CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEASDEN & STONEBRIDGE

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

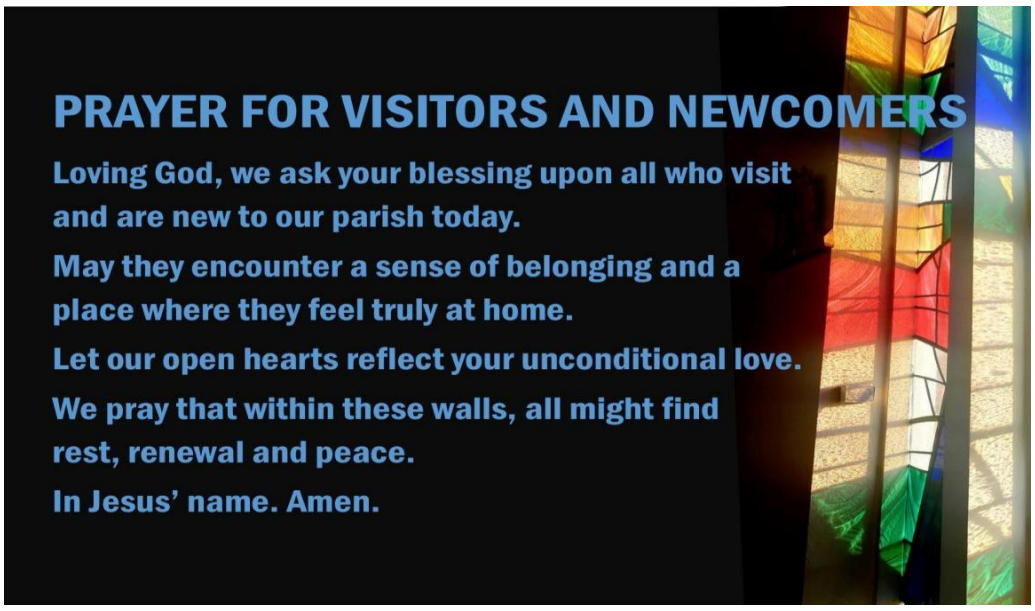
Parish Bulletin
Sunday 22nd November 2026



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 22nd November 2026	**Christ the King -** Solemnity
Saturday 5pm	Thoria King - Thanksgiving
12pm	Denis Rosario & Angustias Rosario - Intentions
Monday 23rd November	**Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr** **Saint Columbanus, Abbot**
12:30pm	Barthalomew Cahillane – RIP
Tuesday 24th November	**Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions, Martyrs**
No Mass	*Mass at OLW 10am and 7pm*
Wednesday 25th November	**Saint Catherine of Alexandria**
7pm	Marleen Dubaisson - RIP
Thursday 26th November	
No Mass	*Mass at OLW 10am & 7pm*
Friday 27th November	
10am	Austin Roche - RIP
Sunday 29th November	**1st Sunday of Advent**
Saturday 5pm	Mary Francis Flanagan – Get Well
12pm	John, Kate, Edward & Richie McDonagh - RIP

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This is the last of Matthew's great parables. The world is finally divided into 'goodies' and 'baddies'. The great dramatic scene here depicted is that of the Final Judgement of all, but we shall each of us at the moment of death face the judgement of our divine Lord in his glory. This confrontation will be an experience far more awesome and shattering than any description can express, and yet fulfilling and re-assuring. We will know at last in a naked way our own sin and also our own infinite value before the transcendent figure of the Lord. Two striking points are stressed in the parable. Firstly, we will be judged uniquely on our treatment of those in any kind of need. Not first of all on our prayer-life; not on our asceticism; not on penances undertaken; but on our respect for others - how far we look to see what they need and what we can give. The ten commandments of the Old Testament, the eight beatitudes of the New can be summarised in this way: speak the truth, be honest (including financially), honour father and mother (or children), hunger for justice, make peace. The second striking point is the reason for the first: that Christ is in each person. What we do to others, we do to Christ. **What does it mean that Jesus is in all other people, especially the stranger, the sick, the comfortless, even those in prison?**
How does this teaching of Jesus change my attitude to people I despise or avoid or just ignore?

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
Rv 5: 12; 1: 6
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First reading :
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Thus says the Lord GOD:
Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep,
and I will rescue them from all places
where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.
As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD:
Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. ℟1
The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading:
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Brothers and Sisters:
Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation
Mark 11:9, 10
Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia.

Gospel:
Matthew 25:31-46
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples,
'When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, our sanctuary lamp will burn for the intentions of Tom, Nora 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.

And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me,
I was in prison and you came to me."
Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."
'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying,
"Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon
Ps 28: 10-11
The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

AROUND THE PARISH

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned giving £498.20; loose plate £230.70. 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.



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 – Next Sunday

The parish will be holding an Advent Fair next Sunday, 29th November, after the 12pm Mass. So far, parishioners have offered to run stalls selling decorations, candles, plants, and food and drink. If you would like to help, please contact Violet. Also, we are looking for donations of the following:

- Cakes
- Tinned biscuits and boxes of chocolates
- Any unwanted but new items (scarves, gloves, bags, purses etc).
- Wine or other drinks

Thank you in advance for your support. All funds raised will go to the fund to make the hall entrance more accessible and safer.
If you are setting up a stall, you will be able to do so after 11am next Sunday morning.

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP – look out for the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster. Please do consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

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, 22nd November, at 10.45am in the parish centre. Subsequent sessions will be on 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/

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 has been 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.
You may make a donation in memory of your loved ones, if you wish.

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.



The Sheep and the Goats

All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Matthew 25:32



The puzzle is based on Matthew 25:31-46

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DRINK	KING	THRONE	BROTHERS	CLOTHES
PRISON	THIRSTY	HUNGRY	SICK	STRANGER
VISIT	INVITE	LEAST	EAT	TRUTH

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"God's joy is not loud, but it truly changes history and brings us closer to one another"

- Pope Leo XIV –

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:

Jimmy, Martin and Frankie Barrett, Gerry McDonagh, 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, Fr. William or Violet, our administrator.