CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEASDEN & STONEBRIDGE

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

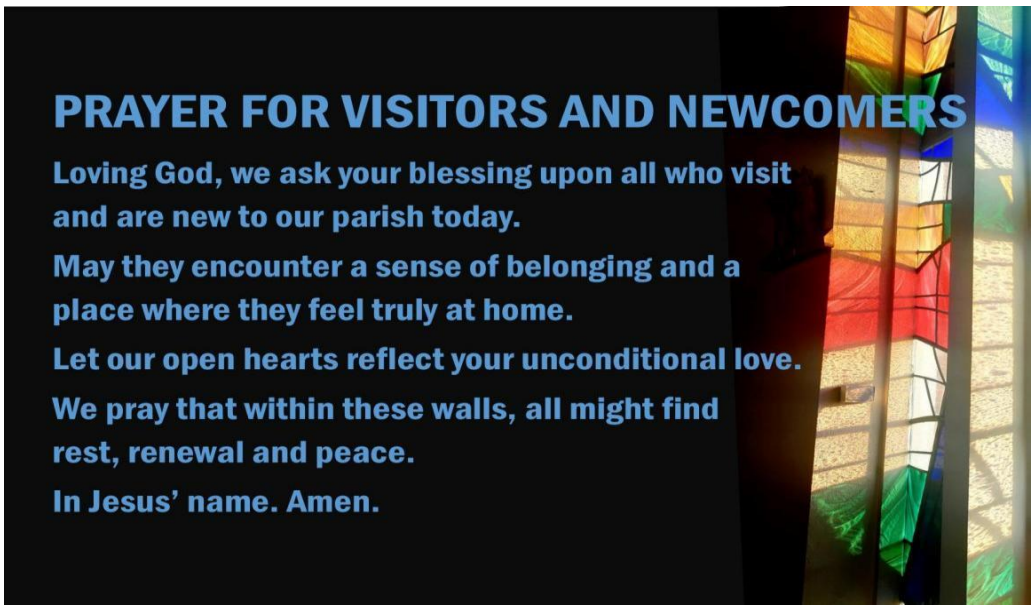
Parish Bulletin
Sunday 11th October 2026



PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:
5pm Saturday (Said Mass),
Sunday 12 noon (Sung Mass),
Weekday Mass:
Monday 12:30pm ; Wednesday : 7pm and Friday : 10am
Holy Days of Obligation: As announced
Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday 6-6:50pm; Friday 10.35-11.20am and Saturday 4.00-4.45pm

Confessions:
Friday 10.35-11.20am and
Saturday 4.15-4.45pm
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 11th October 2026	**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saturday 6pm	Edmond Awuku – RIP
12pm	Agnelo Caiado
Monday 12th October	**Saint Wilfrid, Bishop**
12:30pm	Bridie Radford – RIP Anniversary
Tuesday 13th October	**Saint Edward the Confessor, King**
No Mass	*Mass at OLW 10am and 7pm*
Wednesday 14th October	**Saint Callistus, Pope**
7pm	Ivan Matsumuto English – RIP
Thursday 15th October	**Saint Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor**
No Mass	*Mass at OLW 10am & 7pm*
Friday 16th October	**Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque**
10am	Florentina Tajan – Thanksgiving
Sunday 18th October	**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saturday 5pm	Dan and Margaret and Pat O'Shea – RIP
12pm	P.J. Cryan and Willy Cryan – RIP Anniversary

GOSPEL REFLECTION

A wedding is a time of joy and of completion after long preparation, a time of love and of complete satisfaction. In Judaism at the time of Jesus, the coming of the Messiah is often compared to the joy of a wedding-feast. The marriage-feast at Cana must have been some party! At Mary's request Jesus produced 900 litres of wine. The Letter to the Ephesians teaches that the love in a human wedding is only a foretaste of Christ's love for his bride, the Church. In the story of the royal wedding in this Sunday's Gospel, however, two things go drastically wrong. First, the original wedding guests refuse to come. Not only do they refuse, but they brutally maltreat the innocent messengers, and the king (who must represent God) ruthlessly burns down their city. Secondly, the man who has no wedding garment is thrown out: a wedding-garment is a standard Jewish image for works of generosity expected of every faithful Jew. For us Christians too, the story constitutes a double warning. Are we alert and listening for God's call?

Do we rest secure in being called Christians and leave the challenging jobs to others?

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
Ps 129: 3-4
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel

First reading :
Isaiah 25:6-10a
On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death for ever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
'Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.'
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. ℟1

In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

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Second reading:
Brothers and Sisters:
I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.
In any and every circumstance,
I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger,
abundance and need.
I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.
And my God will supply every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation
Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia.
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia.

Gospel:
Matthew 22:1-14
At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests
and the elders of the people,
in parables, saying,
'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who gave a wedding feast for his son,
and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast,
but they would not come.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, our sanctuary lamp will burn in remembrance of Ninian Marie. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.



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.

Again he sent other servants, saying,
"Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner,
my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered,
and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' "
But they paid no attention and went off,
one to his farm, another to his business,
while the rest seized his servants,
treated them shamefully, and killed them.
The king was angry, and he sent his troops
and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.
Then he said to his servants,
"The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy.
Go therefore to the main roads
and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find."
And those servants went out into the roads
and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good.
So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to look at the guests,
he saw there a man who had no wedding garment.
And he said to him,
"Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?"
And he was speechless.
Then the king said to the attendants,
"Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness.
In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon
Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

AROUND THE PARISH

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £428.50; loose plate £306.87. 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.



CAFOD Family Fast Day - second collection – This weekend

Please donate to our Family Fast Day collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. **There will also be a second collection this weekend.**

Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden

October Candlelit Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden takes place next Sunday 18th October at 7pm. The Procession will be led by Archbishop Richard on his first visit to the Shrine, and once more we will be joined by Seminarians and Staff of Allen Hall as we ask Our Lady's intercession for the gift of new Priests for the Church, and for the Protection of London. Please join us if you can. Banners and Servers are welcome to join the Procession.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our paired parishes we have some excellent provision for Catholic Education, and I would ask you all to support our schools with your prayers, and if appropriate, by considering sending your children to them. All of them: Our Lady of Lourdes Primary, St. Joseph's Willesden Primary, Newman Catholic College, and S. Claudine's Secondary, according to the previous Ofsted Framework, are at least Good if not Outstanding, and all are Outstanding in their R.E. provision. When considering your child's education, they deserve to be among your choices.

Secondary Entrance 2027, & the Signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice; the CCP. Applications for Secondary Entrance must 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 must 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. In fact it was action by the British Humanist Association and the National Secular Society, (both opposed to Faith Schools) that led to this definition.

Last week, after a number of weekends advertising in the Newsletters and during the announcements at the weekend masses, I had 2 and a half hours set aside on Tuesday for interviews to sign the CCP in Willesden Parish, and the same again on Wednesday for Stonebridge Parish. One family kindly informed us that they couldn't make it due to their child being sick, which is fully understood and alternative interview will be provided, but 2 families failed to turn up at all.

In addition, it has been brought to my attention that some parents are saying there has been no provision for the CCP to be signed!!! That can only be the perception of those who are not attending Mass in our Parishes, and I cannot answer for that. If you are attending Mass, but in another Parish or Chaplaincy, then you need to get the Parish Priest or Chaplain to issue the CCP. It is my desire that all Catholic families attend Mass regularly, and I will do all that I can to support all families who seek a Catholic Education for their children in any way I can, but I cannot sign the CCP for those whom I do not see. Please work with us to create a strong Catholic Community in Home, School and Church.

A limited number of Extra interviews for signing the CCP for Secondary Entrance will be available to sign up to this weekend.

Primary Entrance Applications must 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.

Please keep our schools in your prayers.

Finally, a number of parishioners have requested the text of the prayer of S. Richard of Chichester which I quoted at masses last weekend:

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given me, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

St Richard, who was Bishop of Chichester in the mid-13th century, was well acquainted with both hard work and suffering. Though a gifted scholar and lawyer, he did not flinch from physical labour; and as Bishop he found himself a homeless outcast in his own diocese, until King Henry III finally accepted his appointment by the Pope. His prayer reflects the commitment and 'stickability' needed by anyone who seeks to be a true follower of Jesus.

Have a Blessed week!

Fr Stephen.

Parish Surgery: This week there will be Parish Surgery hours on Monday from 1 to 2pm, and Wednesday from 5.30-6.30pm. This is an opportunity to see one of our priests without an appointment. (NOT School Entrance)

Confirmation: Confirmation classes for all those under 18 year olds who completed their registration will begin on Saturday, November the 7th . As for the last two years we will be joining the preparation session with Our Lady of Willesden. The classes will be from 11am until 12:30pm beginning on the 7th and held in the Marian Hall at the Shrine, 1 Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX.

First Holy Communion Registration For Five Precious Wounds Parish; Application Forms are available from the back of church. Please return by the end of today (Sunday 11th October!) Classes will begin for those registered on Sunday the 9th November. Enrolment meeting to be confirmed.

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).

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).

Interreligious Dialogue

A delegation from the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, including Cardinal Koovakad, Prefect of the Dicastery, will be visiting England and Wales from Rome. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is arranging the following events across London:

- **A Christian and Jewish Gathering**
  Sunday 18th October from 3-4.30pm (Central London)
- **A Day with Christians and Hindus**
  Monday 19th October from 10am-5pm (Willesden Green)
- **A Day with Christians and Jains**
  Tuesday 20th October from 9.30am-5pm (Harrow)

For more details, or to register for one or more of these events, please email Elliot Vanstone from the Catholic Bishops' Conference at **elliot.vanstone@cbcew.org.uk**.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has also recently shared a video from Cardinal Koovakad ahead of his visit, which can be viewed here: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/vatican-cardinal-who-heads-the-dicastery-for-interreligious-dialogue-to-visit-the-uk/.

Catholic Teaching Internship Programme has enabled students to experience the joy and challenge of working in Catholic schools while discerning whether teaching might be their vocation. Applications are open now for those who are interested. Please check the notice board for more information.

Please Donate the Parish by using the QR Code:
https://app.payaz.software/sumup-multi-web-appeals-live/w8QlBazulLptBpb2NqJQ

AROUND THE PARISH

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The parish office at Stonebridge is open from 10.30-2.30pm on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices".

- St. Teresa of Avila -
Whose memorial day falls this Thursday

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:

Lus Ruby Ortiz Castro, Luis Alfonso Ortiz Castro, Dorolba Ortiz Carto, YulyOrosco De La Pava, 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.