



St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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The Acts reading tells of the activity of the disciples between the Ascension and Pentecost. The story tells of the complete trust the community placed in God. Although the events described operate on a human level, it is fundamentally a story of divine election. References in the psalm to God's throne in heaven remind us of the place of honour held by the risen Christ in God's universe after the Ascension. The second reading returns to the theme of love. God is love and believers are enjoined to love one another: a simple command, though not always easy to do.

Acts 1:15-17,20-26. We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us. The Lord chooses Matthias to replace Judas as one of the Twelve. For Luke, the restoration of the Twelve represents the theological foundation of the Church and continuity with Israel and Jesus.

Psalm 102. The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

John 4:11-16. Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

When we love one another, we live in God and God lives in us. We share in the Spirit of God who manifests God's presence in our mutual love.

John 17:11-19. That they may be one like us! Jesus prays for our unity so that we will reflect the oneness of God. He then sends the disciples into the world to extend his mission and to reflect the truth of God's love.

Fr. Robin Burgess has prepared a homily for today, 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.

Pentecost Novena: A beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the joy of Pentecost. Available as a download, booklet, or podcast:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/pentecost-novena/>

SYCAMORE – *What does it mean to live our Christian faith through the power of the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit work through the Church and through the sacraments?* Introductory Session with **Fr Stephen** on Monday 24th May.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sycamore-introductory-session-mon-24th-may-tickets-147811352735>

Plus, a new faith formation pathway that can be used in the weeks of Eastertide, or after Pentecost. <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/holy-spirit-pathway-6-weeks/>

JUSTICE & PEACE: DO YOU CARE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE - and its effect on the planet?

This year the eyes of the world will be on Britain as we host the world's leaders for THE UN COP26 CLIMATE TALKS. This is an historic opportunity. Get hold of it WITH BOTH HANDS!

Call on the Prime Minister to use it to protect our common home.

".... climate change is a global problem with serious implications... It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our days."
Pope Francis.

Please sign the petition: cafod.org.uk/reclaim

TRANSPORT NEEDED: The carer of an elderly housebound parishioner requires suitable transport to enable outings to places further afield. Currently outings are restricted to visits in a wheelchair to the nearby park. If anyone locally has a suitable vehicle they do not use every day, or willing to lend or hire for weekly trips, or have experience of how to access such a facility, please contact Anna on 01367 240255. Thank you.

ROSARY IN MAY: In response to the Holy Father's heartfelt wish, the month of May will be dedicated to a "marathon" of prayer, to ask for the end of the pandemic, which has afflicted the world for more than a year now, and to ask for the resumption of social and work activities. Pope Francis wishes to involve all the Shrines around the world in this initiative, so that they may become vehicles of the prayer of the entire Church. The initiative is being conducted in the light of the biblical expression: "Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God" (Acts 12:5).

Each day of the coming month, he said, "the many people who have been affected by the virus, and who continue to suffer the consequences of the pandemic," will be entrusted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, "Mother of Mercy."

The Rosary, led from a different Marian Sanctuary each day during May, will be broadcast by Vatican Media, beginning at 6 pm Rome time. You can follow along with the daily broadcast on the Vatican News web portal, their Facebook and YouTube channels, or via radio or television transmissions by their partner organizations throughout the world.

A special prayer intention for the various categories of people most affected by the pandemic has been proposed for each day. A full list of the various shrines and the daily intentions can be found on the website of the Pontifical Council.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 16-23 May 2021		
SUNDAY 16 MAY	9.00am	Silvester & Rosada Baptista & Remesia Carvalho RIP
	11.30am	Ellen La-Grue RIP (RD)
	6.00pm	Anton Joseph RIP
Tues 18	7.00pm	Rosalind Andrew RIP (Anniv) George Dalgado RIP
Thu 20	7.00pm	Rosemary Stockton RIP
Sat 22	10.00am	Int. Louis, Mary & Felix RIP
SUNDAY 23 MAY	9.00am	John & Ellen Teresa Hurley (from Skibbereen) RIP (39 th Anniv)
	11.30am	Segundo Bauzon RIP (Birthday Anniv)
	6.00pm	Bob Gurd RIP (7 th Anniv)
OFFERTORY: Thank you for your generosity last week. Loose Plate: £211.25 Planned Giving Envelopes: £267.00 Standing Orders: £1574.18 Total: £2052.43		



www.londonjesuitcentre.org has a full list of events, courses and retreats to feed & inform us. Highlights include:

21 and 28 May Physics: The Never-Ending Challenge of the Unknown Dr Paolo Beltrame SJ
20 May Bowled Over: Ignatius, The Cannonball and God *online* with Fr Adrian Porter SJ

For those engaged in spiritual direction, retreat leading, and pastoral ministry, there are **Manresa Days**

21 May Healthy Spiritual Direction and Understanding Spiritual Abuse with Dr Lisa Oakley

8 June Psychological Issues in Spiritual Direction with Dr Roger Dawson SJ

ONLINE REQUIREMENTS TO BOOK SEATS FOR MASS: 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 (located in front of the Repository). 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.

Hands to be sanitized before and after signing.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:

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

Further details are on the parish website.

PARISH OFFICE:

PARISH SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATOR: Mrs. L. Faria

PLANNED GIVING CO-ORDINATOR / BOOKKEEPER:

Mr. Steve McEvoy. E-mail: osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk

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

PLANNED GIVING BOXES: Parishioners will have received their Planned Giving Boxes of envelopes which began on 11th April 2021 for the new tax year. If you were expecting a box but have not received one, have a query, or would like to plan your giving for the first time using envelopes or a standing order, please contact the Parish Bookkeeper. T. 07932 783647.

E-mail: osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk

300 CLUB: Enquiries to Parish Office.

NOTIFICATION - CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS: If you are registered as parishioners at St. Vincent de Paul Church and your details change e.g. address, or you move away from the parish, kindly inform the office so that the parish database can be updated. This will help to reduce unnecessary issues such as returned mail. Thank you for your consideration.

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 can 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

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

Sunday 16 May 2021

Liturgical Colour: White.

Readings at Mass

First reading

Acts 1:15-17,20-26

'Let someone else take his office'

One day, Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred

and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Or Alleluia.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Or Alleluia.

For as the heavens are high above the
earth

so strong is his love for those who fear
him.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Or Alleluia.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.
Or Alleluia.

Second reading

1 John 4:11-16

**Anyone who lives in love lives
in God, and God lives in him**

My dear people,
since God has loved us so much,
we too should love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
but as long as we love one another
God will live in us
and his love will be complete in us.
We can know that we are living in him
and he is living in us
because he lets us share his Spirit.
We ourselves saw and we testify
that the Father sent his Son
as saviour of the world.
If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the
 Son of God,
God lives in him, and he in God.
We ourselves have known and put our
 faith in
God's love towards ourselves.
God is love
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,
and God lives in him.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the
 Lord;

I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:11-19

**Father, keep those you have given me
true to your name**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
'Holy Father,
keep those you have given me true to your
 name,
so that they may be one like us.
While I was with them,
I kept those you had given me true to your
 name.

I have watched over them
and not one is lost
except the one who chose to be lost,
and this was to fulfil the scriptures.
But now I am coming to you
and while still in the world I say these
 things
to share my joy with them to the full.
I passed your word on to them,
and the world hated them,
because they belong to the world
no more than I belong to the world.
I am not asking you to remove them from
 the world,
but to protect them from the evil one.
They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth;
your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world,
and for their sake I consecrate myself
so that they too may be consecrated in
 truth.'

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.

