Ascension Day

This Thursday, 9th May, is the Solemnity of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 10am and 7pm.

Daily Meditations

Bible Alive is a book of daily meditations, based on the weekday Mass readings. Copies are available at the back of church at £3 each.

Fr Tony writes:

Thank you for your prayers for my mum, Lin Thomas, following her cancer diagnosis. This week she saw her consultant and it appears that her radiotherapy has halted the spread of the cancer for now. She remains under regular medical supervision so please do keep her in your prayers.

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. Lunch tickets also include 1 free raffle ticket. All welcome!

First Holy Communion

Please keep our First Holy Communion children in your prayers as they and their families approach this important milestone in their lives of faith. Please note: the rehearsal for children making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 12th May will take place next Saturday, 11th May, at 11am.

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 today 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.

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, book, 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.

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.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group will next meet on Friday, 7th June, at 6.30pm for food, music, and Youth Alpha. It's open to anyone between the ages of 13 and 18. Please join us!

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.

Open House

There will be an Open House this Tuesday between 5pm and 5.30pm in the Presbytery. This is an opportunity to see Fr Tony without an appointment (for form signings etc)..

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.

Baptism preparation

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

Diocesan Job Vacancies

Opportunities to work in the Archdiocese of Westminster can be found online here: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>. Details can also be found on the church noticeboard.

School Information:

Newman Catholic College

Our local boys' school Newman Catholic College recently had its RE inspection by Westminster Diocese. We are pleased to let you know that it was graded outstanding. Here is an excerpt from the report:

"Prayer and liturgy is outstanding, with the school getting the balance right by presenting students with the richness of the Catholic tradition whilst adopting an inclusive approach that respects the integrity of the individual."

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School - Open Evening for Secondary Transfer - Tuesday 25 June 2024

Parents and girls who are interested in taking the entrance tests for St Michael's Catholic Grammar School are invited to visit the school for a guided tour on Tuesday 25 June between 5pm and 7pm. Headteacher talks will be held at 5pm and 7pm in The Sports Hall.

We have 128 places in each year and are historically heavily oversubscribed with girls who meet the criteria of Catholic girls from a Practising Catholic family who have made their First Holy Communion in the Catholic Church. Priority for up to 32 places is given to girls who are registered as Pupil Premium with their primary school. Full details of the Admissions Policy can be found on the School's website <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/>.

The online application to apply to sit the entrance tests for entry in September 2025 is now available <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/admission-s-2025-26/>. The deadline for applications to be completed and Certificate of Catholic Practice provided to the School is 4pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2024.

AROUND THE PARISH

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Primary School

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School

www.lourdes.brent.sch.uk

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



While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried into heaven.

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, 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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

S	T	N	A	V	R	E	S	T	E	REMAIN	JOY	COMPLETE	FRIENDS
N	N	T	S	A	L	R	A	E	B	COMMAND	LIFE	SERVANTS	BUSINESS
A	R	D	N	A	M	M	O	C	S	CHOOSE	BEAR	LAST	NAME
V	A	E	Y	B	E	A	O	S	D				
R	E	V	M	F	A	M	E	A	N				
E	L	O	I	A	P	N	S	L	E				
S	N	L	Y	L	I	Y	O	J	I				
E	A	S	E	S	I	N	O	Y	R				
A	M	T	U	O	V	F	H	I	F				
R	E	B	E	A	D	E	C	E	L				