St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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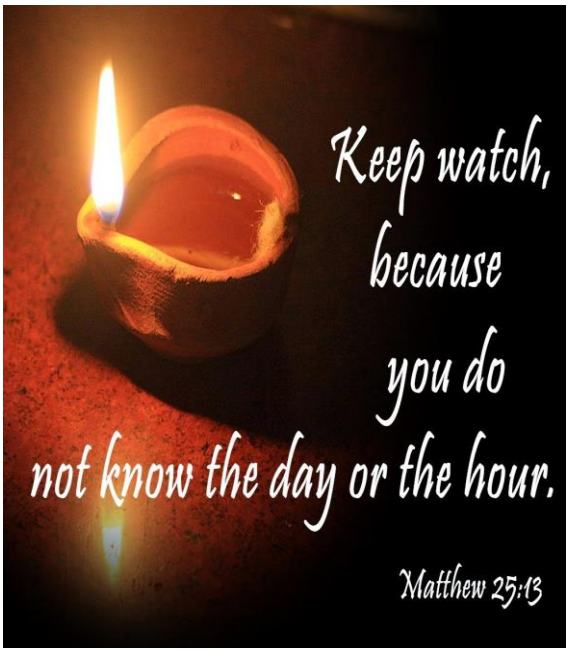

8 November 2020

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Wisdom 6:12-16. Wisdom is found by those who look for her. The wise author assures his listeners that God's goodness and wisdom is the other side of the coin of our struggling and stumbling along the road of life.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus. Paul assures his new converts that no one is ever left out of God's plan of salvation. He has a place for all although we may not perceive how.

Matthew 25:1-13. The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him. The virgins waited for the bride-groom to come. Some are well prepared, like the good scout; others are thoughtless and find nothing but rejection.

Psalm 62: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God

Fr. Robin Burgess has prepared a homily for today.
You can read it on our website in the section entitled 'Homilies/Pastoral'

THE CHURCH IS ONLY OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER UNTIL WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2020.

Only funerals and (in exceptional circumstances marriages) may take place in the church during these dates. Baptisms will be rescheduled.

Times of Opening (parking available):
Tuesday 11.00 - 12.00 noon & 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Thursday 11.00 - 12.00 noon & 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Saturday 9 am – 11 am
Sunday 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

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

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION:

The second collection scheduled for today supports the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support.

By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. The fund will be used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest. It could ensure a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery.

Rest assured, the Diocese works closely with the NHS, local councils and social services, but there will nevertheless be gaps in funding and we need to ensure our priests have peace of mind in their senior years.

If you took a donation envelope last weekend, it can be placed in the lobby safe if you visit the church when it is open for private prayer. The envelopes and posters also feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. This reduces the risks to everyone of handling cash or touching the envelopes. If you are able, please consider filling out a standing order form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests.

Please be generous and remember our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill, in your prayers.
Thank you.

MASS REQUESTS: All masses offered will still be conducted privately by Fr. Mark or other priests. 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.
The minimum Diocesan recommendation is £10.
(*HSBC: Account No. 41095889 Sort Code: 40 05 20. Please provide a 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.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS: If you wish to have your deceased relatives and friends prayed for at masses in November, place a list of names with your offering in the envelopes provided (particularly if for gift aiding) and post into the lobby safe.
Please do not place directly in the box at the altar.
You may also e-mail your list of the dead to the parish and make your offering by bacs (see above) or in the lobby safe when you next attend church.
Due to the reduced number of masses, intentions will be combined for the month of November. Fr. Mark will still be celebrating masses in private.

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 e-mail the Parish Bookkeeper Steve McEvoy at osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk
or telephone him on 079 3278 3647.

NEW WAYS SUPPORT OUR PARISH PROJECT AND THE CHILDREN IN TURKANA NURSERIES THIS CHRISTMAS: GIVE THE GIFT OF A YEAR TO A LOVED ONE AND A MONTH OF FOOD TO A CHILD. Each calendar sold will feed a child for a month. Without good nutrition in formative years a child does not develop fully physically and mentally. Details to be found on our website or at: https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/40757

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.
  Annual Draw winner 2020 to be advised.

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

MASS INTENTIONS 8-15 November 2020		
SUNDAY 8		Maria & Rosario Da Costa RIP (Anniv)
		Caetano & Maria Carma Fernandes, Deceased Members of the Fernandes & Gonsalves Families RIP
		Holy Souls on November list of the dead.
Tues 10		1. Jim O'Connor 2. Thanksgiving Intention of John & Juliet Da Costa
Thu 12		Patricia Timmons RIP (RD)
Sat 14		1. Teresa Obregon & Juan Alvarez RIP 2. Steve Gaughran RIP
SUNDAY 15		Holy Souls on November list of the dead.
		Eily May O'Regan RIP (from Skibbereen) 54th Anniv
		Holy Souls on November list of the dead.

OFFERTORY: Thank you for your generosity - 25/10/2020
Loose Plate: £168.30 Envs: £277.50. Standing Order: £1574.18
Total: £2019.98. Collection figures for 1/11/20 Tba.

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.