



# St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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*Doubt no longer, but believe*

## 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Easter YrB Vol.1

**Acts 4:32-35. United, heart and soul.** Writing several generations after the first days of Christianity, Luke wanted to put an ideal picture before his audience to help them recognise that we can really grasp the significance of the resurrection only when we attempt to build a new style of community in the world.

**PSALM 117: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

**1 John 5:1-6. Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.** This text is a summary of the faith of the baptised person: one who enters by water into the life of Christ, who passes on his victory over death by a style of life that forgives and makes peace, and who comes to rest in the life of God.

**John 20:19-31. Eight days later Jesus came.** Christ came among his people gathered on Easter Sunday; eight days later, he came again among them: each time he offered them peace, forgiveness, and the promise of new life.

**Face coverings are mandatory in the church for the duration of your visit. Please ensure that your nose and mouth are covered.**

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY FROM 11AM-NOON, AND SATURDAY FROM 9-10AM.**

**THANK YOU:** Fr. Mark thanks everyone most sincerely for the Easter Cards, gifts and offerings that were received this Easter.

**HOLY PLACES:** The collection on Good Friday amounted to £597.66. Cardinal Vincent recently received a letter from the Congregation for Eastern Churches. The document is helpful in providing an explanation as to how the Holy Places of Palestine collection is used. It is available on the parish website in the section entitled "Homilies & Letters 2021". Please continue to pray for the suffering Church in these lands.

**PLANNED GIVING BOXES:** Parishioners will by now have received their Planned Giving Boxes of envelopes beginning 11th April 2021 for the new tax year. If you were expecting a box but have not received one or have a query, please contact the Parish Office.

**PLANNED GIVING:** If you would like to plan your giving for the first time using envelopes or a standing order, contact the Parish Bookkeeper Steve McEvoy. Email: [osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk)  
T. 079 3278 3647

### ONLINE MASS BOOKING REQUIREMENTS:

\* If you have booked a mass that you do not wish to attend, kindly text 078 9989 5483 to inform us and enable others to attend instead. This is especially requested where several places are being reserved and not going to be used.

\* Please say you wish to cancel or reduce the number of places, and provide the mass time.

\* Provide the original and reduced number of places (if reducing the booking) and the booking name.

\* To increase a booking simply book another place if there is a space available.

\* If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home and self-isolate. If you have a positive test result but do not have symptoms, stay at home and self-isolate. Your household needs to isolate too.

### MASS REQUESTS:

Mass intentions can be requested via e-mail, by ringing the parish office, or using a donation and gift aid envelope from the lobby. Please leave a message and phone number if there is no response. Offerings for masses can be made by cheque or cash deposited in the lobby drop safe, or by BACS transfer. The minimum Diocesan recommendation is £10.

HSBC: Account No. 41095889 Sort Code: 40 05 20. Please reference e.g. Mass/date of Mass.

When masses are combined one offering will be given to the priest and the other to St. Anthony's fund for the poor.

**DONATIONS TO THE PARISH:** If parishioners wish to donate to the parish when they visit the church, please do so using the drop safe in the lobby. The

parish appreciates that the ability of parishioners to contribute to our collections may have been adversely affected by the current pandemic. Please just give what you can. The safe can also be used for planned giving envelopes.

**READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Readers: Please inform the Priest or sacristan you have arrived at mass to read.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sign in on the noticeboard before mass if you can minister. One minister is currently required at each mass. **Please sanitize your hands before and after signing in.**

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:**

If you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, email: [osterleyccpl@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterleyccpl@rcdow.org.uk)  
Further details are on the parish website.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 11 - 18 April 2021		
SUNDAY 11 April	9.00am	Bishop Pat O'Donoghue RIP
	11.30am	Tom Steede, Delia O'Connell & Martin Curran RIP
	6.00pm	A.A. Joseph RIP
Tues 13	7.00pm	Rosemary Stockton RIP (RD)
Thu 15	7.00pm	Marianne Furtado RIP
Sat 17	10.00am	Teofilo D'Mello RIP
SUNDAY 18 APRIL	9.00am	Oliver Leahy & Geraldine Leahy RIP
	11.30am	Ernest & Elizabeth Richardson RIP & Deceased Members of the Richard & Flemming Families RIP
	6.00pm	People of the Parish
OFFERTORY: Thank you for your generosity at Easter. Loose Plate: £1036.70 Easter Envelopes: £2058.20 Standing Orders: £1574.18 <b>Total: £4669.08</b>		

**PARISH OFFICE:**

**THE OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO LIMIT INTERACTION. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONE OR BY E-MAIL** [osterley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterley@rcdow.org.uk)

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:** Mrs. L. Faria  
**PLANNED GIVING CO-ORDINATOR / BOOKKEEPER:** Mr. Steve McEvoy. E-mail: [osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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. Completed Registration and Planned Giving forms should be posted through the door of the Parish house or dropped into the lobby safe. Thank you.
- MARRIAGES:** 6 months' notice required. Please ring the office to arrange an initial discussion with Fr. Mark.
- BAPTISM:** When restrictions are lifted, contact the office 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.

**CONTACTS**

- SAFEGUARDING REP:** Mrs. A. Trigger. Tel. 07764482186  
Email: [osterleysq@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterleysq@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)
- WEST MIDDX HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN:** Tel. 020 8321 544

**JUSTICE & PEACE NOTICES:**

**THE NEW HEATHROW.** Did you previously work at the airport? In the airline industry? Were you made redundant?

**LONDON CITIZENS** are mounting a huge campaign to re-energise Heathrow with GREEN jobs. Join the campaign for the 'new' future.

Make YOUR voice heard:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/green-jobs:for-londoners>

Our parish J&P Coordinator would be keen to hear from any parishioners who have an interest in the above notices. Please email Nicolette Robson: [NCRobson@outlook.com](mailto:NCRobson@outlook.com)

**VACANCIES:** St Richard Reynolds has a number of teaching (Primary Teacher - September 2021) and support staff (Finance Manager Summer 2021) vacancies. Further details on the website or please contact [recruitment@srrcc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@srrcc.org.uk) for information.

**CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL:**

This is an opportunity for Catholic boys with musical potential, in years 2 or 3, who might consider becoming choristers at Westminster Cathedral. Every September, the Cathedral's Choir School welcomes up to 6 choristers into year 4. They are given a chance to sing in central London and tour internationally in one of the world's great choirs. Boys also receive an outstanding education at one of London's leading schools. Choristers board during the school week only, heading home to their families from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning at 9.45 a.m. All boys receive generous scholarships with bursaries worth up to 100% of fees available on a means-tested basis. It is an inclusive and diverse community with the only universal element being the love of singing. See the flier on the noticeboard.

Contact: Director of Admissions, Miss Lucy Auger.  
Email: [lauger@choirschool.com](mailto:lauger@choirschool.com) T. 020 7798 9081

**Sunday 11 April 2021**

*Liturgical Colour: White.*

**Readings at Mass**

**First reading: Acts 4:32-35**

**The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul**

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money

from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

**Psalm 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24**

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.'

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

**Second reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

**Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children  
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;  
this is what loving God is –  
keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been begotten by God  
has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world –  
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:  
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness –  
since the Spirit is the truth.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

**Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:  
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:  
'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

**Liturgical colour: white**

White is the colour of heaven. Liturgically, it is used to celebrate feasts of the Lord; Christmas and Easter, the great seasons of the Lord; and the saints. Not that you will always see white in church, because if something more splendid, such as gold, is available, that can and should be used instead. We are, after all, celebrating.

In the earliest centuries all vestments were white – the white of baptismal purity and of the robes worn by the armies of the redeemed in the Apocalypse, washed white in the blood of the Lamb. As the Church grew secure enough to be able to plan her liturgy, she began to use colour so that our sense of sight could deepen our experience of the mysteries of salvation, just as incense recruits our sense of smell and music that of hearing. Over the centuries various schemes of colour for feasts and seasons were worked out, and it is only as late as the 19th century that they were harmonized into their present form.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Since 2000, the second Sunday of Easter has also been known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Here are some extracts from a sermon given by Saint Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska on 30 April 2000:

Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the 20th century, the century we have just left behind. In fact, it was between the First and Second World Wars that Christ entrusted his message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people, know well how necessary was the message of mercy.

Jesus told Sr Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy." Through the work of the Polish religious, this message has become linked for ever to the 20th century, the last of the second millennium and the bridge to the third. It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time.

What will the years ahead bring us? What will man's future on earth be like? We are not given to know. However, it is certain that in addition to new progress there will unfortunately be no lack of painful experiences. But the light of divine mercy, which the Lord in a way wished to return to the world through Sr Faustina's charism, will illumine the way for the men and women of the third millennium.

It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings. Christ has taught us that man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called to practise mercy towards others: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." He also showed us the many paths of mercy, which not only forgives sins but reaches out to all human needs. Jesus bent over every kind of human poverty, material and spiritual.

It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love. Looking at him, being one with his fatherly heart, we are able to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters, with an attitude of unselfishness and solidarity, of generosity and forgiveness. All this is mercy!

Sr Faustina Kowalska wrote in her Diary: "I feel tremendous pain when I see the sufferings of my neighbours. All my neighbours' sufferings reverberate in my own heart; I carry their anguish in my heart in such a way that it even physically destroys me. I would like all

their sorrows to fall upon me, in order to relieve my neighbour." This is the degree of compassion to which love leads, when it takes the love of God as its measure!

It is this love which must inspire humanity today, if it is to face the crisis of the meaning of life, the challenges of the most diverse needs and, especially, the duty to defend the dignity of every human person. Thus the message of divine mercy is also implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes; Christ gave his life for each one; to everyone the Father gives his Spirit and offers intimacy.

This consoling message is addressed above all to those who, afflicted by a particularly harsh trial or crushed by the weight of the sins they committed, have lost all confidence in life and are tempted to give in to despair. To them the gentle face of Christ is offered; those rays from his heart touch them and shine upon them, warm them, show them the way and fill them with hope. How many souls have been consoled by the prayer "Jesus, I trust in you," which Providence intimated through Sr Faustina!

And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of divine mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: Christ Jesus, I trust in you!

*Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfilment  
...(Fratelli Tutti 55)*

**Lord, teach me to safeguard my faith  
which is of greater worth than gold,  
which perishes even though refined by  
fire.**

The phrase  
"do not be afraid"  
is written in the Bible  
365 times. That's a daily  
reminder from God to live  
every day being fearless ♥