



# St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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**Acts 4:8-12. This is the only name by which we can be saved.** Luke wanted to capture the immediacy of the first Christian preaching. One of the ways that they sought to understand the identity of Jesus was to apply an image from the Psalms: the stone rejected, has become the corner-stone. Jesus was rejected and put to death by humanity, but he has been raised and glorified by the Father.

**Psalm 117:**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

**1 John 3:1-2. We shall see God as he really is.** We are loved by God, we are the children of God, we can dare to address God in familiar terms.

**John 10:11-18. The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.** In trials the shepherd must not abandon the flock, and if needs be he lays down his life for them. This is a key image in our understanding of Jesus and Christian 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.**

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THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY FROM 11AM-NOON, AND SATURDAY FROM 9-10AM.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND**

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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, ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests.

The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, there are some still available at the back of the church. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)



**300 CLUB:** The lucky winner of £300 in the March 2021 Draw for the 300 Club is Markita Pereira Ticket No. 797. Congratulations!

**Be an angel!** There are 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.

**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. **Please sanitize your hands before and after signing in.**

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:

If you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, email: osterleyccpl@rcdow.org.uk  
Further details are on the parish website.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 25 April – 2 May 2021		
SUNDAY 25 April	9.00am	Laurentius Kowalczyk RIP (18 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
	11.30am	Michael Rodrigues RIP (Birthday Anniv)
	6.00pm	Emily Piasecka RIP (RD)
Tues 27	7.00pm	Lavinia Siqueira RIP
Thu 29	7.00pm	Remesia Carvalho RIP
Sat 1	10.00am	Annie Joseph RIP (Anniv)
SUNDAY 2 MAY	9.00am	Intention of Hannah Massaad
	11.30am	Mrs Maria Colaço RIP
	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>OFFERTORY: Thank you for your generosity last week.</b> Loose Plate: £226.88      Planned Giving Envelopes: £313.90 Standing Orders: £1574.18 <b>Total: 2114.96</b>		

### PARISH OFFICE:

PARISH SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATOR: Mrs. L. Faria

PLANNED GIVING CO-ORDINATOR / BOOKKEEPER:

Mr. Steve McEvoy. E-mail: [osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

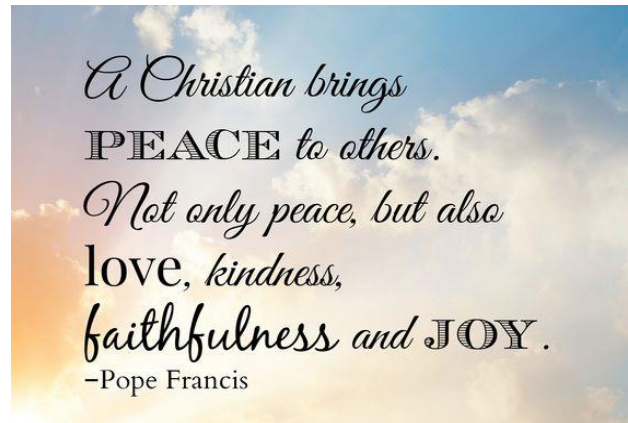
**•BAPTISM:** When restrictions are lifted, contact the office to arrange a baptism date and attend a course. Please complete a form (available in the lobby or online) and submit to the Parish Office.

### CONTACTS

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

Email: [osterleysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterleysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

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



### COVID 19—A CHALLENGING TIME FOR MANY MARRIAGES:

So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You may wonder would we be better apart?

**Retrouvaille** is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ....and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend

commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Call or text  
+44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443.  
Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit  
[www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

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**Sunday 25 April 2021**

*Liturgical Colour: White.*

**Readings at Mass**

**First reading Acts 4:8-12**

**The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in  
which we can be saved**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: ‘Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.’

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29**

*The stone which the builders rejected has  
become the corner stone.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men;

it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

*The stone which the builders rejected has become  
the corner stone.*

I will thank you for you have answered  
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

*The stone which the builders rejected has become  
the corner stone.*

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end.

*The stone which the builders rejected has become  
the corner stone.*

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**Second reading 1 John 3:1-2**

**We shall be like God because we shall see him as  
he really is**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God’s children;  
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not  
yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

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**Gospel Acclamation Jn10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel John 10:11-18**

**The good shepherd is one who lays  
down his life for his sheep**

Jesus said:

‘I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down  
his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.

‘I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock,

and one shepherd.

‘The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been  
given by my Father.'

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### 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

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### Gospel Reading: *John 10:11-18*

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows  
his sheep.



### Background on the Gospel Reading

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd.

He is criticising the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish

leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the

actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

