



St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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14th February 2021 + 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46. The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp. In the Old Testament legislation on leprosy, those affected had to live apart and warn anyone who approached them of their condition. This legislation was still in force in the time of Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1. Take me for your model, as I take Christ. Paul tells the Christians of Corinth that they should always act in a manner that gives glory to God and that benefits others.

Mark 1:40-45. The leprosy left him at once and he was cured. A man with leprosy approaches Jesus who cures him by touch, and by commanding the leprosy to disappear.

PSALM 31: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation

In place of Fr. Robin's homily today, there is a pastoral letter from the Cardinal which is available on the parish website in the section entitled 'Homilies/Pastoral letters 2021'

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.

THE OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO LIMIT INTERACTION. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONE OR E-MAIL

4. Make the Sign of the Cross on each other's forehead, using the words you choose.
5. Pray together: the Our Father; the Hail Mary; each one with his or her own prayer or intention.
6. Conclude with the 'Glory be to the Father...'
7. Give each other a sign of peace.

LENT EXTRA: To prepare, we have copies of Lent Extra for sale in the lobby as you enter the church. and include interesting articles, 47 daily reflections, and prayers. Payment (£2.25) can be made in the Repository wall safe.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:
Tuesday evening after mass 7.30-8.00 p.m.
Saturday morning before mass 9.30-10.00 a.m.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT: Parishioners are invited to a Lenten Retreat over 6 Sundays in Lent, from 4-5.15 p.m. beginning on 21/2/21. Full details are at the end of this newsletter and on the website.

CAFOD ONLINE: Ash Wednesday Mass 17 Feb 7-8pm. Lenten preparations this year are very different because of the pandemic. Join a special online Mass to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We may be apart but we can still come together as a community as we journey to grow closer to Christ. Register here <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Ash-Wednesday>



LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2021:

This is a day of fasting and abstinence. Cardinal Vincent encourages us to celebrate Ash Wednesday at home this year with our household or support bubble. Gather, read the prayer below, and bless each other by making the sign of the cross on each other's

forehead. Please refer to the Cardinal's pastoral letter on the website, or take a printed copy home from the lobby.

Ash Wednesday at Home

1. Gather together and start with the Sign of the Cross.
2. Read the Gospel for today. It is from St Matthew's Gospel, 6.1-6 and 16-18.
3. Say together the prayer given in this Pastoral Letter.

CAFOD ONLINE: Stations of the Cross beginning Friday 19 Feb - and every Friday during Lent - 11am. This Lent, we will walk through the Stations of the Cross online in a prayerful journey of transformation in solidarity with people living in poverty around the world. Join us as we meditate on Christ's journey to the cross, following themes of justice, poverty, mercy, friendship and hope. Register here <https://www.bigmarker.com/series/lent/series/summit>

JUSTICE & PEACE: You've either got it - or you haven't WATER.

We have too much – they have drought. Abdella in Ethiopia has to walk 10 hours every day to get water for his family – just to survive. Can you go the extra mile this lent and help Abdella and others like him?

This Lent CAFOD's focus is providing sources of clean safe water. Can you walk 10,000 steps and raise money to help CAFOD? You could join the Big Walk Sat 26th Feb – Fast Day or choose your own time. If walking isn't your thing, try jogging – or be a sponsor. Times are difficult at present, but 'every little helps'.

More details can be found at the CAFOD website where you can sign up. Please email the parish office if you are joining the Big Walk and let us know of your progress and final amount raised. Perhaps as a parish we can unite in achieving a positive result for those in desperate need. https://walk.cafod.org.uk/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI1e3_mb7S7gIViZ7tCh0zqQUpEAAYASAAEgIV9_D_BwE

| MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 14 – 21 February 2021 | | |
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| SUNDAY 14 | 9.00am | Jim Sullivan & Patrick Hanrahan RIP |
| | 11.30am | Christine Halton RIP (RD) |
| | 6.00pm | Kitty Weeks RIP (RD) |
| Tues 16 | 7.00pm | Marianne Furtado RIP |
| Thu 18 | 7.00pm | Deceased Members of the Bachelor Family RIP |
| Sat 20 | 10.00am | Lourdes Hill RIP |
| SUNDAY 21 | 9.00am | Francis Fernandez RIP |
| | 11.30am | Lawson Hickman RIP (RD) |
| | 6.00pm | Katherine Joseph RIP |

OFFERTORY: Thank you for your generosity last week
Loose Plate: £343.97 Envs: £309.00. Standing Orders: £1574.18
Total: £2227.15

CURRENT LOCKDOWN:

Osterley Parish remains open in a Covid secure way, providing a safe environment to worship. Employed cleaners and volunteers ensure that the church is sanitized and cleaned after every service

and sessions of private prayer. Full details are on the website.

The removal of the Sunday obligation has meant that nobody should feel guilty if they do not attend Mass. This is especially applicable to the more vulnerable.

Please pray at home for the end of the spread of the virus and the distribution of the vaccine. We ask the intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family and the Church.

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 name used for the booking.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

* 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 as soon as you receive the results. Your household needs to isolate too.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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 no response.

Offerings for masses can be made by cheque or cash deposited in the lobby drop safe, or by BACS transfer.

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.

PLANNED GIVING BOXES: To request a box of envelopes please contact the Parish Bookkeeper Steve McEvoy. Email him at osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk T. 079 3278 3647

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.**

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2021:

If you wish to purchase a copy of the latest year book (£4.50), please contact the Parish Office. Copies of 2020 are in the lobby to take away.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:

If you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, email: osterleyccp1@rcdow.org.uk

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.

Mass attendance stickers were suspended from 15TH March 2020. Parents can apply to Catholic schools without a Certificate of Catholic practice but will usually be considered after those who possess one. Parents/Guardians should begin collating forms two years before the closing date for their child's application to Nursery, Reception, Secondary and 6th Form.

PARISH OFFICE:

The office is currently closed to the public to limit interaction. Enquiries can be made by telephone or you can e-mail osterley@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Mrs. L. Faria

PLANNED GIVING CO-ORDINATOR: Mr. Steve McEvoy

PARISH BOOKKEEPER: Mr. Steve McEvoy

E-mail: 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: osterleysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

•**WEST MIDDX HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN:** Tel. 020 8321 544

Sunday 14 February 2021

Liturgical Colour: Green.

Readings at Mass

First reading

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

**The unclean man must live
outside the camp**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

*You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy
of salvation.*

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

*You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy
of salvation.*

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.

*You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy
of salvation.*

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

*You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy
of salvation.*

Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Take me for your model, as I take Christ

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45 The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least **spiritually** into my heart. ... I adore Thee in the Sacrament of Thy love, the ineffable **Eucharist**.

Our 2021 Lenten Journey Six Sunday's in Lent 4pm-5.15pm

You are invited to attend a series of 6 Sunday Lenten reflections by zoom. You may attend one or more,

or all 6 as your spiritual preparation for the season of Lent. The format will be a short talk by a guest priest/speaker, a short time to respond and reflect with opportunity to share in small groups. The session will end with a prayer.

The meeting will take place online.

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| Feb 21- Week 1 Fr Derek McGuire | <i>Lent begins- Setting out with the word</i> |
| Feb 28 –Week 2 Fr Robin Burgess | <i>Lent as Renewal</i> |
| March 7 -Week 3 Dr Suni Perera | <i>Lent as Resting</i> |
| March 14-Week 4 Ms Angela Docherty CEO- New Ways | <i>Lent and honouring our Mothers</i> |
| March 21- Week 5 Fr Robin Burgess | <i>Lent : The Source of our Hope</i> |
| March 28-Week 6 Fr Derek McGuire | <i>Preparing for the Triduum: They did not understand these things at first</i> |

Lenten Reflections Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81044973865?pwd=ViBTVkovQXlaZlFUZTdITzFLQ3U4QT09> Meeting ID: 810 4497 3865 Passcode: 007178

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SMALL GROUPS

1. Please do all you can to join us for the start of the call. It will help us all create a safe, welcoming holding environment for everyone. This includes having your video on, and having a settled and safe space to be still and engage in the session
2. Please extend a gracious welcome to others, and to yourself. It can be simultaneously life-giving and challenging, in one way or another, to be part of a group.
3. Our wish is that there's genuine freedom. Nobody is required to speak or say anything in particular about themselves. Every invitation to speak and participate is just that: an invitation. Passing or staying quiet is perfectly acceptable.
4. Please give your fullest, kindest, warmest attention to the person speaking. Just listen, knowing that they don't need advising, fixing, or saving. Many times, it's our being together with full attention that is most helpful.