



SHRINE & PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WILLEDEN

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NEWSLETTER

23RD Sunday In
Ordinary Time

6TH AUGUST
2026

MASS INTENTIONS FROM SATURDAY 5th SEP

6:00pm: Pro Populo

Sunday – 6th:

9am: Seamus Ryan RIP (Anniversary).

11am: Our Parish Schools at the start of the Academic Year

5.30pm: Michelle & Cameron Higgins (Conversion).

Mon – 7th: 10am: Cruzinha Leitao RIP - Anniversary

7pm: November Dead List

Tues – 8th: 10am: Frances O'Brien - Sick

7pm: Peter Noonan - Sick

Wed – 9th: 10am: Daniel Jesus RIP – Lately Dead

7pm: Mary O'Connor - Sick

Thurs – 10th: 10am: Nuala Cooney - Sick

7pm: November Dead List

Fri – 11th: 10am: James Nunan - Sick

7pm: Fr Joby Madan – Special Intention

Saturday – 12th:

10am: Ruben Quadros – Good Health

6:00pm: Phil Keenan RIP – 1st anniversary

Sunday – 13th:

9am: Harold & Maria -Good Health & Happiness

11am: Pro Populo

5.30pm: Danna Torok – Birthday Intention

LAMP INTENTIONS - NEXT WEEK (6th – 12th Sep)

Sacred Heart Lamp – Bernadette Ugboma - Healing

Blessed Sacrament Lamp 1 – Theresa Walls – RIP.

Blessed Sacrament Lamp 2 – Chinedu Ananenu - Int

Altar Shrine – Catarina Moraes – God's Guidance

Shrine Lamp 1 – Joncy Braganca - Intention

Shrine Lamp 2 – Gabriel & Family – God's Guidance

Mass intentions are available from the 2nd 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.



Dear Parishioners, Dear Brothers and Sisters!

So, finally and quietly, at midnight on Tuesday morning as August became September, the pairing of the parishes of Willesden and Neasden with Stonebridge was established.

Firstly, I would like to thank you again for the gracious way in which last weekend you received the new Mass timetable which will come into effect from the first weekend of October. The next few weeks gives the opportunity to consider some of the more practical considerations of preparing for its implementation.

This week, as many schools began the new academic year, I have spent time at Our Lady of Lourdes School, Stonebridge, as we prepare for the Memorial Mass for members of the family so tragically killed during the Summer Holidays in the beach accident in Shoreham: please keep the School Community, and the El Khawas Family in your prayers at this time.

As I am already the Governor of S. Joseph's Primary, Newman College, and also of S. Claudine's Secondary, it is Fr William who will become Governor and Chaplain to Our Lady of Lourdes School; though all schools will see us as part of our ministry.

I spent quite some time with Violet, Parish Administrator of Neasden with Stonebridge, trying to sort out some of the administration that comes with a new appointment; Bank mandates, Corporate Cards, keys, codes etc; and also some of the Pastoral requests that have come in over the holidays. Please be patient with us as we work our way through these. I hope to meet with each of the Parish Finance Committees in the coming weeks so that we can identify further those areas where we can work together, and those which are particular to the individual parishes, such as the heating (or non-heating) at Five Precious Wounds!

We remain grateful to Fr Stephen Balogun whose presence means that the current provision of masses etc remains until the 3rd October, and we all have time to prepare for the new Timetables. (Please take the Letter with the new timetables if you haven't yet done so.)

With Blessings as we take these next steps on our journey of Faith.

Fr Stephen.

Coffee, Tea and Refreshments after the 11am Mass this weekend in the Marian Garden. All Welcome!

For the good working of our parishes there will need to be some realignment of practices so as to manage the demands on Clergy and Catechists.

The first change is that child **Baptisms** in both parishes will now take place monthly, usually on the Third Sunday, and will be celebrated at the weekend masses (either Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings). This is already the practice at the Shrine, and has served us well for many years. May I remind you that Baptism is not a private event. It concerns the whole Church.

Wedding enquiries are already being made for 2027, so I take the opportunity to remind you that the Church requires at least 6 months notice so that all necessary paperwork is completed. Please note that reception venues, flights, honeymoons etc. should not be booked before you have a confirmed date in the Parish Diary.

Confirmation Preparation will once again be shared within the paired parishes. **THIS IS A LAST CALL FOR APPLICATION FORMS TO BE RETURNED BY NEXT SUNDAY (10/11th October)** in both parishes!

First Communion Preparation will continue to be made in the individual parishes. The Shrine Registration has already closed, but I will accept applications submitted by **next Sunday (10/11th)**. Five Precious Wounds: please watch out for information in the next few weeks about Registration in the forthcoming programme.

CATECHISTS: We need some more in both parishes Particularly for Baptism Preparation, and for Confirmation. Please see Fr Stephen, or Charles (Stonebridge) of Doreen (Shrine).

Walsingham Diocesan Pilgrimage, Saturday 19th September. There are several places left on the coach for Walsingham.

If you have not paid yet, please return the completed Form WITH payment (£30 per person which includes the £7 Pilgrim Levy) as soon as possible. Many thanks.

The coach to leave the Shrine at 7am, and Five Precious Wounds at 7.15am, and returning for about 8.30pm.

Catechetical Programmes:

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!) Every Wednesday after the 7pm Mass.

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)

Livestream Mass: The Sunday 9am Mass is usually Livestreamed: or 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.redow.org.uk/willesden>

Parish Offerings: Weekend of 29/30th August £1,271.89; Shrine Restoration £114.25, Organ Fund £17.60. **Many Thanks!**



The Shrine Fellowship Circle will host this Summer's Parish Barbeque

on Sunday September 20, 2026, following the 11 o'clock mass. Individuals interested in contributing in-kind or financially please contact the Secretary and Treasurer, Titilayo Pedro, at +44 7939 154708.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. "This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through Parliament

For more information and resources, visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote **LAMP**



Pilgrim Badges. At the end of his Summer Break Fr Stephen visited the Sussex workshop of Colin Torode, Caster and Mediaevalist, to collect the first 200 Pilgrim Badges which were cast from a mould made by an original 15th Century Willesden Pilgrim token found on the banks of the Thames. These new pewter copies are available from the Repository at a cost of £6.