CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEASDEN & STONEBRIDGE

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

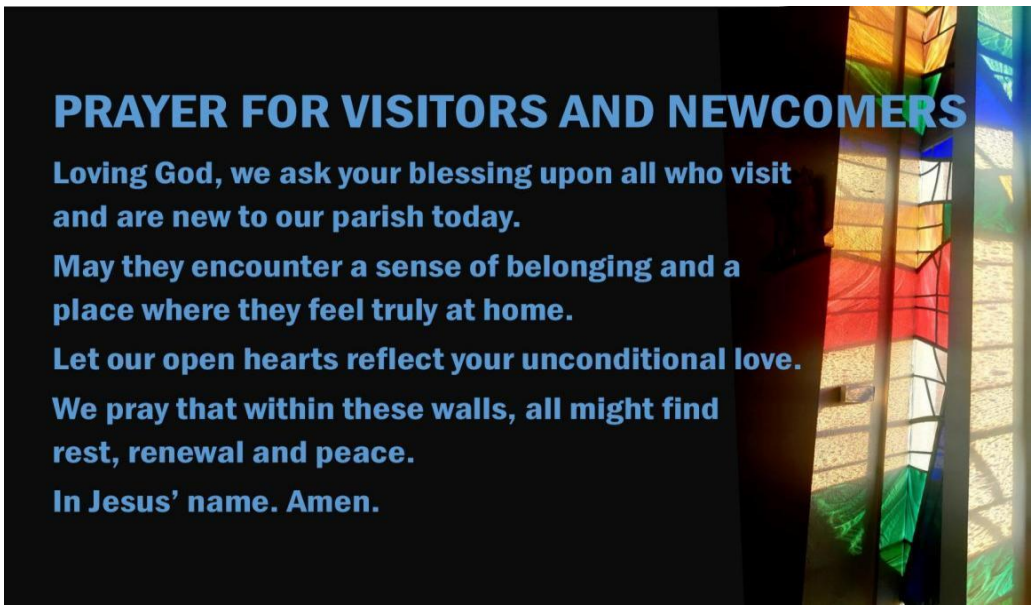
Parish Bulletin
Sunday 18th October 2026



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 18th October 2026	**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saturday 6pm	Dan and Margaret and Pat O'Shea – RIP
12pm	P.J. Cryan and Willy Cryan – RIP Anniversary
Monday 19th October	**Saints John, Isaac, priests and their Companions** **Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest**
12:30pm	Charles, Violet & Family - Intentions
Tuesday 20th October	
No Mass	*Mass at OLW 10am and 7pm*
Wednesday 21st October	
7pm	Ana Milena Munoz Pulgarin - Thanksgiving
Thursday 22nd October	**Saint John Paul II, Pope**
No Mass	*Mass at OLW 10am & 7pm*
Friday 23rd October	**Saint John of Capistrano, Priest**
10am	Michael, Mary, Bell, Michael, Pat, Ann, Gerald - RIP
Sunday 24th October	**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saturday 5pm	Gifty Agyeman and Reisten & Ruzelle – Birthday, Thanksgiving
12pm	Ubaldo and Maria Rosario - RIP

GOSPEL REFLECTION

They must really have thought they had their victim sewn up! If Jesus said he paid the Roman taxes, he recognised the Emperor, not God, as his Lord. If he said he didn't pay, he was a traitor to Rome. Jesus turns the question back on them. First he makes them admit that they themselves recognise Rome as overlord by carrying a Roman coin, for the coin would carry the Emperor's head. Next he puts them a question: what do they consider is due to Caesar? Finally he goes beyond their question, to interrogate their ultimate loyalty: in the last analysis, just what is due to God? At a superficial level this seems a little verbal tussle, in which Jesus outwits his opponents. But the story was remembered and passed on in the Christian community not because of Jesus' cleverness, but because at a deeper level it is a question which Jesus puts to each of us: just where do our loyalties and priorities lie? Money? Respect? Sex? Fame? A good holiday? Comfort? Power? Jesus is not a dictator who imposes his will. He just asks the question and leaves us to give our own answer. To those who question him he gives no easy response, but always replies with another question.

What takes priority in my life? Does God get a look-in? In what way?

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
Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8
To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me

First reading :
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

'For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 96(95):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a, c. ℟7b

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

For the LORD is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the LORD who made the heavens.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Second reading:
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
to the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
grace to you and peace.
We give thanks to God always for all of you,
constantly mentioning you in our prayers,
remembering before our God and Father
your work of faith and labour of love
and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God,
that he has chosen you,
because our gospel came to you not only in word,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Gospel Acclamation
Philippians 2:15d, 16a
Alleluia, alleluia.
Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, our sanctuary lamp will burn in remembrance of John Joseph McDonagh. May his 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.

Alleluia.

Gospel:
Matthew 22:15-21
At that time:
The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words.
And they sent their disciples to him,
along with the Herodians, saying,
'Teacher, we know that you are true
and teach the way of God truthfully,
and you do not care about anyone's opinion,
for you are not swayed by appearances.
Tell us, then, what you think.
Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?'
But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,
'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin for the tax.'
And they brought him a denarius.
And Jesus said to them,
'Whose likeness and inscription is this?'
They said, 'Caesar's.'
Then he said to them,
'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's.'

Communion Antiphon
Cf. Ps 32: 18-19
Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

AROUND THE PARISH

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £619.70; loose plate £351.15. 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.



Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden – This Sunday

October Candlelit Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden takes place this 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.

Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month to remember and pray for the Holy Souls. Please place the names of your deceased loved ones for whom you wish to pray in one of the envelopes available at the back of church. Holy Mass will be offered for them in the month of November.

All Souls Day falls on Monday 2nd November. There will be Requiem Mass at 12:30pm for all the faithful departed.

On Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11th November, there will be a special sung Requiem Mass at 7:30pm which is offered for all who are named in Stonebridge's Book of the Dead.

Dear Brothers and Sisters

In both our paired parishes it is the custom, at the end of said masses, to pray the traditional prayer to S. Michael the Archangel.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

This is followed by calling upon the Sacred Heart of Jesus: *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy upon us* (3x).
and then we may conclude by calling on the saints for prayer; perhaps including a saint on their Feast Day.
In both our parishes we are now ending in this way:
Our Lady of Willesden; pray for us.
Five Precious Wounds, save us.

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; 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).

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.

Admission to St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School – September 2027

Applications for admission to **Reception Class** in St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, Goodson Road, London NW10 9LS are invited for children born between **1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023**. Please be aware that **in addition** to the supplementary application form for the school you must also apply online on e-admissions via the Brent School Admissions website. Please call to the school for an application pack and details on how to apply. Closing date for both online and paper forms is **15th January 2027.**

Applications are also invited for our **Nursery Class** for 2 year old and 3 year old children.

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

Please Donate the Parish by using the QR Code:
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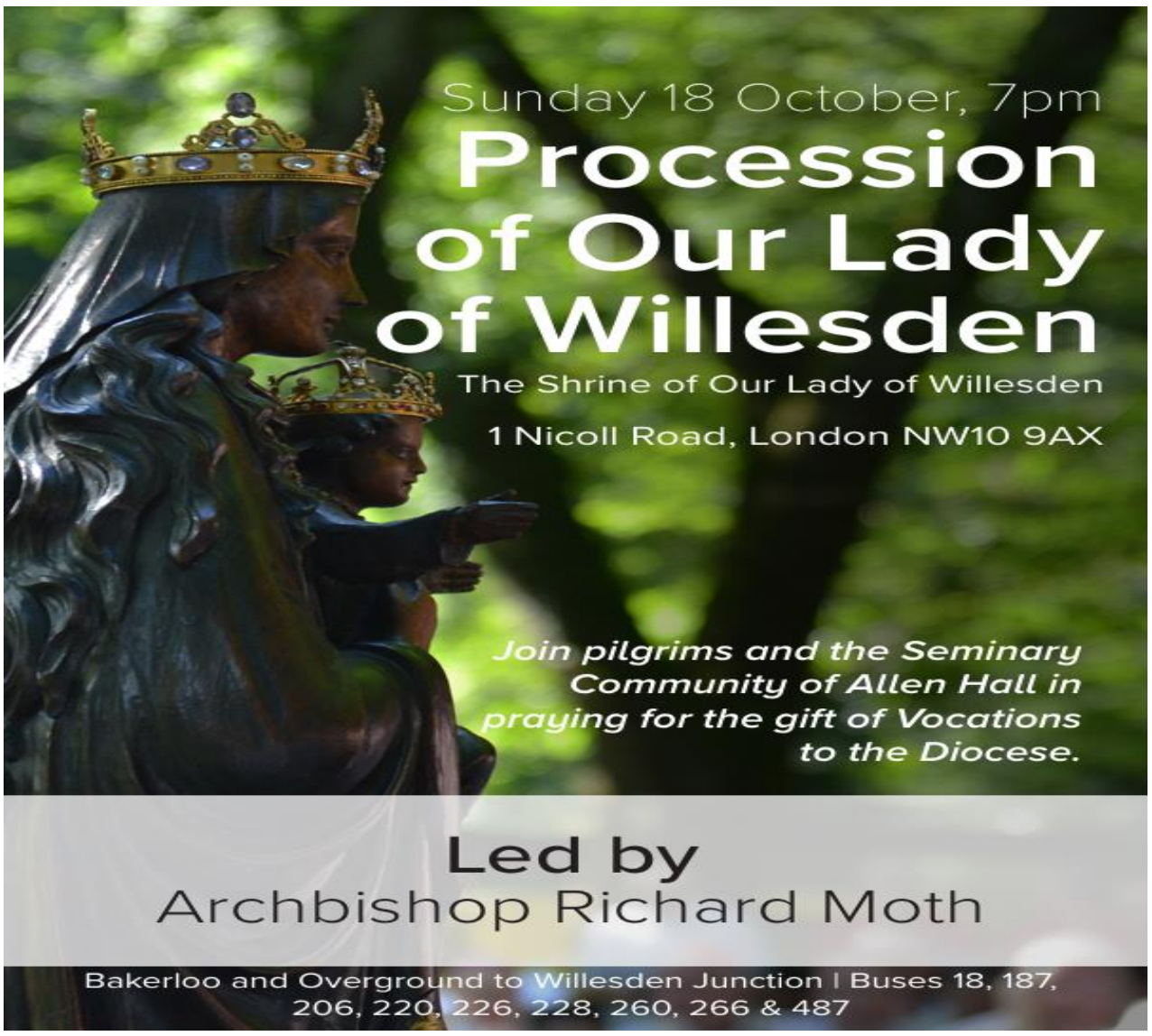
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The parish office at Stonebridge is open from 10.30-2.30pm on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence".

- St. John Paul II, Pope -
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!

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21
Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



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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, Yuly Orosco De La Pava, Ashraf Estefanous, 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.