



St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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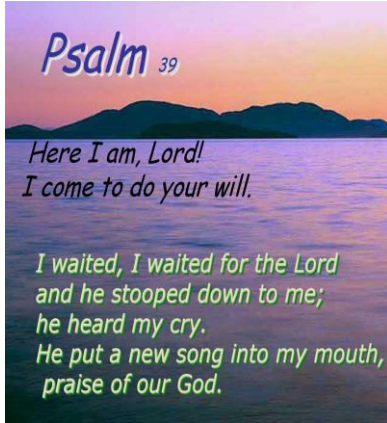
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17 January 2021 + 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



I Samuel 3:3-10,19. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening. If we would be bearers of peace to our world, we need to become like the child, Samuel. We need to become aware that God is calling us. We need to make his prayer our own: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

PSALM 39: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20. Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ. Soul and body are a unity prepared for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Imagine the transformation which would follow if we regarded ourselves and everyone else on this planet as true "temples of the Holy Spirit".

John 1:35-42. They saw where he lived, and stayed with him. Jesus' question to his disciples, "What do you want?" is both simple and difficult.

The disciples ask Jesus: "Rabbi, where do you live?" The Lord replies through the example of his life and death. Where is he to be found? He is found among the poor, the broken-hearted and the tortured, bearing their burdens, raising them up and bringing hope.

Fr. Robin Burgess has prepared a homily for today, which is available on the parish website in the section entitled 'Homilies/Pastoral'

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.

CRIB OFFERING 2020: The donations amounting to £95.34 will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society to support local disadvantaged children and families in crisis.

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 BOOKINGS

* If you have booked a mass that you do not wish to attend, kindly text 078 9989 5483 to inform us to enable others to attend instead.

* Please say you wish to cancel or reduce the number of places, and provide the mass time and location (Church or Hall).

* 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.

MASS REQUESTS:

Mass intentions can be requested in writing to the office, via e-mail or by ringing the parish office.

Please leave a message and phone number if there is no response. You may also use a Donation envelope from the lobby if you wish to Gift Aid your offering. Offerings for masses can be made by cheque or cash to the Parish Office (you may also use 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.

CURRENT PARISH PROCEDURES:

General steps have been taken in the parish for safety and administration during these times. Please refer to our website for full details.

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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 17-24 January 2021		
SUNDAY 17	9.00am	Valerie & Alan Thornton RIP
	11.30am	Intention of Parishioners
	6.00pm	Mass
Tues 19	7.00pm	Those who have died in the Pandemic RIP
Thu 21	7.00pm	Mass
Sat 23	10.00am	Mass
SUNDAY 24	9.00am	John O'Shea RIP (RD)
	11.30am	Ray Johnson RIP (6 th Anniv)
	6.00pm	People of the Parish

OFFERTORY: Thank you for your generosity last week. Figures tba.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2021: If you would like to purchase a copy of the latest year book (priced £4.50), please contact the Parish Office.

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

MASS ONLINE: A list of parishes offering masses online can be found at this address: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/how-to-participate-in-mass-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/>
Fr. Mark recommends Pimlico Parish.

PARISH OFFICE:

Please do not call at 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

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:** 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.

CONTACTS

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

Email: osterleysq@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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

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.

APPLICATIONS FOR FIRST COMMUNION 2021 AND CONFIRMATION 2021:

Application forms are now available online at our website, or to take home from the lobby.

Please complete and return to the parish office by 31st January 2021.

Further details regarding each programme will be provided in due course.

RETROUVAILLE, ENGLAND & WALES:

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work.

This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 25th- 28th February 2021 Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443.

email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

Website : www.retrouvaille.org.uk

ARE YOU A KEEN KNITTER? A parishioner requires a garment knitted. For further details, please call 07702 056731.

Sunday 17 January 2021

Liturgical Colour: Green.

Readings at Mass

First reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
Do not sin against your own body

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

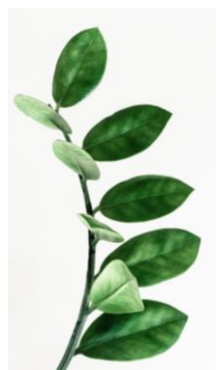
Gospel

John 1:35-42
'We have found the Messiah'

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY



This year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace'.

"How many resources," he says, "are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring

the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the provision of health care.” Pope Francis calls on us to “strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another.”

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi. Their website suggests many ways we can all promote peace in our daily lives. There are activities for families to do at home, including a 15-minute peace liturgy for young children.

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/>

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>

If you'd like your personal donation to be counted towards your parish contribution, please give your parish name and town in the 'Additional Information – Order Notes' box on the checkout page. Cheques payable to: Pax Christi

Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way,
Hendon, London NW4 4TY
Tel: 0208 203 4884



Quotations from the 2021 World Peace Day Message

A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace

1. Peace, justice and care of creation are three inherently connected questions, which cannot be separated in such a way as to be treated individually ...

2. We need to stop and ask ourselves what has led our world to see conflict as something normal, and how our hearts can be converted and our ways of thinking changed, in order to work for true peace in solidarity and fraternity.
3. How many resources are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the provision of health care.
4. What a courageous decision it would be to establish a Global Fund with the money spent on weapons and other military expenditures, in order to permanently eliminate hunger and contribute to the development of the poorest countries.
5. There is... a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter.
6. ... may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another.
7. ... everything is interconnected and genuine care for our own lives and our relationship with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others.
8. ... the need for relationships between nations to be inspired by fraternity, mutual respect, solidarity and the observance of international law.
9. At a time like this, when the barque of humanity, tossed by the storm of the current crisis, struggles to advance towards a calmer and more serene horizon, the "rudder" of human dignity and the "compass" of fundamental social principles can enable us together to steer a sure course.