



St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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Acts 3:13-15,17-19. You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead. Luke presents St. Peter starting off the Church's witness to the resurrection by preaching the message of forgiveness left us by the risen Christ, in Jerusalem.

PSALM 4: Lift up the light of Your face on us, O Lord.

1 John 2:1-5. He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We are called to live close to God by lives of justice and holiness, and we are a people who have our sins forgiven through Jesus Christ, our priest: he intercedes for us with the Father.

Luke 24:35-48. So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead. We have received the gift of peace from the Lord, we in turn must bear witness to this peace and forgiveness.

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.

Priest Training Fund

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood.

The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood.

There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. Last year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps

ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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: osterleyccp1@rcdow.org.uk
Further details are on the parish website.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 18 - 24 April 2021		
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	Christopher Joseph RIP (Anniv)
Tues 20	7.00pm	Constantine Godinho RIP
Thu 22	7.00pm	Special Intention
Sat 24	10.00am	Anne Keane RIP (RD)
SUNDAY 25 APRIL	9.00am	Laurentius Kowalczyk RIP (18 th Anniv)
	11.30am	Michael Rodrigues RIP (Birthday Anniv)
	6.00pm	People of the Parish

OFFERTORY: Thank you for your generosity last week.
 Loose Plate: £309.00 Planned Giving Envelopes: £319.00
 Additional Easter offerings: £125.00 Standing Orders: £1574.18
Total: 2327.18

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 beginning 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.

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

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

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 T. 020 7798 9081

PARISH OFFICE:

PARISH SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATOR: Mrs. L. Faria

PLANNED GIVING CO-ORDINATOR / BOOKKEEPER:

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

Sunday 18 April 2021

Liturgical Colour: White.

Readings at Mass

First reading

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

**You killed the prince of life:
God, however, raised him
from the dead**

Peter said to the people: ‘You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

‘Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

or

Alleluia!

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and
hear me!

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

or

Alleluia!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;

the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

or

Alleluia!

‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

or

Alleluia!

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

or

Alleluia!

Second reading

1 John 2:1-5

**Jesus Christ is the sacrifice
that takes our sins away, and
the world's**

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, ‘I know him’,
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Lk24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

**It is written that the Christ
would suffer and on the third
day rise from the dead**

The disciples told their story of what had happened
on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at
the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus
himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace
be with you!’ In a state of alarm and fright, they
thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, ‘Why
are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising
in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is
I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost

has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet.

Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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

Gospel Reading Reflection

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably,

they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

Family Connection

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favourite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God's Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ's witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God's word and by Jesus' presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ. Pray together [Tantum Ergo](#) or today's psalm, Psalm 4.

