



St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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Isaiah 45:1,4-6. I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him. There is only one God, unrivalled, the Lord of nature and history. God can make use of political events, as truly as religious moments, to further his purposes for his people.

Thessalonians 1:1-5. We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope. The first of all the letters written by St Paul opens with a statement that faith, hope and love, working together, bring about good deeds.

PSALM 95: Give the Lord glory and power.

Matthew 22:15-21. Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God. Jesus deals with a trick question by reminding those putting it, of the fundamental task of seeing the image of God in our neighbour rather than in political leaders.



Fr. Robin Burgess has prepared a homily for today

You can read it on our website in the section entitled 'Homilies/Pastoral'

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020: Congratulations to Santino Shea, Tomek Szwajda, Liam Donovan and Antoni Szewczyk who receive their First Communion this weekend.

Please keep all our young parishioners in your prayers. Thank you to Fr. Mark and all the families for accompanying them on their spiritual journey. A special thank you to the Catechists for the excellent preparatory work during these difficult times.

CONFIRMATION 2020: Please pray for Michaila Ogot, Aleesha Mayuga, Charlene Nalubwama, Karl Dhakal and Sushmita Kakodkar who are being confirmed on Tuesday 20/10/20 at 7 p.m. Thank you to all the families, and catechists Suni Perera and Fr. Mark for their dedicated preparation of all the candidates.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Ethan Fernandes who is being baptised into the Catholic Church this weekend. May he grow strong in the faith.

FAMILY FAST DAY: Thank you for your donations last Sunday which amounted to £315.20. You can still use one of the donation envelopes, or give by text. **Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.** (Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085).

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION TODAY: This collection is normally taken on Good Friday for the upkeep of the Holy Places. As a result of lockdown this year, this important collection was not possible, and will be taken up today instead.

BLESSING OF GRAVES 2020: Due to the Coronavirus there will be no chapel mass and blessing of graves by Osterley parish at New Brentford Cemetery this year.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS: If you wish to have your deceased relatives and friends prayed for daily at mass in November, place a list of names with your offering in the envelopes provided and post into the lobby safe. Please do not place directly in the box at the altar. The Faithful Departed will be prayed for at all masses throughout November.

Due to the reduced number of masses, intentions will be combined for the month of November.

RAMESIA CARVALHO RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ramesia Carvalho who died last week. Our sympathy is extended to her sons Matthew and Leo, and all her family and siblings, including her sisters Helen Fernandes and Claire Godinho who are parishioners at St. Vincent's. Ramesia's funeral will take place on Thursday 29/10/20 at 10 a.m. following current Covid restrictions. May her soul rest in peace.

NHS COVID 19 APP: All parishioners who have downloaded the Covid19 App are requested to scan the QR code displayed at the entrance. This will help NHS Test & Trace to control the Covid19 virus.



CHURCH FLOWERS - Do you enjoy arranging flowers? If so, please consider joining the team who arrange flowers for the altar and chapels every week. There are currently only a handful of parishioners who undertake this task to ensure that we have floral arrangements for Sunday masses. It would be helpful to have more volunteers to provide the displays that we enjoy at mass every week. You would be reimbursed for the purchase of flowers, and initial support can be provided to show you what is required. Please contact the parish office if you would like to support the parish in this very useful and creative way.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: The Universe is on sale in the lobby priced £1.90. (Use the newspaper Wall Safe) near the Shop. It highlights religious matters and gives Catholics a perspective on wider life and current affairs. It covers all interests we Catholics share alongside non-Catholics such as gardening, holidays, fashion, entertainment, food, motoring and so on. It is a good read! Why not take home a copy and give it a try?

OCTOBER ROSARY: Traditionally October is the month of the Holy Rosary. You are encouraged to say the Rosary individually or as a family devotion. Our Lady asks us to pray for peace.



FACE COVERINGS

It is a legal requirement that parishioners must wear a face covering when attending church unless they are exempt from doing so. Face coverings can be unlooped to receive Holy Communion.

You do not need to wear a face covering if you have a legitimate reason not to.

This includes (but is not limited to):

1. young children under the age of 11 (Public Health England do not recommend face coverings for children under the age of 3 for health and safety reasons)
2. not being able to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability
3. if putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress
4. if you are travelling with or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading to communicate
5. to eat or drink if reasonably necessary

Osterley church has a mechanical ventilation system. This system draws in fresh air from outside at the back of the church and expels air via the church tower at the front of the church. No air is recirculated and this system frequently changes the air in the church thereby reducing the risk of airborne transmission of the Covid 19 virus. This has been confirmed by a chartered engineer.

There is no drinking water in church so bring your own during this hot weather. Toilet facilities are available. Children are of course very welcome but must remain with their parents at all times. Stewards will direct you when you come to church.

Hygiene precautions taken by the parish.

The parish is following all government and diocesan procedures to be as safe as possible. Sometimes pictures say this better than words so there are pictures at the end of this newsletter of the following:

1. Battery operated (more to come) and pump action hand sanitizers.
2. One-way system in the church.
3. Touch bins replaced with pedal bins.
4. Seats roped off to maintain 2.0 m distance.
5. No kneeling allowed to maintain social distancing.
6. Hand towels instead of driers.

This is not a complete list but provides an idea of the practical steps we are taking.

BOOKING PROCEDURE TO ATTEND MASSES

Parishioners may book 2 Sunday masses per calendar month. In addition, parishioners may book any Sunday mass the day before it takes place if there are places available.

From the 1st August parishioners may book any weekday mass.

Both of the above can be done online OR by phoning 078 9989 5483 only if you do not have access to the internet.

There have been unfilled places at some Sunday masses so do check on Saturdays in case there are places available. This will allow those parishioners who do so to attend more often than twice a month.

The purpose of this system is so that all parishioners who are medically able can attend at least two masses per month without being in competition with other parishioners.

The obligation to attend mass remains suspended but for Catholics attendance at mass is a joy and a privilege rather than an obligation.

Private Prayer in Church

Times of Opening for Individual Prayer.

Tuesday & Thursday, 11 am -12 noon. Saturday 9 am – 10 am.

You can attend with other people who are considered to be part of your household.

Confessions

Confessions have resumed being heard in the parish at the new time of 9.00am – 9.45am on Saturday mornings. You can also make an appointment for the priest to hear your confession by ringing 078 9989 5483. Please leave a message if there is no reply and we will ring you back.

Baptism

The parish has resumed baptisms. These will take place on Saturday mornings at 11.00am or Sundays at 3 pm. As of 28th September, the number of people attending the baptism liturgy outside of the normal pattern of worship is limited to 6 attendees.

Funerals and Weddings

In addition to reopening for mass permission has been given to have funerals of no more than 30 attendees, and weddings of no more than 15 including ministers etc. We, the church wish to play

our part in controlling Coronavirus so our leaders will ensure that we observe what social distancing measures are necessary.

Other Services

In recent weeks our focus has been on reopening safely for mass. The parish will look at how we can resume bringing Holy Communion to the housebound. We will also look at whether we can resume devotions such as the Rosary and our prayer Group.

Readers, Altar Servers, Ministers of the Eucharist.

Currently Readers have a rota, Altar Servers serve as and when they attend mass, and Eucharistic Ministers sign in on the sheet in the lobby when they can minister.

Practicalities of resuming Sunday & Weekday mass

1. The parish has employed 3 young part-time cleaners/stewards to clean the church after every service. This work is quite strenuous and given the importance of this task and the training involved (which includes the use of PPE) this seems the most appropriate arrangement.
2. The parish is also thankful for everyone who has volunteered to Steward. Our volunteer stewards complement the work of our paid staff and enables us to open the church for mass and prayer more frequently.
3. Our regular volunteer cleaners will continue to give the church and other buildings their normal cleaning routine.
4. The parish is currently operating a 2.0 metre social distancing policy.
5. The parish has carefully calculated the capacity of the church when being filled in a socially distanced way by different sizes of groups. There are 77 tickets available for each mass.
6. We will only make available a number of tickets consistent with maintaining social distancing.
7. Care should be taken to avoid mingling before or after Mass.

SUNDAY OFFERING AND SUPPORTING THE PARISH

Since resuming mass many parishioners have returned planned giving envelopes or made cash donations. There are collection baskets located at the front of the church at both Sunday and weekday masses for parishioners to make their weekly offerings. We are grateful for all those who supported the parish by standing order or electronic donations during lockdown and to all those who have contributed as mentioned above.

The parish relies on your support, not least to pay for the sanitizing equipment we have bought and to pay the 3 young part time cleaners who are ensuring the church is safe for us all to use. Details of the collection are published in the collection details further on.

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. If possible, please set up a Standing Order to replace your Planned Giving Envelopes. To see how to do this electronically please See "Donate to our parish" on our website. Should you wish, you can change this back to planned giving envelopes when they are distributed and movement restrictions lifted.
2. If you give cash, you can set up a standing order in favour of the parish electronically. For our bank details please see "Donate to our parish" on our website.
3. You can use the donation facility on our website to make your donation each week by credit or debit card. See "Donate to our parish" on our website.
4. If you do not already do so, you can Gift Aid all your donations. This increases your donation by 25% at no costs to you. You simply have to pay sufficient tax to cover 25% of your

donations to the parish. If you do so the government will refund this money direct to the parish. Please follow the instructions on the parish website under “Donate to our parish”

5. 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.
6. If you have any queries you can contact the parish bookkeeper Steve McEvoy on osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk or 079 3278 3647. Thank you.

Fr Mark

PLANNED GIVING BOXES

If parishioners wish to donate to the parish when they visit the church, please do so using the new drop safe in the lobby. This can be used for planned giving envelopes.

We have sent out new boxes of planned giving envelopes (which started from the 12th April 2020) by post. To request a box of envelopes please e-mail the Parish Bookkeeper Steve McEvoy at osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk or telephone him on 079 3278 3647.

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.

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, or by BACS transfer.

HSBC: Account No. 41095889 Sort Code: 40 05 20

(Please provide a reference e.g. Mass/date of Mass).

The minimum Diocesan recommendation is £10.



SERVICE TIMES & INTENTIONS 18-25 October 2020

New Mass Times

SUNDAY 11	9.00 am	Silvester (Anniv) & Rosada Baptista RIP, and Ramesia Carvalho RIP (RD)
	11.30 am	For the souls of Ritinha (Anniv), Isabelle, Malcolm, Philip, Caetano & Maria-Carma Fernandes RIP
	6.00 pm	Clara Lobo RIP
Tues 13	7.00 pm	Thanksgiving Int. Melissa Sequeira
Thu 15	7.00 pm	1. Pat Middleton RIP (RD) 2. Charles Oliver & Margaret McKay RIP
Sat 17	10.00 am	Special Intention
SUNDAY 18	9.00 am	John Innocent Joseph RIP (Anniv)
	11.30 am	Ted Bouchereau RIP (Birthday Anniv)
	6.00 pm	Joseph Isseyegh RIP

OFFERTORY: Thank you for your generosity last week.

Loose Plate: £142.70

Envelopes: £283.80

Standing Order: £1574.18

Total: £2000.68

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

- **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. 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 5447

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 6th Form.

Mass attendance stickers were suspended from 15TH March 2020.

If you require a Certificate of Catholic practice please email:

osterleyccp1@rcdow.org.uk