

# 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.*

*12 April 2020*

HE IS NOT HERE



HE HAS RISEN!

**12 April 2020**

**Easter Sunday (Day Mass) Yr A Vol 1 (Pg. 251)**

Today we celebrate with great joy the central mystery of our faith: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We have prepared in difficult circumstances as best we can, days of reflection on suffering and death, to bask in the glory of Christ, our Risen Lord. In imaginative ways we celebrate life; we proclaim God's goodness; we express our faith; we become signs of God's love in our world. The power of death is conquered and the way to eternal life is opened up.

**Acts 10:34.37-43. We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.** Peter witnesses not only to the death and resurrection of Jesus, but also to the goodness of his earthly life.

**Colossians 3:1-4. You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.** Keep your eyes on the Lord and Christ's glory will be yours. Paul assures us that we, like Jesus, are called to share the glory of God.

**John 20:1-9. He must rise from the dead.** We listen to John's version of the Resurrection story. Jesus' resurrection is in fulfilment of scripture.

**Psalm 117. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**



**Fr. Robin Burgess has prepared a reflection for Easter**  
**You can read it on our website in the section entitled 'Homilies/Pastoral Letters'**

**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/>

Dear Parishioners,

I wish you all a blessed Easter especially those who are alone for whatever reason. Please be assured that we are all still very much part of the parish through our shared baptism as brothers and sisters in Christ. Please continue to check this website each week. Whilst parish staff are on furlough I am getting used to "posting" news and spiritual resources. If you have any comments, you can e-mail the parish or ring and leave a message if there is no reply.

We pray for all who are sick and for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently. May the resurrection of Christ give us hope in God's enduring power to save us.

Whilst we wait patiently to be re-united in body as a community, I ask God to bless you all in the following words. (Your response is four times Amen!)

May Almighty God bless you this Eastertide and keep you free from sin.

**People:** Amen

Through the resurrection of Christ may you be given new hope, healed in body and spirit and, in the fullness of time, enter into eternal life.

**People:** Amen

The sufferings of Christ which we have recalled have given way to the joy of his resurrection. May this joy remain in your hearts until you see God face to face.

**People:** Amen

May almighty God bless you.

The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

**People:** Amen Alleluia! Alleluia!



*APPLE TREE IN BLOOM IN PARISH GARDEN EASTER SATURDAY 2020*

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** WRCDT 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](mailto: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". 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



*Parish plants Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020*



# HOLY WEEK

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## **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.

**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.

<b>Intentions for 11-19 April 2020</b>	
<b>Easter Saturday 11 April Vigil</b>	People of Parish
<b>Sunday 12 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</b>	People of Parish
Mon 13 Octave of Easter	Jane Bennet Ariola RIP B'day Anniversary
Tuesday 14 Octave of Easter	Mass
Wednesday 15 Octave of Easter	Mass
<b>Thursday 16</b> Octave of Easter	Mass
<b>Friday 17</b> Octave of Easter	Mass
<b>Saturday 18</b> Octave of Easter	Mass
<b>Sunday 19 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)</b>	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](mailto: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](mailto:osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk)
- **300 CLUB:** Enquiries to Parish Office.

**ADMIN**

• **PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ONLINE NEWSLETTER:**  
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• **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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)**

