



# St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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**Acts 9:26-31.** Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey. Saul, having had a revelation from Christ on the road to Damascus, changed from being a persecutor to seeking to be a disciple. He now had to learn what it meant to be a member of Christ.

**Psalm 21:** You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

**1 John 3:18-24.** His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another. Discipleship is not just words, it means taking on a lifestyle and its demands.

**John 15:1-8.** Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty. Discipleship is not just being part of the life of God in Christ, it is about bearing fruit through doing the Father's work and loving one another.

**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 – THANK YOU:**

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend which amounted to £493.65. If you still wish you can give your donation into the parish in an envelope marked "Priest Training Fund".

For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)  
Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. The formation of priests is of top priority, it is our future. May God bless you for your generosity.

### **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.

**POLLING STATION:** St. Vincent de Paul Church Lobby will be used as a polling station next Thursday 6th May. Entrance into the Church for private prayer and evening mass will be from the car park, via St. Anthony's Chapel.

### **VACCINATION CONFIDENCE WEBINAR, chaired by Bishop Paul McAleenan, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster:**

A Covid-19 vaccine confidence webinar has been organized for the Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the cooperation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities to answer any questions or concerns parishioners may have.

It will take place on **Saturday 15th May 2021 from 10am to 11.30am** and will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof. Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on COVID-19 vaccination.

There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously. To join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99627319556>  
Passcode: 546617

## JUSTICE & PEACE

**THE NEW HEATHROW.** Did you previously work at the airport? In the airline industry? Were you made redundant?

**LONDON CITIZENS** are mounting a huge campaign to re-energise Heathrow with GREEN jobs. Join the campaign for the 'new' future. Make YOUR voice heard:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/green-jobs-for-londoners>

Our parish J&P Coordinator would be keen to hear from any parishioners who have an interest in the above notices. Please email Nicolette Robson: [NCRobson@outlook.com](mailto:NCRobson@outlook.com)

## HOMEBASE & TESCO REDEVELOPMENT:

Two planning applications were made in relation to these sites. Regrettably, Hounslow Council voted for dense towers on these sites. Residents have started an online Petition to overturn the Council's decision. The Petition has gathered strong support with 1,500 + and counting, aiming to maximise numbers prior to 10th May. If you wish to help overturn the decision by Hounslow Council to redevelop the Tesco & Homebase sites, please use the following link:  
<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/reject-planning-approval-to-redevelop-homebase-tesco-sites-syon-lane>

**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](mailto:osterleyccpl@rcdow.org.uk)

Further details are on the parish website.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 2 - 9 May 2021		
SUNDAY 2 MAY	9.00am	Intention of Hanna Massaad
	11.30am	Mrs. Maria Colaço RIP
	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Tues 4	7.00pm	Rosemary Stockton RIP (RD)
Thu 6	7.00pm	Fernando Lopera RIP
Sat 8	10.00am	Tony De Cruz RIP
SUNDAY 9 MAY	9.00am	Oliver & Geraldine Leahy RIP
	11.30am	Anton Joseph RIP
	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>OFFERTORY: Thank you for your generosity last week.</b> Loose Plate: £144.92      Planned Giving Envelopes: £308.00 Standing Orders: £1574.18 <b>Total: £2027.10</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 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](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 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:** 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

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on **1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Call or text +44 788 7296983 or +44 797 3380443 or Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Sunday 2 May 2021**

Liturgical Colour: White.

**Readings at Mass**

**First reading: Acts 9:26-31**

**Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill

him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32**

*You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

*You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him; They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

*You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,

declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.'

*You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

**Second reading: 1 John 3:18-24**

**The commandment of faith and love**

My children,

our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active;

only by this can we be certain

that we are children of the truth

and be able to quieten our conscience

in his presence,

whatever accusations it may raise against us,

because God is greater than our

conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned

by our own conscience,

we need not be afraid in God's presence,

and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive,

because we keep his commandments

and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son

Jesus Christ and that we love one

Another as he told us to.  
Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.  
We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

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**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Jn15:4,5**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**  
**John 15:1-8**

**I am the vine, you are the branches**

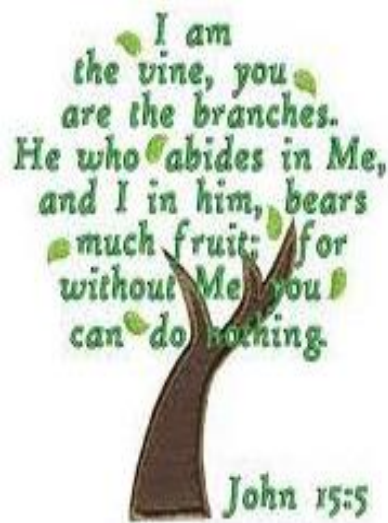
Jesus said to his disciples:  
‘I am the true vine, and my  
Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit  
he prunes to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown  
away – he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the  
fire, and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should  
bear much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.’

**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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**The 5th Sunday of  
Easter**

David Thomas with  
the Taverner Players,  
sings Ich Habe Genug  
from Bach’s Cantata  
number 82, echoing  
the words of Simeon:  
‘I have enough. I have  
taken the Saviour, the  
hope of the Gentiles,  
into my arms.’

Often when we pray,  
we ask God for this  
and for that. And fair  
enough, we have needs and it is right to bring them before  
God. But there is something rather beautiful – there is  
something very beautiful – about this prayer, which just  
says, ‘I have you, Lord. I have enough.’

Today’s reading is from the Gospel of John. John 15:1-8  
Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my  
Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me  
that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes  
to make it bear more fruit. You have already been  
cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in  
me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit  
by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless  
you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,  
because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does  
not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers;  
such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and  
burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,  
ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.  
My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit  
and become my disciples.” Here Jesus describes himself  
as a vine, and God, his loving Father, as the vine-grower.

Imagine a vine, growing strongly, abundantly leafy,  
drooping with bunches of grapes.... perhaps one you have  
seen growing in a warm climate, or in a hothouse. In what  
way is this a good image to describe how Jesus wants us  
to grow in him? Is this image of the vine one that speaks  
to you? Do you feel cared for, protected, gently pruned,  
as a vine cherished by the vine-grower? Close to Jesus?

As you read the passage again, notice how Jesus keeps  
repeating how carefully the vine is treated in order that it  
will be fruitful, how he tells us again and again that being  
closely grafted into the true vine, abiding in him, enables  
us to be fruitful.