CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEASDEN & STONEBRIDGE

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

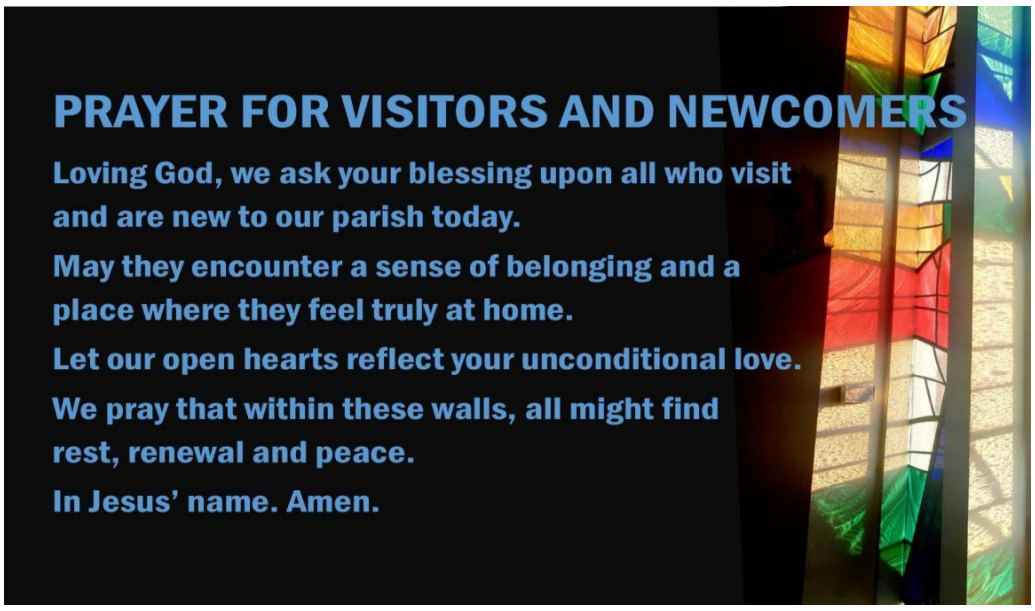
Parish Bulletin
Sunday 1st November 2026



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 3.00pm



THIS WEEK

Sunday 1st November 2026	**ALL SAINTS -** SOLEMNITY
Saturday 6pm	Patrick and MaryAnn Flanagan – RIP Anniversary
12pm	Nora and Jimmy Barret and Ann Obi - RIP
Monday 2nd November	**All Souls**
12:30pm	Carmen Cynthia Williams – RIP
Tuesday 3rd November	**St. Martin de Porres,** Religious **St. Winifride,** Virgin
No Mass	*Mass at OLW 10am and 7pm*
Wednesday 4th November	**St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**
7pm	John Joseph McDonagh - RIP
Thursday 5th November	
No Mass	*Mass at OLW 10am & 7pm*
Friday 6th November	
10am	Stephan Williams – Intentions
Sunday 8th November	**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saturday 5pm	Anthony and Agnes Wellington – RIP
12pm	Gifty Roberts - RIP

GOSPEL REFLECTION

These eight blessings stand at the head of the Sermon on the Mount, pointing out eight ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. They are ways of living out God's blessing, possible only if the hand of God is upon us. That is why the first and the last beatitudes knit them all together with 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father, and these are ways of living that kingship. For each of the beatitudes, do you know someone in the parish or elsewhere in your life who exemplifies that particular attitude? Or is there a saint whom you consider typifies each of these beatitudes for you? What is your own favourite beatitude? Jesus illustrates the beatitudes in various incidents in the gospels: he enters Jerusalem on a donkey as the gentle king; he shows love in his welcome to sinners; he brings peace to those tortured by disease or contempt; he manifests purity of heart in his single minded pre-occupation with his Father's will; finally, he accepts persecution for what he knew to be right. All Christians may suddenly find themselves face to face with similar shattering challenges. Which of these 'beatitudes' do you most lack? Which would you most like to acquire?

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
Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

First reading :
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
I, John,
saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The LORD'S is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading:
1 John 3:1-3
Beloved:
See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation
Matthew 11:28
Alleluia, alleluia.
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.
Alleluia.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, our sanctuary lamp will burn in remembrance of Patrick and Mary Ann Flanagan. May their sould, 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.

Gospel:
Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time:
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon
Mt 5: 8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

AROUND THE PARISH

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £417.00; loose plate £368.52. 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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christians believe that they don't travel through this world alone. Our salvation is wrapped up with the salvation of others, and charity requires us to go to their aid. The same is true of the Holy Souls. In their time in Purgatory, they can pray for the living, and the living should pray for the faithful departed that they may be freed from the punishment for their sins and enter into Heaven.

Catholics should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death. In this Month of the Holy Souls, daily prayers should be said for the dead. Those that wish to participate should start with those closest to them—like their mother and father, for instance—but they should also offer prayers for all the souls, and especially for those most forsaken.

We believe that the Holy Souls for whom we pray will continue to pray for them after they have been released from Purgatory. Followers of the faith believe that they, too, will likely find themselves in Purgatory someday and that their acts of charity toward the Holy Souls there now will ensure that they remember them before the throne of God when they are most in need of prayers. It's a comforting thought for many, and one that encourages many Catholics, especially during the month of November, to offer their prayers for the Holy Souls.

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.

On Advent Sunday, the 29th November, we begin a new Liturgical Year in the life of the Church. We will also be using this Sunday to remember that it is a Century since the Catholic Mission to Stonebridge was established. Since then there have been various sites where first the Mission, and then the Parish have worshipped and witnessed. As we step out into the next century, we give thanks for the past one. After the 12 noon Mass, there will be the Advent Fair in the Hall, and I hope a glass of something warming too!

Have a Blessed week!

Fr Stephen.

Remembrance Sunday

Next Sunday, 8th November, is remembrance Sunday. We remember those who have given their lives in the service of Peace. The 12noon Mass will be a Requiem Mass offered for the repose of their souls.

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.

Sick List… sadly, in the vastly growing world of Legislation even the blessed task of praying for our brothers and sisters who are sick now comes under rules in Public Worship!

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the List of the Sick to be prayed for at Mass, please complete the form available at back of the church. Please note that due to GDPR legislation the form MUST be signed by the sick person or their Responsible Person. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

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 8th November. **Enrolment meeting for the parents is on Friday 6th November at 7pm**. Please bring a copy of Baptism certificate, Registration fees £10 and a photo if you have not already done.

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). Please note that Baptisms do get booked up in advance. Application Forms are available from the Parish Office. Please note that Baptisms are celebrated here for those resident in the Parish, or for those who are regularly attending Mass here.

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).

Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Masses:
At St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green on Monday 2nd November 2026 at 11:30am and at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL is on Monday 9th November 2026 at 11:30am.

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.

Primary Entrance Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP). Fr Stephen will be making Appointments available during December for the signing of the CCP. Please remember that the Certificate envisions regular Sunday Mass attendance over 5 years. Please remember that in our Paired parishes we have 2 excellent Primary Schools in Our Lady of Lourdes (Stonebridge) and S. Joseph's (Willesden), and they deserve your full consideration before any other schools.

Volunteering Opportunity for Young Catholics (18–34)

Caritas Westminster, in partnership with the Irish Chaplaincy and Anna Chaplaincy, is offering ***free training*** *in prayerful accompaniment, listening, and pastoral and spiritual care.*

The programme includes four sessions (two online and two in person), preparing volunteers to visit older people in care homes, offering companionship and support.

No previous experience or Irish background is required. A wonderful opportunity to put your faith into action and make a difference!

Please register your interest by Friday 6th November. *The programme is planned to begin later in November, and those who register will be contacted directly with further details, including training dates.*

To register your interest, please click here - *forms.cloud.microsoft/e/mpyr8qYhSr*

For more information, *please email cianofarrell@rcdow.org.uk*

Magnifica Humanitas

The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are inviting everyone on Wednesday 4 November at 6.30pm to Westminster Cathedral Hall, for a talk by Fr Hugh MacKenzie on *Magnifica Humanitas.* The talk will explore Pope Leo's reflections on the distinction between human and artificial intelligence, and what the rapid development of AI means for our understanding of humanity, morality and faith. As AI increasingly shapes our studies, working lives and relationships, this promises to be a fascinating and timely discussion. Drawing on Pope Leo's teaching, Fr Hugh will consider what makes human intelligence unique, why our God-given dignity cannot be reduced to data and algorithms, and the dangers of allowing technology to take the place of human judgement, authentic relationships or spiritual fulfilment. For further details and tickets visit https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/news-events/

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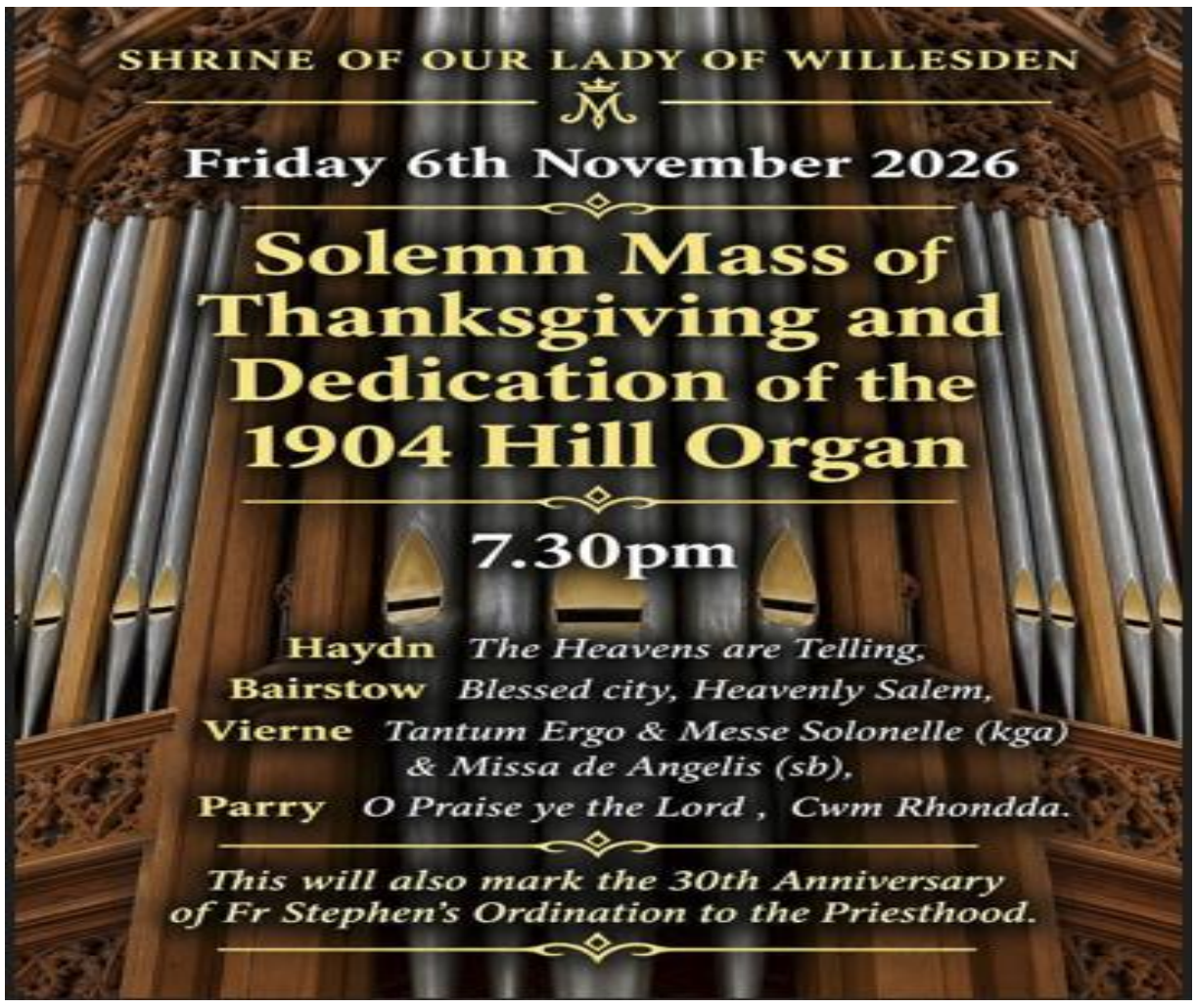
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The parish office at Stonebridge is open from 10.30-2.30pm on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.



The "Bee Attitudes"

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.
Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)
Based on Matthew 5:1-12

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FILLED	MEEK	MERCY	POOR	EARTH
KINGDOM	INHERIT	HEAVEN	BLESSED	SPIRIT

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The saints are our brothers and sisters, our mentors and guides."

- Pope Francis -

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:

Nicholas Queally, 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.