



St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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Today we begin the season of Advent. Last week we celebrated a highpoint, and the endpoint of the Church's year, with the Feast of Christ the King. Today we begin again. Advent is the season that brings us back to the ancient longing of the human race for the coming of one who would bring to this world liberation from sadness, and the fulfilment of perfect peace. Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and hope.

Jer. 33:14-16. I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

The first reading is from a part of the Book of Jeremiah known as The Book of Consolation. The prophet consoles his people with a promise of better times.

Psalm 24. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1 Thess. 3:12-4:2. May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes. St Paul offers a word of encouragement with a prayer that his early converts remain faithful and faith-filled.

Luke 21:25-28; 34-36. Your liberation is near at hand. The gospel is a call to vigilance. In the destruction of Jerusalem (AD 70) Luke sees a summing up of human history under God's judgement. The Christian Community, however, will see the final judgement, on Christ's return in glory, as a liberation.

FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED IN THE CHURCH DURING SERVICES

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to Joanna Angel Antao who is being baptised today. May God grant her the blessings of His gentle love and a life filled with blessings. Congratulations also to Joanna's family.

CONFIRMATION 2021 CONGRATULATIONS:

Our Confirmandi were confirmed yesterday We pray that their faith may grow in strength as they continue on their spiritual journey. Please pray for:

Gaston Antao, Luke Barretto, Kevin Brito, Robson Costa, Shannon De Cruz, Lionel D'Souza, Leil D'Souza, Blaise Fernandes, Tamara Fernandes, John Fraser, Nicole Kizilbash, Amelie Luis, Faith Martin, Nathan Olivar, Annia Perera-Merry, Talitha Phillips, Reuben Pinto, Tadhg Russell, Diyara Seneviratne, Chris Simon, Elrica Xavier, Elvin Zuzarte and Jamie Villacis.

Special thanks to the parents and sponsors and their catechist Fr. Mark for their encouragement and support, and all who helped to make this service special.

PREPARE FOR ADVENT 2021: Copies of Lent Extra are on sale in the lobby priced £2.50. There are 28 daily reflections and interesting articles and items for the whole family. Please pay in the Repository wall safe next to the repository, or in the box provided.

300 CLUB: The lucky winner of the October 2021 Draw for the 300 Club is Glenda Lobo, Ticket No. 804. Congratulations!

Be an angel!

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 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.

Update: It is no longer necessary to book a space online for masses on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. To book a Sunday mass please follow the usual instructions.

STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE ENTITLED 'HONOURING SUNDAY': The Gift of the Sunday Eucharist

The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love.

At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.

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.

* 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, or have a positive test result with or without symptoms, follow Government guidelines and do not come to church.

Private Prayer: Monday to Friday, 9.15 a.m. until 8 p.m. Sanitise your hands on entering the church.

Mass Times:

Sunday 9.00am, 11.30am and 6pm.

Tuesday & Thursday 7.30pm.

Saturday 10.00am. **Confessions:** Saturday 9-9.45am

SYNODAL PATHWAY

Dear Parishioners,

It's not too late to participate in the Synodal Pathway and respond as a member of this parish or to share this opportunity with those who may wish to take part. Simply click on the link below.

The Synodal Pathway is Pope Francis' invitation to the whole church to share our views about the church and our membership of it.

Pope Francis also wants to hear from those who may no longer be active in their local parish for any reason. Please feel free to forward this e-mail and link to them.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/VBV4GA/>

Your response is confidential and has no identifying data, unless you wish to add this. The collated response is sent on to the Diocesan team.

God Bless. Fr. Mark



There are different ways of participating, e.g. have a conversation with Fr. Mark or one another, have a conversation with a small group of parishioners, or join the diocesan events <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/events/> The hope is that anyone who wants to take part feels welcome to do so.

Parishioners are also encouraged to have conversations with those who journey outside of our church community. Please submit records of conversation points to the parish. They will be collated by a lay parishioner. We have to complete the parish response by the end of NOVEMBER.

See the resources in our church lobby and pick up a copy of the participants' guide. This will give

you the information you need and a feel for what we are trying to do. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will help us participate fully and guide the destiny of our Church.

Our preparation for the Synod of Bishops.

To access the slides for Pope Francis' and our Cardinal's vision for preparation for the forthcoming Synod of Bishops, use this link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/Synodal-Pathway-Information-Session.pptx> <<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/wp-content/uploads/sites/60/2021/10/Synodal-Pathway-Information-Session.pptx>>
Or listen to the Cardinal's letter on the Westminster Diocesan website at <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/homilies/pastoral-letter-for-27th-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>

“The Holy Father is offering us the opportunity to participate in a time of listening and reflecting. He hopes this will help us to discern how God’s presence comes into our lives and what the Spirit of God is prompting us to do anew, so that we might be more alive and creative in our response to the call of Jesus, our Way, Truth and Life.” (Pastoral Letter 2-3 October 2021, Cardinal Vincent)

“...the heart of the synodal experience is listening to God through listening to one another, inspired by the Word of God.” (Synod Vademecum)

What and Why?

Vatican Synod Office: www.synod.va/en.html
Diocesan website: www.rcdow.org.uk/synod
For other synodal listening events run by the diocese go to <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/events/>

Journeying Together – Participant’s Guide

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/osterley/wp-content/uploads/sites/167/2021/11/Journeying-Together-Participants-Guide.pdf>

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 pandemic. Please just give what you can. The safe can also be used for planned giving envelopes.

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. Leave a message and telephone 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 (see details below). The minimum Diocesan recommendation is £10. Masses are confirmed upon

receipt of the stipend. When masses are combined one offering will be given to the priest and the other to St. Anthony’s fund for the poor. Online account details:

Bank: HSBC **Account Name:** WRC DT Osterley
Account Number: 41095889 **Sort Code:** 40 05 20
Please reference e.g. Mass/date of Mass

Annual Report & Accounts 2020: A report has been received from the Westminster RC Diocesan Trust and is available in the lobby for you to look at. This copy is not to be removed. The data can also be accessed by scanning the QR code on the poster provided, or accessed online at: <https://bit.ly/DowAccounts2020>

| MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS | | | |
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| 28 November – 5 December 2021 | | | |
| SUNDAY 28 | 9.00am | 1. Int. Holy Souls 2. Nanette Hayward RIP (Birthday Anniv) | |
| | 11.30am | Josephine Mooney RIP RD Baptism: Joanna Antao | |
| | 6.00pm | Thanksgiving Andrew Family | |
| Tues 30 | 7.30pm | Ray Johnson RIP Bday Anniv | |
| Thu 2 | 7.30pm | John Da Costa RIP | |
| Sat 4 | 9-9.45am | Reconciliation | |
| | 10.00am | Eamonn Mulvaney | |
| SUNDAY 5 December | 9.00am | Eily May O’Regan RIP 5 th Anniv (from Skibbereen) | |
| | 11.30am | Louis, Mary & Felix RIP | |
| | 6.00pm | John Reynolds RIP 11 th Anniv | |
| Weekly Rosary: 7 p.m. before the Tuesday and Thursday weekday evening masses. | | | |
| OFFERTORY: Thank you for your offerings last Sunday | | | |
| L/Plate £214.35 | P/G Envs £282.00 | S/Orders £1514.94 | Total £2011.20 |

PARISH OFFICE

PARISH SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATOR:

Mrs. L. Faria

PLANNED GIVING CO-ORDINATOR AND BOOKKEEPER: Mr. Steve McEvoy.

E-mail: osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk T. 07932 783647

Planned Giving Boxes: If you 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 using the contact details provided.

300 CLUB: Application forms available in the lobby. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

ADMIN

PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR THE ONLINE NEWSLETTER: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/osterley/>

PARISH REGISTRATION: Please take a Welcome Pack from the lobby. Completed Registration and Planned Giving forms can be posted through the door of the Parish house or dropped into the lobby safe. Thank you.

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 .

MARRIAGES: 6 months' notice required. Please ring the office to arrange an initial discussion with Fr. Mark.

BAPTISM: For parishioners registered and attending at St. Vincent's. Please complete a form (available in the lobby or online) and submit to the Parish Office. You will then be contacted to arrange a baptism date and attend a course when these resume.

CONTACTS

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

Mrs. A. Trigger. Email: osterleysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

WEST MIDDX HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN:

Tel. 020 8321 5447.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Is your child starting school in September 2022?

If you are applying for a Reception place in catholic schools, you will need a certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP). You can now apply. Applications must be received by 8 January 2022. This is only applicable for parents who wish to send their children to a catholic (or Church of England) primary or secondary school.

The Diocese requires that families attend regularly (this means attending Mass every Sunday) for at least two years before a priest is able to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice (see below).

To assist the parish in signing CCP forms, the parish operates a Mass attendance Card system (see below).

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD

- * Stickers for pupils in school Year 5 and under.
- * Stickers for pupils in Year 9 (for Year 12)
- * Stickers will be given after Mass, before you leave.
- * Stickers are not issued in August

It will be your responsibility to look after the card and bring it every week.

IF YOU REQUIRE A MASS ATTENDANCE CARD OR IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT A CCP CERTIFICATE, PLEASE EMAIL osterleyccp1@rcdow.org.uk

***Please note it is ccp1 using a digit/number 1 (one)**

Include your child's full name, passport sized photo and School Year in September 2021.

Once requested by email, cards and stickers can be collected in the lobby of the church after mass.

CCP Contact Telephone No: 07542441846.

Please leave a message.

Volunteers needed: We are looking for volunteers to help with distributing the stickers after Mass. If you can spare 15 minutes, please call Antonella on 07542441846 for more information.

CONFIRMATION 2022: Application forms are available in the lobby and on our website. Closing date: 16/1/2022

FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION 2022: Applications are invited for children to prepare for the Sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation at St Vincent's in 2022. Application forms are available on the table in the Church lobby or via the parish website (in the **Forms** section beneath '**Sacramental Preparation**'). Applicants must be baptised Catholics, be in Year 3 or above at school and live in the parish (or those who register with the parish using registration pack available in the lobby of the church and who attend Mass regularly at St Vincent's). Completed forms must be accompanied by the child's baptism certificate – these should either be delivered to the parish office or be sent as scanned attachments to an email to be sent to osterleyfhc1@rcdow.org.uk ***NB it is fhc1 using the digit/number 1 (one)**. It is intended that the programme of classes/meetings will begin in early January 2022 and that the First Communion Masses will be held in mid-May 2022. The closing date is 30/11/21.