



St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18. The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith. Abraham has been a man of faith all his life, but now his faith receives the ultimate test: he is asked to sacrifice his only son, the son he loves. Or rather, he is asked to show his willingness to do so. In fact, by being ready to give up everything, Abraham receives more than he could ever dream of.

PSALM 115: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Romans 8:31-34. God did not spare his own Son. Often people think that God is against them. God is totally on our side. The Son of God died for us, and rose for us, and now constantly pleads for us at his Father's right hand.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL (during Lent):
Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory.

Mark 9:2-10. This is my Son, the Beloved. In his transfiguration Jesus let some of the glory of his future resurrection be seen. Even in this world we can have glimpses of the wonderful life that awaits us in heaven.

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.

THE OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO LIMIT INTERACTION. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONE OR E-MAIL

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT: This is the second week of our Lenten Journey Reflections 2021. The speaker will be Fr Robin on Sunday 4.00pm to 5.15 pm. All are welcome. Full details are at the end of this newsletter and on the website in the section entitled Lent.

PARISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Tuesday evening after mass 7.30-8.00 p.m. Saturday morning before mass 9.30-10.00 a.m.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL:

This Lent, please support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal and help provide food for children and families in our communities who are facing hunger. You could also support work to help our brothers

and sisters come through the global pandemic stronger and better able to cope.

You can collect a donation envelope as you leave the Church, or donate in the wall safe at St. Anthony's chapel near the exit.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY on Friday 26 February: Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. Last Friday you were invited to give up a meal, or eat a simple meal in solidarity. **Please return your Fast Day envelopes today and give as generously as you can.**

CAFOD LENT APPEAL: Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Please give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Please donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of our envelopes.

You can also easily give via text.

Text LENT 5 to 70460 to give £5
Text LENT 10 to 70460 to give £10
Text LENT 20 to 70460 to give £20

Or Telephone: 0303 303 3030 to donate by phone.

**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 LENTNOINFO to 70460.

For more information, please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice

CAFOD ONLINE: Stations of the Cross beginning and every Friday during Lent - 11am.

Walk through the Stations of the Cross online in a prayerful journey of transformation in solidarity with people living in poverty around the world.

Join us as we meditate on Christ's journey to the cross, following themes of justice, poverty, mercy, friendship and hope.

https://www.bigmarker.com/series/lenntseries_suummit

LENT EXTRA: For interesting articles, 47 daily reflections and prayers during Lent. Payment can be made in the Repository wall safe or the church exit as you leave after mass.

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 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 name used for the booking.

*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 as soon as you receive the results. Your household needs to isolate too.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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 no response.

Offerings for masses can be made by cheque or cash deposited in 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.

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 28 February – 7 March 2021		
SUNDAY 28	9.00am	Nora Carroll RIP (14 th Anniv)
	11.30am	Zbigniew Hermaszewski RIP (2 nd Anniv)
	6.00pm	Sabina Raman RIP
Tues 2	7.00pm	Catherine Genevieve Walsh RIP
Thu 4	7.00pm	Maureen Lloyd RIP (RD)
Sat 6	10.00am	Richard Armstrong RIP (RD)
SUNDAY 7	9.00am	Lavinia Siqueira RIP (RD)
	11.30am	Caetano Fernandes (Anniv) & Maria Carma Fernandes RIP
	6.00pm	Bernadette & Paolo Pereira & Family RIP

OFFERTORY: Thank you for your generosity over the last 2 weeks

Loose Plate: £357.11 Envs: £407.65 Standing Orders: £1574.18

Total: £2338.94

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

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

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.

PARISH OFFICE:

The office is currently closed to the public to limit interaction. Enquiries can be made by telephone or you can e-mail 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:**

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•**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: osterleysq@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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

Sunday 28 February 2021

Liturgical Colour: Violet.

Readings at Mass

First reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

**The sacrifice of Abraham,
our father in faith**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love,

and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 115(116):10,15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second reading
Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation
Mt17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard:
‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel
Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

Our 2021 Sunday Lenten Journey
4pm-5.15pm

You are invited to attend a series of Sunday Lenten reflections by zoom. You may attend one or more, or all 6 as your spiritual preparation for the season of Lent. The format will be a short talk by a guest priest/speaker, a short time to respond and reflect with opportunity to share in small groups. The session will end with a prayer. The meeting will take place online.

Feb 28 –Week 2 *Lent as Renewal*
Fr Robin Burgess

March 7 -Week 3 *Lent as Resting*
Dr Suni Perera

March 14-Week 4 *Lent and honouring our Mothers*
Ms Angela Docherty CEO-
New Ways

March 21- Week 5 *Lent: The Source of our Hope*
Fr Robin Burgess

March 28-Week 6 *Preparing for the Triduum: They did not understand these things at first*
Fr Derek McGuire

Lenten Reflections Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81044973865?pwd=VjBTVk0vQXlaZlFUZTdiTzFLQ3U4QT09> Meeting ID: 810 4497 3865 Passcode: 007178

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SMALL GROUPS

1. Please do all you can to join us for the start of the call. It will help us all create a safe, welcoming holding environment for everyone. This includes having your video on, and having a settled and safe space to be still and engage in the session
2. Please extend a gracious welcome to others, and to yourself. It can be simultaneously life-giving and challenging, in one way or another, to be part of a group.
3. Our wish is that there's genuine freedom. Nobody is required to speak or say anything in particular about themselves. Every invitation to speak and participate is just that: an invitation. Passing or staying quiet is perfectly acceptable.
4. Please give your fullest, kindest, warmest attention to the person speaking. Just listen, knowing that they don't need advising, fixing, or saving. Many times, it's our being together with full attention that is most helpful.

LENT: PRAY + FAST + GIVE

