CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEASDEN & STONEBRIDGE

Churches of the Five Precious Wounds, Stonebridge and St Patrick's, Neasden

Parish Bulletin
Sunday 27th September

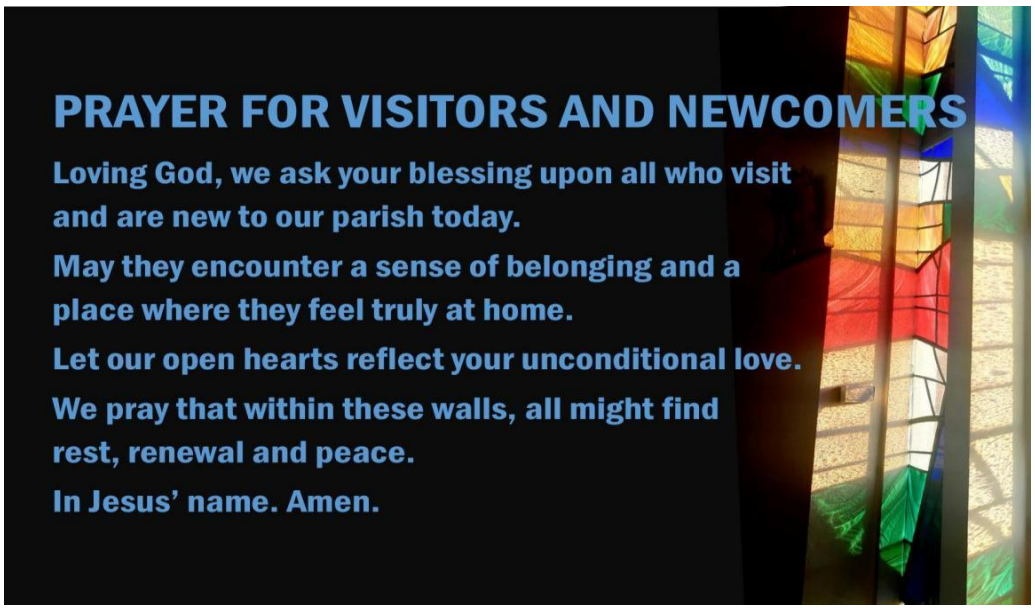


PARISH SCHEDULE

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:
Wednesday 10.30-1100am, 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



THIS WEEK

Sunday 27th September 2026	**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saturday 6pm	Ned Mongan – RIP
10am	Arlene Gonzales – Birthday – Thanksgiving
12pm	Royce Joseph Justin
Monday 28th September	**St Wenceslaus, Martyr** **St Laurence & his companions, Martyr**
No Mass	
Tuesday 29th September	**Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**
10am	Vida Foday – Thanksgiving
Wednesday 30th September	**Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor**
10am	Ethan Anthony Jerome Devonish – Birthday – Thanksgiving
Thursday 1st October	**St Therese of the Child Jesus**
10am	Daniel Wellington – Thanksgiving
Friday 2nd October	**The Holy Guardian Angels**
10am	Jenny Furtado – Thanksgiving
Sunday 4th October	**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saturday 6pm	Peter and Kem Adenaike – RIP
12pm	Cecil Marie – Birthday - Thanksgiving

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Matthew loves to tell parables of Jesus which contrast 'goodies' and 'baddies' like these two contrasting sons. Matthew's parables put everything in black-and-white terms with no shades of grey (wise and foolish wedding-attendants, sheep and goats, etc.). Luke uses a different kind of parable, in which the characters - just like ourselves - often do the right thing for the wrong reason. The sayings of Jesus were handed down by word of mouth for some years before being written down. Did the straightforward contrast in Matthew (it is odd that both change their minds without a reason) develop into Luke's parable of the Prodigal Son? Both times the 'goodie' son ends up bad, and the 'baddie' son ends up good, but in Luke's version both changes of mind are motivated, and there is great emphasis on the son's repentance and the father's overwhelming joy at getting him back. The lesson in Matthew's story is given also by Jesus' word in the Sermon on the Mount, 'It is not anyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord" who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in Heaven'. It is no use simply saying that Christ is our 'Lord'; we have to express it in our behaviour.

What meaning do you find in this parable for yourself and the relationship you have with the Father?

Our dream is to be a place of belonging, purpose and transformation, where people are ignited by God's love to follow Jesus and share his love with others.

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

FAITH APPS FOR YOUR PHONE

Here are some great Catholic apps, which you may be interested in exploring. **Start with a resolution to learn more about Scripture and our Catholic faith:**

Bible in one year • Hallow • Amen • Laudate • The Catholic App • Universalis



Entrance Antiphon
Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42
All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty
of your mercy.

First reading :
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Thus says the Lord:
'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just."
Hear now, O house of Israel:
Is my way not just?
Is it not your ways that are not just?
When a righteous person turns away
from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die.
Again, when a wicked person turns away
from the wickedness he has committed
and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.
Because he considered and turned away
from all the transgressions that he had committed,
he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 25(24):4-5b. 6-7. 8-9. ℟6a

Remember your compassion, O LORD.

O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.

Remember your compassion, O LORD.

Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

Remember your compassion, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way.

Remember your compassion, O LORD.

Second reading:
Philippians 2:1-11
Brothers and Sisters:
If there is any encouragement in Christ,
any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy;
complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.
Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
but also to the interests of others.
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation
John 10:27

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, our sanctuary lamp will burn for the intentions of Colie and Winnie Barrett and family. May God grant the desires of their heart.



If you would like to sponsor the sanctuary lamp for a week, in remembrance of a departed loved one or in thanksgiving for a particular blessing, please contact the parish office.

Alleluia, alleluia.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia.

Gospel:
Matthew 21:28-32
At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people,
'What do you think?
A man had two sons.
And he went to the first and said,
"Son, go and work in the vineyard today."
And he answered, "I will not",
but afterwards he changed his mind and went.
And he went to the other son and said the same.
And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go.
Which of the two did the will of his father?'
They said, 'The first.'
Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you,
the tax collectors and the prostitutes
go into the kingdom of God before you.
For John came to you in the way of righteousness,
and you did not believe him,
but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him.
And even when you saw it,
you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

Communion Antiphon
Cf. Ps 118: 49-50
Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low

AROUND THE PARISH

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £419.50; loose plate £359.04. 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.



Mass Intentions.
Due to the new Mass schedule which begins on 3rd October there will be some intentions booked for days and times which will now not have masses said. We are endeavouring to transfer such booked intentions to the closest available day. To this end, we will not be booking new mass intentions until dates from mid November. If you need to please contact the Parish Office.

APOLOGIES!. During last week a new Internet provider connected their service to the Presbytery. Unfortunately, whilst the Internet system is working, the Phone system is not currently operating. Please bear with us until the phone system is restored. You can Email us, or turn up in Office opening hours. Thankyou!

Evangelii Gaudium Appeal – Today
This weekend there will be a second collection for our Home Mission Sunday to celebrate our faith in England and Wales. The theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. This collection is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Please give as generously as you can, and pray for their mission.

Confirmation Registration for both parishes is now closed. Please keep your eyes on the Newsletters for dates of Preparation Sessions to be advertised.

First Holy Communion Registration For Five Precious Wounds Parish; Application Forms are available from the back of church. Please return by the 11th October.

Adult Preparation for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Reception into the Church. For both paired parishes: Next Meeting: Tuesday 29th September 7pm Willesden Presbytery, 1 Nicoll Road NW10-9AX.

Secondary Entrance 2027, & the Signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice. Applications for Secondary Entrance has to be made to the Local Authority by the 31st October 2026. Many Catholic Schools require a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) to be submitted as part of their admissions arrangements. For a priest to sign the CCP he has to be confident that the family have attended Mass weekly for the past 5 years (This is a statutory definition established in Law, not one imposed by the Church). I have made the following arrangements for the Signing of CCP's:

Tuesday 6th October, Stonebridge Presbytery, 4-6.30pm

Wednesday 7th October, Willesden Presbytery, 4-6.30pm
Please sign up for an interview on the list at the back of either church. As I have only just become Parish Priest of Stonebridge, Charles will be present at these interviews to assist me.

Primary Entrance Applications have to be submitted by the 15th January 2027. Arrangements for the Signing of the CCP for Primary School Applications will be advertised in the Newsletter later in the year.

Baptisms Please note that from October Baptisms will be celebrated on (usually) the 3rd Weekend of the month at any of the masses for Sunday. (In Advent on Gaudete Sunday, and Lent on Laetare/Mothering Sunday).

Wedding enquiries are already being made for 2027, so I take the opportunity to remind you that the Church requires at least 6 months notice so that all necessary paperwork is completed. Please note that reception venues, flights, honeymoons etc. should not be booked before you have a confirmed date in the Parish Diary.

CATECHISTS: We need some more in both parishes Particularly for Baptism Preparation, and for Confirmation. Please see Fr Stephen, or Charles (Stonebridge) or Doreen (Shrine).

Parish social - International Lunch – THANKYOU!
Very many thanks to all who supported last weekend's International Lunch. Fr Stephen (Willis) was sorry not to join you, but he ended up in hospital last Sunday morning!

Youth Group – This Friday
Our Youth Group meets on the first Friday of each month at 6.30pm for food, music, and Youth Alpha. **Soon there will also be a new table tennis table!** It's open to anyone between the ages of 13 and 18. The next meeting will be on Friday, Friday, 2nd October (after a brief summer break). Please join us!

Connect Group – This Thursday
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 and learn more about our Faith. **Deacon Andrew will lead the next meeting on Thursday 1st October. We will continue series of films about finding stillness and silence, called 'Be Still'.**



Sunday 29th November from 1pm
ADVENT FAIR

Parish Registration
Each week, we send our newsletter to parishioners via email. We also occasionally send urgent information. If you do not receive these emails but would like to, please complete a parish registration form, which is available at the back of church

Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship
We are adopting a tradition from other parishes by offering the chance to sponsor the sanctuary lamp—the candle beside the tabernacle—in memory of a departed loved one. This will be available weekly, with the name of your loved one printed in the newsletter so others may pray for them. A suggested donation of £10 applies. To sponsor the lamp, please contact the parish office.

Book of Remembrance
A Book of Remembrance will be placed at the back of the church. You are invited to write the name of your loved one on the anniversary of their death. These names will be remembered collectively during the Sunday bidding prayers.

Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry
A special **Adoremus Vigil** will take place **on Friday 9 October, 7-9pm**, at the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, 39 Dockhead, London SE1 2BS. Organised by Westminster and Southwark Youth Ministries with CYMFed, the vigil will be a time for young adults to pray together before the Blessed Sacrament. Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will give a keynote reflection, Bishop Gerard Bradley will be present to give a spiritual reflection with worship music led by *One Hope Project*

On Saturday 10 October, join overnight **Adoration at Westminster Cathedral from 8pm**. The Holy Hours at 8pm, 9pm and 10pm will include reflections on Eucharistic saints, prayer led by youth ministry teams and music from *One Hope Project*. Teenagers and Confirmation groups are especially welcome. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm before the Holy Hours. These gatherings mark Adoremus 2026, the National Eucharistic Congress

Schools Open Evenings:
Our two local Catholic Secondary Schools have open evening coming up:

1. St. Claudine's Secondary School for Girls – Open Evening is on 29th September
2. Newman Catholic College – Open Evening is on 2nd October

Please see the Notice Board for more details.

AROUND THE PARISH

HOW TO CONTACT US

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The parish office at Stonebridge is open from 10.30-2.30pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
For the Neasden office, please email neasden@rcdow.org.uk
There is an 'Open House' each Tuesday between 5.00pm and 6.00pm to see Fr Tony briefly without an appointment.

WEEKEND MASS PROVISION FROM 3/4TH OCTOBER 2026

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	SERVICE	
SATURDAY	5PM	FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS	ANTICIPATED MASS OF SUNDAY	Simple said.
SATURDAY	6.30PM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	ANTICIPATED MASS OF SUNDAY	Simple said
SUNDAY	8.45AM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	MASS	Simple said
SUNDAY	10.30AM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	SOLEMN MASS	Choir and Cantor
SUNDAY	12 NOON	FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS	SUNG MASS	Choir/ Filipino Choir
SUNDAY	5.30PM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS -DIOCESAN PROVISION	Usually Low Mass

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
(When both priests are available).

DAY	TIME	PLACE		TIME	PLACE	
MONDAY	12.30PM	FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS	Parish Surgery 1.15pm	7PM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	
TUESDAY	10AM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	Exposition until evening Mass.	7PM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	Confessions 6.15pm
WEDNESDAY	10AM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN		7PM	FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS	Parish Surgery 5-6pm Confessions 6.15pm
THURSDAY	10AM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	Bible Study	7PM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	
FRIDAY	10AM	FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS	Followed by Stations in Lent	7PM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	Followed by Stations in Lent
SATURDAY	10AM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	Exposition until evening Mass.			

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

- "Michael stands not above us, but beside us – not to command, but to confirm our courage when we choose the harder, truer way"
- "Gabriel is the voice that says: 'Do not be afraid'. Not because danger is absent – but because you are held within a promise older than fear"
- "Raphael walks with the wounded – not to erase the wound, but to walk until the wound becomes a doorway"

- Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels feast day falls this Tuesday-

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

There are refreshments in the hall after the 12.00pm Mass on Sundays
Please join us for a friendly cuppa and chat!

PRAYERS, PLEASE

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

Cecil Marie, Ann Roach, Nubia De La Pava, Fanny Rendon De La Pava, Zayda Nwosu, June Sweeney, Florence Duverney, John Marie, Elizabeth Bagnall, Deacon Andrew, Lin Thomas, Eileen O'Brien, Kadeem Edwards, Amar Atienza, Eileen Dowd, Camilla Rowe, Valda Baptist

Please give the names of any sick or housebound you would like mentioned in the newsletter to Fr Stephen Willis or Violet, our administrator.