



St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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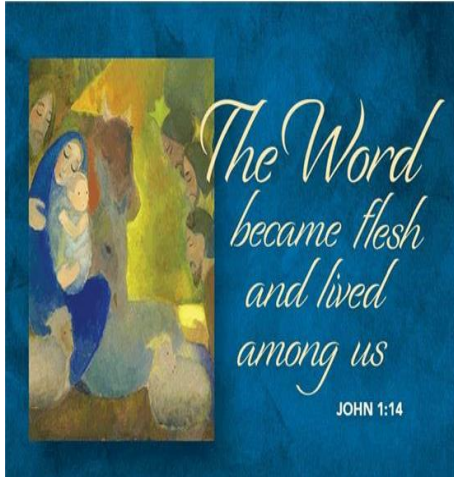
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Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12: From eternity, in the beginning, God created wisdom. God has taken root in a privileged people. Jesus desires to be with us.

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20: The Word was made flesh, and lived among us. Or Alleluia!

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18: Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ. God has a kind purpose for us. This is God's gift to us – his beloved.

John 1:1-18: The Word was made flesh, and lived among us. From his fullness, we have all received – GRACE IN RETURN FOR GRACE.

*Fr. Mark and the Parish Team wish
you a blessed and peaceful
New Year 2021*

FACE COVERINGS ARE MANDATORY IN THE CHURCH FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR VISIT. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH ARE COVERED.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the lobby if you wish to make a contribution this Christmas. For Planned Giving donors, a Christmas envelope is provided in each box. Note that the salary for parish clergy comprises the Christmas and Easter offerings, donations for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and masses.

FR. JIM DUFFY RIP CORRECTION: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Jim Duffy who died recently in Watford. May he rest in peace. We earlier referred in error to Fr Jim Duffy of Northfields formerly of this parish who remains Parish Priest of Northfields.

APPLICATIONS FOR FIRST COMMUNION 2021 AND CONFIRMATION 2021: Application forms are now available online at our website, or to take home from the lobby. Please complete and return to the parish office by 31st January 2021. Further details regarding each programme will be provided in due course.

CRIB OFFERING: Please donate in the wall safe (located in St. Anthony's Chapel) this Christmas to help provide support to local children and families. Many have faced great hardship as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. There are families still in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. Due to Covid, a special page has been set up at www.cathchild.org.uk/crib where you can also make a donation.

COMMUNITY PROJECT: Oaklands school and Great Oaks College are starting a new Community Project. Students want to help the community, especially the ones in most need. We understand the pandemic is having an effect in our daily lives and students want to help out! We would like to help any person or organisation in the surrounding area of the School by clearing their front garden, weeding, clearing leaves, cleaning windows etc. Hopefully when restrictions ease we will be able to take more equipment and travel a bit further even to help with back gardens. Please contact us so we can talk about your needs. For further information or an informal discussion please contact Liliana via email lsargent@oaklands.uk.net or call 07502466866.

THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2021/22
“Over the past three years, due to a surplus of places across the Borough, The Rosary Catholic Primary School has been under-subscribed for

Reception, which meant that ALL families who applied were allocated places.

Our two Reception classes offer a supportive, friendly, warm and stimulating environment that enables all children to develop and reach their own potential. You can find out what makes our school a happy place where the children thrive in all areas of their learning and development by attending our virtual open day on <http://www.rosary.hounslow.sch.uk/reception-admissions.html>

Governors would therefore encourage ALL parents whose children are due to start Reception in September 2021 and wish to receive free Catholic education to apply for a place at this school.

All applications must be submitted by 15th January 2021.

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 (you may also use 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.

CURRENT PARISH PROCEDURES:

General steps have been taken in the parish for safety and administration during these times. Please refer to our website for full details.

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.

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

OFFERTORIES

Thank you for your generosity at Christmas.

Loose Plate: £1271.16. Envs: £796.76.

Christmas Donation Envs: £685.00

Total: £2,752.92

Thank you for your generosity on 27/12/20.

Loose Plate: £161.45. Envs: £396.00.

Weekly Standing Order: £1359.43.

Total: £1916.88

MASS ONLINE: A list of parishes offering masses online can be found at this address:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/news/how-to-participate-in-mass-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/>
Fr. Mark recommends Pimlico Parish.



PARISH OFFICE:

Please do not call at 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: osterleysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
- WEST MIDDX HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN: Tel. 020 8321 544

2nd Sunday of Christmas

3 January 2021

Liturgical Colour: White

Readings at Mass

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:

If you require a Certificate of Catholic practice please 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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 3-10 January 2021		
SUNDAY 3	9.00am	Intention of Parishioners
	11.30am	
	6.00pm	
Tues 5 Epiphany of the Lord	7.00pm	Private Intention
Wed 6 Epiphany of the Lord	9.30 am	Alice Genevieve Joseph RIP (Anniv)
Thu 7	7.00pm	Susanna Pienaar RIP
Sat 9	10.00am	Jorge Cevallos Meza RIP
SUNDAY 10	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Mass
	6.00pm	Mass

First reading

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12

From eternity, in the beginning, God created wisdom

Wisdom speaks her own praises,
in the midst of her people she glories in herself.
She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High,
she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One;

‘Then the creator of all things instructed me,
and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.

He said, “Pitch your tent in Jacob,
make Israel your inheritance.”

From eternity, in the beginning, he created me,
and for eternity I shall remain.

I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle,
and thus was I established on Zion.

In the beloved city he has given me rest,
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.

I have taken root in a privileged people,
in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

or

Alleluia!

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18

**Before the world was made, God
chose us in Christ**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in
Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his
presence,
determining that we should become his adopted sons, through
Jesus Christ

for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in
the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the

saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

Gospel

John 1:1-18

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me ranks before me
because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

