



SHRINE & PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

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NEWSLETTER

26TH Sunday In
Ordinary Time

27TH SEPTEMBER
2026

MASS INTENTIONS FROM SATURDAY 26TH SEP

6:00pm: Elizabeth McEvory

Sunday – 27th:

8.45am: Pro Populo

10.30am: Beatrice Appiah Amissah – 70th Birthday

5.30pm: Zoltran Torok RIP – 5th Anniversary

Mon – 28th: 10am: Wyn Gibsey RIP – Lately Dead

7pm: Maureen Carol RIP – Lately Dead

Tues – 29th: 10am: Constancio De Araujo RIP – Month's mind

7pm: Yaa Adoma RIP – Lately Dead

Wed – 30th: 10am: Rose McNicholas RIP – Lately Dead

7pm: Bernie Keenan – Good Health

Thurs – 1st: 10am: Funeral Mass – Florence Nyaruwa RIP

7pm: Dr. Haywood Robinson RIP – Lately Dead

Fri – 2nd: 10am: The Awuzudike Family - Intention

7pm: John Watts – Good Health

Saturday – 3rd:

12noon: Susan Shackleton - Thanksgiving

6:00pm: Sean McQuaid RIP - Anniversary

Sunday – 4th: 8.45am: Pat Ryan RIP – 1st Anniversary

10.30am: Pro Populo

5.30pm: Beatrice Children

LAMP INTENTIONS - NEXT WEEK (27th Sep – 3rd Oct)

Sacred Heart Lamp – PEACE

Blessed Sacrament Lamp 1 – Theresa Walls – RIP.

Blessed Sacrament Lamp 2 – Parishioners

Altar Shrine – Catarina Moraes – God's Guidance

Shrine Lamp 1 – Gabriel & Family – God's Guidance

Shrine Lamp 2 – Our Paired Parishes

Mass intentions are available from the 29TH October, and

Lamp intentions from next weekend.

MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm (Anticipated said Mass for Sunday)

SUNDAY 9am (simple said: Livestreamed)

11am (Solemn Mass with Choir)

5.30pm - Latin Mass - 1962 Missal

DAILY: see Intentions list for this week's times.

Confessions: Tue 6.15-6.45pm & Sat. 10.30-11.30am & 5-5.45pm.

PAIRED PARISHES OF THE **FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS** & **OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN.**

MASS TIMES FROM 3RD/4TH OCTOBER

SATURDAY	5PM 6.30PM	FPW (said) OLW (said)
SUNDAY	8.45AM 10.30AM 12 NOON 5.30PM	OLW (said) OLW (Solemn) FPW (Sung) OLW (Latin)
MONDAY	12.30PM FPW	7PM OLW
TUESDAY	10AM OLW	7PM OLW
WEDNESDAY	10AM OLW	7PM FPW
THURSDAY	10AM OLW	7PM OLW
FRIDAY	10AM FPW	7PM OLW
SATURDAY	10AM OLW	

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Next weekend the next, and for most parishioners probably the most noticeable step of our journey into becoming a “parish pairing” takes place with the beginning of the new pattern of masses across both parishes. For the majority it will take a while to get used to... so please set your alarms!

I hope that over the next few months the new pattern will establish itself. As already stated, at Easter a review will take place, and the final pattern confirmed. At that time a decision will be taken as to the location of the Saturday evening Mass provision going forward. In the Consultation responses some suggested that this decision be implemented now, but I want to see how the new timetable affects attendance on Saturday evenings so that the best decision can be made.

We have been trying to anticipate any difficulties that the new arrangements may bring and prepare for them. The most pressing concern that has been raised with me is that of parking at Five Precious Wounds; so, can I please make an appeal? Do you really need to drive to church, or could you walk, cycle, or use public transport? Some will need to drive, but if you do, can you car share or offer a lift to others? If you need to drive, then please park carefully so that best use is made of space.

Another concern has been masses at Christmas! Both Churches will continue to have Midnight Mass at Midnight, both will have a Mass on Christmas Morning (the Shrine will also have a traditional Latin Mass as part of the Diocesan Provision). Both will have a Family Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, though these will probably be at different times to allow a range of choice across our communities. On a different note, I would like to thank Fr Stephen Balogun for his presence at Stonebridge across the Summer months. Later this week he returns to his studies in Rome, and goes with our thanks and prayers.

Last weekend there were celebrations in both our parishes. At Five Precious Wounds there was an International Lunch: many thanks to all who brought and shared their food and their culture with their brothers and sisters. At the Shrine there was the Summer Barbecue provided by the Fellowship Circle of Our Lady of Willesden, and I know the Fellowship want to thank all those who contributed in any way to what was a splendid time of fellowship and fun. I had intended to be present at both events for a while, but on Sunday morning I ended up in Central Middlesex Hospital with a paralysed right hand, which turned out to be an acute and very painful attack of gout, so missed both events. It is now responding to treatment, and thankfully I had not collapsed outside the Shrine, which was one rumour I heard on Monday morning: how fast fake news travels: we are to be bearers of the GOOD NEWS!

Last Saturday a coachload of pilgrims from both our parishes joined the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, and many petitions were offered for our communities at this time of change; may we grow together in harmony, and bring the Joy of the Lord to others. May there be many other joint events in the coming years.

Our Lady of Willesden, Pray for us! Five Precious Wounds, Save us! With many Blessings, Fr Stephen.

Catechetical Programmes:

First Holy Communion Registration and Under 18's Confirmation Registration is now completed. Please check the NEWSLETTER over the coming weeks for news and dates of classes and meetings.

Adult Preparation for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Reception into the Church. Next Meeting: This Tuesday, the 29th September at 7pm in Willesden Presbytery, Nicoll Road.

Secondary Entrance 2027, & the Signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice. Applications for Secondary Entrance has to 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 has to 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). I have made the following arrangements for the Signing of CCP's:

Tuesday 6th October, Willesden Presbytery, 4-6.30pm.

Wednesday 7th October, Stonebridge Presbytery, 4-6.30pm.

Please sign up for an interview on the list at the back of either church.

S. Claudine's Catholic Secondary School for Girls; Open evening, Tuesday 29th September

Newman Catholic College; Open evening, Thursday 1st October

New Sick List: It is six months since we refreshed the Sick List, and so the time has come to draw up a new one. If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the new List, please complete the form available at back of the church and place it in the letterbox at Presbytery House. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

USUAL ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH:

WEEKDAYS:

Rosary in the Shrine at 10.30am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays & Saturdays between the morning and evening masses.

ADORATION WHATSAPP GROUP: This group was created to help fill the Adoration of Blessed Sacrament rota for Tuesdays and Saturdays. To join, please contact Fr. William or Margaret Cox. Thank you!

Church Cleaning: Wed 8am-10am. (We are kindly looking for dedicated and loyal volunteers to join our cleaning team!)

Our Lady of Willesden Wednesday Social Club in the Marian Hall 1.15 - 3pm

Gardening Club: Wednesdays 5 - 7pm. Saturdays 1-4pm so long as the weather permits!

Coffee and Bible Study: Thursday after the 10am Mass.

Legion of Mary: Sundays, 12.30pm - 2pm in the Presbytery.

DURING THE MONTH:

Choral Vespers & Benediction on the First Sunday at 4.30pm (*Not May & October when Processions are on the 2nd Sunday*).

Ghanaian Catholic Association: First Sunday of the Month, 1.15pm in the Marian Hall.

Nigerian Catholic Association: Third Sundays of the month, 1.15pm in the Marian Hall.

First Friday Devotions: 7.30-9.30pm on the First Friday of the month in the Shrine Chapel.

1,000 Hail Mary's: First Saturdays, after 10am Mass, in the Shrine Chapel.

Young Adults Group (18 - 30...ish!) Wednesdays after the 7pm Mass. (Contact Fr William)

Children's Liturgy: Each week a short Liturgy for both Children, and Little ones. <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

SVP: Prayer request for friends and families of the SVP NW10. New Volunteers Needed! Come and see what we are up to. Next meeting on the 15/09/2026 - 6pm at Our Lady of Willesden Shrine. (Marian Hall)

Parish Offerings: Weekend of 19/20th September £1,359.77; Shrine Restoration £150.04, Organ Fund £80. *Many Thanks!*

Livestream Mass: The Sunday 9am Mass is usually Livestreamed: on Willesden Shrine Facebook.

Sign up to e-alerts from the Parish to receive news, updates and the weekly Newsletter directly to your email! Go to the parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden>

Funerals: Florence Nyaruwa RIP - Funeral Mass, 1st October 10AM - Repatriation, Margaret Christopher RIP - 9th October, Reception 9.45am and Mass at 10am, Gealfio Zabab RIP - Funeral Mass, 21st October at 10am - St. Mary's Cemetery at 11.30am - Martin Ward RIP - 22nd October 10am Mass - 11.30am Willesden New cemetery. *May they rest in Peace!*

Coffee after 9am/8.45am Sunday Mass. Over the Summer this welcome provision has fallen apart! we need to have a rota of volunteers. Once the First Communion classes begin, Refreshments will be on alternate Sundays, and as they say, 'many hands make light work', so any assistance is welcome. Please contact Vanessa in the Parish Office.

LOOKING FORWARD:

October dates: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WILLESSEN Saturday 3rd October. Solemn Mass at 12 noon (*no 10am*)

Sunday 11th October: Missa Cantata at 5.30pm

OCTOBER PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESSEN, with Rosary for Vocations.

Sunday 18th October at 7pm.

Preacher: THE ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER; The Most Reverend Richard Moth.

Winter Market: Saturday 21st November. Please begin thinking of what you might make for this annual Fundraising Event. HOME MADE CAKES, BREADS, JAMS, CHUTNEYS, PRESERVES, SWEETS, NOODLES ETC ARE BEST!!!

REPOSITORY. New stock has arrived in the Repository: Christmas Cards, 2027 Calendars and Diaries.

NOTE: Please note that, due to recent changes, including the reduction of weekday Masses, previously scheduled Masses may be subject to changes in time and, in some cases date. Thank you for your understanding.

We encourage you to check the newsletter regularly for any update!