

St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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To protect all people, the church is closed until further notice. We continue to pray privately, in our homes and online in union with the church worldwide.

5 April 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Procession Reading: Matthew 21:1-11. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. A humble Messiah riding on a donkey, Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumphal procession and is acclaimed king by his followers.

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7. I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed. The servant-prophet is one who listens and knows how to reply. He is persecuted but he trusts that God will vindicate him.

Psalm 21. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11. He humbled himself but God raised him high. The life Jesus lived in obedience to God entailed suffering and death. But death was not the end and now we acclaim 'Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father'.

ACCLAMATION: Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory

THE PASSION: Matthew 26:14-27,66. Matthew's Gospel story shows that contrary to appearances, the powers of the time, the Jerusalem elite and the Roman authorities do not have the last word.

Fr. Robin Burgess has prepared a reflection for Palm Sunday & Holy Week. You can read it on our website in the section entitled 'Homilies/Pastoral Letters'

REFLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY: Matthew 26:14-27,66.

Meditate: The passion of Jesus speaks about each one of us and invites us to identify with the characters. At this time of uncertainty, we do well to reflect what role we play in this drama of our salvation. Who are we in this story? Are we the disciples who run away? Are we the crowds who betray Jesus? Or perhaps Simon, Joseph or the women who follow and assisted him? All of us have a role to play.

Pray: Lord Jesus out of love for humanity you accepted the wood of the cross while all along praying for those who assisted your execution. Give me courage to place myself in this story and strength to stand by you

DURING LENT – PRAY + FAST + GIVE

PRAYER: Additional prayers resource are available on the parish website. See the link for 'Prayer' and 'Resources during Mass Suspension'

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The traditional translation of the Stations of the Cross is by Saint Alphonsus Liguori. There are however many versions of this devotion which follows the journey of Jesus to the Cross over 14 stations. Please look online for a version for you to say at home.

FASTING: We are encouraged to fast from some food from Monday to Saturday during Lent.

PALMS: Blessed palms will be available after movement restrictions are lifted

HELPING OR NEEDING HELP DURING THIS CURRENT TIME: If you would like to help fellow parishioners or are in need of help at this time, please contact Joe Andrew of the St Vincent de Paul Society on T. 07765 026377. Joe will coordinate requests.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS FROM OTHER CHURCHES: See the 'Online Mass Schedule' section of the parish website. Fr. Mark recommends masses by Canon Pat Brown who is known to him, and who is parish priest at Holy Apostles Catholic Church (Pimlico): <https://www.holyapostlespimlico.org/>

SUNDAY OFFERING AND SUPPORTING THE PARISH:

Dear Parishioners,

We are conscious that many parishioners may be struggling financially, if however, you are able to continue your weekly donations please see how to do this below:

- 1) On Sunday 5th April those who give by planned giving envelopes will run out of envelopes. It is not currently possible to distribute new boxes of envelopes.

If possible, please set up a Standing Order to replace your Planned Giving Envelopes. To do this electronically please see 2. below. Should you wish, you can change this back to planned giving envelopes when they are distributed, and movement restrictions lifted.

- 2) You can set up a standing order in favour of the parish electronically using our bank details below. Remember to fill in your reference so we know who the donation is coming from and in order to claim Gift Aid if you have signed a gift aid form.

Bank: HSBC UK
Account Name: WRC DT ST VINCENT DE PAUL OSTERLEY
Account Number: 41095889
Sort Code: 400520
Your Reference **Surname, First Name**

- 3) You can use the donation facility on our website to make your donation each week. See "Donate to our parish" on our website.

We know that those who are able, will sustain the parish financially during this challenging time and enable us to minister to our parishioners and those in need.

If you have any queries you can contact the parish bookkeeper Steve McEvoy on osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk or 079 3278 3647. Thank you. *Fr Mark*

EASTER OFFERINGS: The salary for parish clergy comprises the Christmas and Easter offerings, donations for baptisms, weddings and funerals and offerings for masses. Envelopes for Easter offerings will be available after movement restrictions are lifted.

300 CLUB: The lucky winner of the February 2020 Draw for the 300 Club is Linda Ewan, Ticket No. 726 Congratulations!

POPE FRANCIS: Pope Francis called for all Christians to respond to the coronavirus pandemic "with the universality of prayer, of compassion, of tenderness", adding, "Let us remain united. Let us make our closeness felt toward those persons who are the most lonely, and tried".

Speaking after the traditional recitation of the Angelus, the Holy Father called on all Christians to join together in prayer. "In these trying days, while humanity trembles due to the threat of the pandemic, I would like to propose to all Christians that together we lift our voices towards Heaven."



Palm Sunday

Gracious God, you have heard the cries of your suffering people. You have sent Jesus to us to be our Redeemer and brother. Open our eyes to see the immensity of your love for us and the wonder of what you have done for us. Give us the courage to be your hands and heart for those who are in pain. Give us the wisdom to speak out for justice and righteousness. May your will be done in us today and always. Amen.

Holy Thursday

Faithful God, Jesus gave us the gift of his own Body and Blood that we might have food to sustain us. As we share the Eucharist of Jesus Christ, let us become the Eucharist for one another. May our lives be blessed, broken and given that your people may live. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our living Bread. Amen.

Good Friday

Christ Jesus, your love is made visible through the mystery of your death and resurrection. Make us one in you. Transform us into people of mercy who reach out to embrace you in the suffering ones in our midst. We ask this, as a people reconciled to God through the blood of your cross. Amen.

Holy Saturday

Saving God, all creation waits with groaning and longing for the salvation promised to our ancestors and revealed in the resurrection of your Son Jesus. Teach us how to wait for the bursting forth of your saving power when all will be reconciled to you in Christ Jesus. We wait in hope, O God. We wait in the company of all the angels and saints of heaven. Through their intercession may we have the power to say: Holy, Holy, Holy is our God. Amen.

Easter Sunday

Jesus, we stand in awe at the mystery of your death and resurrection. We wonder at the depths of your love for us. May all peoples of the earth receive the good news of your gospel. As your people we ask this day for the power to live in the joy of your rising. May we sing with all creation: Hail, O Light of Christ! Welcome, Risen Lord. Amen.

Wintershall Livestream 10 April 2020

The Passion of Jesus and *One Good Friday* story will be available online on Good Friday the 10th of April 2020 because Wintershall cannot perform live in Trafalgar Square.

Wintershall will livestream, through their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Wintershallplay> on:

Good Friday 10 April 2020 at 12 and 3pm

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass intentions can still be requested via e-mail or by ringing the parish office. Please leave a message and phone number if there is no reply from the office. Offerings for such masses can be made using the online donation link on the website or submitting it to the parish only when movement restrictions are lifted.

Masses offered prior to the reduction in Sunday masses will be allocated to the nearest free mass.

Intentions for 5 -12 April 2020	
Sunday 5 Palm Sunday	Rosalind Andrew RIP
Mon 6 Monday of Holy Week	
Tuesday 7 Tuesday of Holy week	
Wednesday 8 Wednesday of Holy Week	Rosa Maria Costa RIP (Anniv)
Thursday 9 MAUNDY THURSDAY	People of the Parish
Friday 10 GOOD FRIDAY	Passion of Our Lord
Saturday 11 HOLY SATURDAY	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	People of the Parish

PARISH OFFICE:

Please do not call to the parish office without an appointment. Enquiries can be made by telephone or you can e-mail the parish at osterley@rcdow.org.uk

- **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:** Mrs. L. Faria
- **PLANNED GIVING CO-ORDINATOR:** Mr. Steve McEvoy
- **PARISH BOOKKEEPER:** Mr. Steve McEvoy
To contact Mr. McEvoy by email: osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk
- **300 CLUB:** Enquiries to Parish Office.

ADMIN

• **PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ONLINE NEWSLETTER:**
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/osterley/>

• **PARISH REGISTRATION:** Please take a Welcome Pack from the lobby when the church re-opens in due course. Completed Registration and Planned Giving forms should be posted through the door of the Parish house. Thank you.

• **BAPTISM:** Contact Fr. Mark to arrange a baptism date and attend a course. Please complete a form (available in the lobby or online) and submit to the Parish Office. Next course: TBA.
NB Unfortunately courses are now cancelled until further notice.

• **CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:** This parish operates a system of Mass Attendance Cards. This is only applicable for parents who wish to send their children to a Catholic primary or secondary school. Attendance at 75% of masses at which stickers are given out will be deemed to comply with the conditions for receiving a Certificate of Catholic practice. Parents can apply to Catholic schools without a Certificate of Catholic practice but will usually be considered after those who possess one. The Certificate of Catholic Practice should be downloaded from our website. (Do not use the form provided by the school). Please print one for every school to which you are applying.

Parents/Guardians should begin collating forms two years before the closing date for their child's application to Nursery, Reception, Secondary and 6th Form.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Mass attendance stickers were not distributed on Sun. 15/3/2020.

They will not be distributed in the near future until further notice. These weeks will be omitted in our calculation of the 75% attendance for school admission

• **MARRIAGES:** 6 months' notice required. Please ring the office for initial discussion with Fr. Mark.

CONTACTS

• **SAFEGUARDING REP:** Mrs. A. Trigger. Tel. 07764482186

Email: osterleysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

• **WEST MIDDX HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN:** Tel. 020 8321 5447.

CONFIRMATION 2020: Sessions will continue online as advised to candidates. The celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation is a wonderful time for families to gather and is often very important in the lives of grandparents and the extended family. With the present uncertainty about the length of time that the pandemic will last, and both the travel and social restrictions will apply, the confirmations in parishes that were scheduled for April and May have been postponed. A new date will be arranged in due course.

REDEMPTORIST PUBLICATIONS bring the Sunday Holy Mass, celebrated by Fr. Denis McBride into your home every Sunday. Each Sunday service will be accessed at: <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online> Visit their BLOG section for a variety of reflections.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
—*Philippians 4:6 (NIV)*

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
—*John 14:27 (NIV)*