CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEASDEN & STONEBRIDGE

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

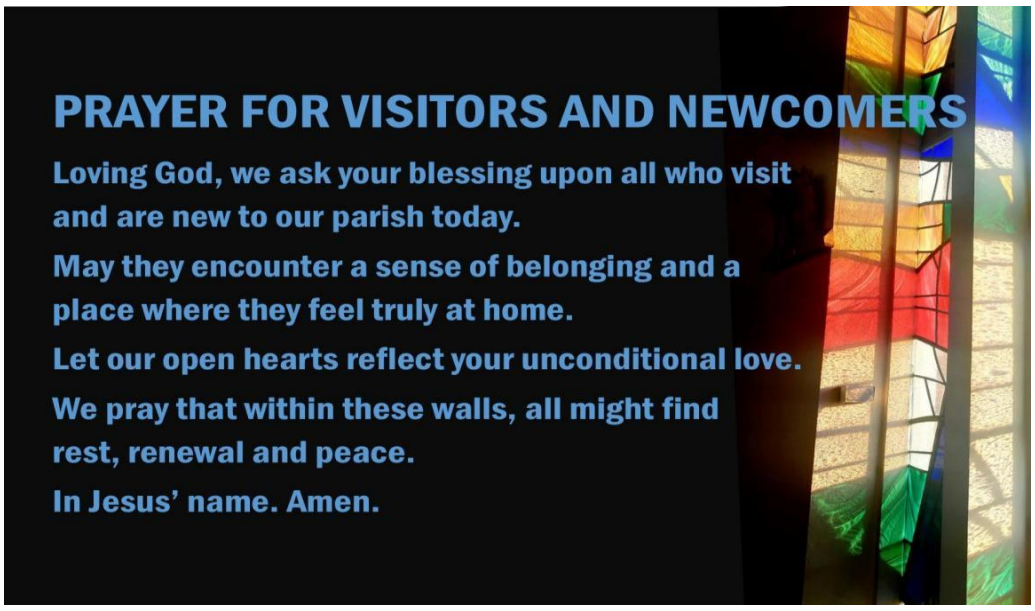
Parish Bulletin
Sunday 15th November



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 15th November 2026	**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saturday 5pm	John Flanagan - RIP
12pm	Andrew Almonte - Thanksgiving
Monday 16th November	**Saint Margaret of Scotland**
12:30pm	Eileen Doherty – Get well
Tuesday 17th November	**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**
No Mass	*Mass at OLW 10am and 7pm*
Wednesday 18th November	**Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul**
7pm	Vernon Thomas – Thanksgiving
Thursday 19th November	
No Mass	*Mass at OLW 10am & 7pm*
Friday 20th November	
10am	Jeanna Robinson - RIP
Sunday 22nd November	**Christ the King -** Solemnity
Saturday 5pm	Thoria King - Thanksgiving
12pm	Denis Rosario & Angustias Rosario - Intentions

GOSPEL REFLECTION

It is encouraging to think of all the talents which friends and neighbours have and which I don't have. It is all part of the gifts of the Spirit, which Paul sees as making up the whole Body of Christ. Everyone has a special contribution to make. As for me, it is extraordinary that God created me with all my twists, defects, fears and failures and it is precisely because of those boils, sores, abscesses that God loves me, helps me and guides me to work out my salvation. And it is just possible that there may be friends who can think that God has given me talents which make a tiny contribution to the happiness and goodness of the world. In the longer version of this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus mentions a man with just one talent who hides it in the ground: the master calls him "wicked and lazy" and has him thrown out. Why is he so severely treated? This is surely someone who resolutely turns his (or her) back on the goodness she (or he) has received and refuses to work with it for the Lord's purposes or for anyone else's. Such a talent goes to waste and merely rusts and corrupts. If I know anyone like that, it is just worth asking whether, with infinite and patient kindness, I can help that person to release their talent and bring it to blossom. **Just think for a moment: what is your best talent? Is it a gift, skill or humour which brings joy and happiness to those around you? Are you like the man who buried his talent in the ground, or do you use this skill or gift or wisdom to bring joy 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
Jer 29: 11, 12, 14
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First reading :
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. ℟1a

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Second reading:
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,
you have no need to have anything written to you.
For you yourselves are fully aware
that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day.
We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

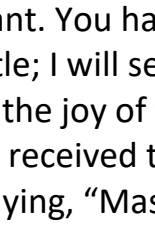
Gospel Acclamation
John 15:4a, 5b
Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.

Gospel:
Matthew 25:14-30
At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.
So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.
'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more."
His master said to him,
"Well done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying,
"Master, you delivered to me two talents;
here, I have made two talents more."
His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."
He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here, you have what is yours."
But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown
and gather where I scattered no seed?
Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.
So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.
For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance.
But from the one who has not,
even what he has will be taken away.
And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

Communion Antiphon
Ps 72: 28
To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, our sanctuary lamp will burn for the intentions of Katlene & Frank Barrett and family.



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.

AROUND THE PARISH

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £533.20; loose plate £327.42. 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.



Take my life and let it be Consecrated

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund – This Sunday
Second collection – Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP – the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

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!

Advent Fayre
Parish Advent Fayre is on Sunday 29th November at 1pm. All are welcome

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)

First Holy Communion
Enrolment for First Holy Communion is now closed. 29 children will be taking part in the programme this year. Our preparation session takes place today, 15th November, at 10.45am in the parish centre. Subsequent sessions will be on 22nd and 29th November.

Confirmation Programme 2026/27
Confirmation classes for all those under 18 year olds who completed their registration has started 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.

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)
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.

November reflection for the couples from Deacon Roger Carr-Jones, Marriage and Family Ministry Coordinator
to provide a vehicle by which couples can feed their relationship, go deeper, and to promote groups that support and enrich the lives of married couples.
https://rcdow.org.uk/news/love-after-the-leaves-have-fallen/

Ana Gonzales & Sujak Gurung's Wedding 21st November 2026 at St Benedict's Ealing Abbey
Ana and Sujak, will be celebrating their wedding on Saturday, 21st November 2026 at 3:00pm at St Benedict's Ealing Abbey, followed by a private reception with their families.
Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this beautiful new chapter together.

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

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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

"How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns? And bears it for me!"

- St. Elizabeth of Hungary -
Whose memorial day fall 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:

Rosa Elcira Ortiz, Roselberg Ortiz, Colmun Barrett, Gerry McDonagh, Belzie Casey, 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.

The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



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