



St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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Acts 2:1-11. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak. The wind from heaven announced the presence of God's Spirit, descending on the apostles 'like tongues of fire'. Its presence within them was confirmed in their speaking in the tongues of many nations.

PSALM 103: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13. In the one Spirit we were all baptised. Only those influenced by the Spirit are able to cry: 'Jesus is Lord'. The gift of the Spirit works differently in different people, always for a good purpose and always to unite us with Christ.

John 20:19-23. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit. Jesus appeared to the disciples, after his resurrection, through bolted doors. He brought greetings of peace to each and, after breathing on them, the gift of the Spirit.

Today there is a Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, which is available to read 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.

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH

The church is now open for private prayer each day from 9.15 a.m. until 8 p.m. Please continue to sanitise your hands on entering the church and leave a red X marker, provided as you enter the church, on the seat that you have used so that we can sanitise it each day. If you have the NHS track and trace app please scan the QR code as you enter the building. Entry and exit will resume as normal. Please be aware that cleaning will be taking place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

PASTORAL LETTER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST:

Today's Pastoral Letter addresses a very public theme, and concern, about our care for the created world. It does so through the perspective of our Catholic faith, which sees creation as God's work, and properly understood as our human environment. The letter comes at the time of two crucial meetings, of the G7 and COP26. Some printed copies are available at the exit to take home after mass.

TRANSPORT HELP: The carer of an elderly housebound parishioner requires suitable transport to enable outings to places further afield. Currently outings are restricted to daily visits in a wheelchair to Osterley Park. If anyone locally has a 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.

300 CLUB DRAW: The lucky winner of £300.00 in the April 2021 draw is Linda Ewan, Ticket No. 721. Congratulations!

Be an angel!

11 monthly draws for £300 and an Annual draw for £1000. It costs £12 per month payable by Standing Order to support our £300 club which helps to pay for our building loan. Standing Order Application forms (pink) are available in the Lobby. Simply fill one in and return it to the Parish Office if you would like to support the Building Fund and be enrolled in our monthly and annual draw. The odds are much better than the lottery and it assists the parish

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

SHRINES AROUND THE WORLD LINK UP TO SAY THE ROSARY IN MAY:

Join the daily live broadcast of the recitation of the Holy Rosary in link-ups with Marian shrines around the world, as part of the May marathon of prayer called by Pope Francis. Access the link below:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-05/shrines-around-the-world-linked-for-recitation-of-the-rosary.html>

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/>

LONDON JESUIT CENTRE has a full list of events, courses and retreats to feed & inform us.

Highlights include:

28 May **Physics: The Never-Ending Challenge of the Unknown** Dr Paolo Beltrame SJ

8 June **Psychological Issues in Spiritual**

Direction with Dr Roger Dawson SJ

Website: www.londonjesuitcentre.org

THE PASSAGE: Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Patron of The Passage, will celebrate the 5.30pm Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 25 May 2021 to mark 40 years of service to homeless people. The Mass will be broadcast live online, so if you would like to follow the service from home, the link is: <https://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/> If you would like to attend the Mass in person, this may be possible, but the Cathedral has a strict limit under the current Covid regulations. Please register your interest with us and we will let you know on Monday 24th May if a place is available. Please contact andrew.h@passage.org.uk Tel. 020 7592 1886

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 must 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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 23-30 May 2021		
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)
Tues 25	7.00PM	Lavinia Siqueira RIP
Thu 27	7.00pm	Marianne Furtado RIP
Sat 29	10.00am	Zenaida, Gualberto & Teresita Timbol RIP
SUNDAY 30 MAY	9.00am	Pamela Balchin RIP (21/1/21)
	11.30am	Antonio Carvalho RIP
	6.00pm	John Dias RIP (1 st Anniv)
OFFERTORY: Thank you for your generosity last week. Loose Plate: £318.50 Planned Giving Envelopes: £412.00 Standing Orders: £1574.18 Total: £2304.68		

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:** 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. Applicants must be registered and attending at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

CONTACTS

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

Email: osterleysq@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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

SUNDAY 23 MAY 2021

Liturgical Colour: Red.

READINGS AT MASS

First Reading. Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to

speaking foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading. Galatians 5:16-25

If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ

Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Gospel: John 15:26-27,16:12-15
The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes,
whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,
he will be my witness.
And you too will be witnesses,
because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
*All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.*’

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.

The name “Pentecost” comes from the Greek word meaning “fiftieth.” Like Easter, it is tied to a Jewish feast. 49 days (7 weeks, or “a week of weeks”) after the second day of Passover, the Jews celebrated the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot).

Passover celebrates the freeing of the Jews from slavery; Shavuot celebrates their becoming God’s holy people by the gift and acceptance of the Law; and the counting of the days to Shavuot symbolises their yearning for the Law.

From a strictly practical point of view, Shavuot was a very good time for the Holy Spirit to come down and inspire the Apostles to preach to all nations because, being a pilgrimage festival, it was an occasion when Jerusalem was filled with pilgrims from many countries.

Symbolically, the parallel with the Jews is exact. We are freed from the slavery of death and sin by Easter; with the Apostles, we spend some time as toddlers under the tutelage of the risen Jesus; and when he has left, the Spirit comes down on us and we become a Church.

Liturgical colour: Red

Red is the colour of fire and of blood. Liturgically, it is used to celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit (for instance, at Pentecost) and the blood of the martyrs.



Pentecost Sunday

Show Mercy to our Common Home

Despite our sins and the daunting challenges before us, we never lose heart. “The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us... for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward.” (*Laudato Si'*, 13; 245). In a particular way, let us pray ...

“O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, who are so precious in your eyes...”

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth” (*ibid.*, 246),

God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home. Praise be to you! Amen.

Psalm Prayer

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all,
the earth teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed
when you take away their breath they die
and return to the dust.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever,
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him
for I rejoice in the Lord.

(*Psalm 104:24-25, 27-28, 30-31, 33-34*)