



St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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6th Sunday of Easter

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GOD
IS
LOVE

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials. Christians are to avoid all that might give credence to false gods in the minds of other people, and to abstain from evil: then they will be following God's law.

Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23. He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven. We look forward to the coming of Christ again in glory when he will gather the whole Church from every time and place, and he will be our unending Light.

John 14:23-29. The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

Christ has shown us the Father's love and he sends the Holy Spirit, to keep the life of God present in our hearts.

Psalm 66: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION THURSDAY 26/5/22

This is a day of obligation and mass will be at 9.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

THANKSGIVING MASS: Congratulations once again to all the children who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday. Today we give thanks and celebrate this blessing in their lives.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: The Priest Training Fund collection has been further increased to £582.95 Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. To make a donation scan the poster code or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD: This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Saturday 16/7/22. It will be led by Fr. Robin Burgess. The coach leaves St. Vincent's between 0915-0930 and returns at 1900. Details of the programme are on the poster in the lobby. Cost £19 per adult, children £15 per child. To attend please complete an application form from the lobby and submit it with your payment in a marked envelope by 10th July in order to secure a place on the coach.

THANKSGIVING MATRIMONY MASS:

Westminster Cathedral welcomed over 430 couples for the annual Mass in thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday 14th May, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The couples came from 144 parishes, representing all 22 deaneries. Together they celebrated over 5,000 years of marriage. Five of these couples were from our parish. Just as the

cathedral is decorated with a variety of mosaics, of differing styles and textures, the couples create a mosaic of married love. In his words of welcome, Cardinal Vincent explains: 'Marriage is a mosaic that you build with your spouse: it is as diverse as the *smalti*, and can shimmer, like them, catching the eye of the world. Just as there are millions of mosaic pieces in this cathedral, there are millions of stories, events and tiny moments that go into creating married love.'

During the Mass the couples renewed their marriage vows and were blessed by the Cardinal. Thirty-five couples were celebrating at least 60 years of marriage, with a further 74 celebrating 50 years together. To view photo coverage from the day, use this website address:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/news/over-430-couples-witness-to-demanding-vocation-of-married-love/>

CONSTANCE BATCHELOR RIP: Connie's funeral takes place at St. Vincent's on Tuesday 24/5/22 at 10.30 a.m. followed by committal at New Brentford Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

COMMUNION PYXES: Please could ministers check if they have a Pyxe in their car or at home, and return it to the parish. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS / REPOSITORY: We wish to re-instate the above rotas that were in place prior to the pandemic. If you would like to help and go onto a rota, please contact the parish office with your name, telephone number, email address and preferred mass time for the Repository.

FLOWER ARRANGERS: The parish needs additional flower arrangers. If you would like to

join the current team, please contact the parish office. Training and instructions will be provided.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ana Da Cunha & Dalbir Sandhu who are to be married in our parish next weekend.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2022: To be held May 22-29, marks the 7th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care. This global celebration will unite Catholics to listen and respond together to the cry of creation, rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life, and intensify our efforts through the dynamic Laudato Si' Action Platform, walking the "Synodal" path.

<https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/parish-contacts/>

COVID PRECAUTIONS: Face masks are no longer compulsory in Church. Please continue to sanitise your hands as you come into church and use tissues to catch any coughs or sneezes.

Service Times & Intentions 22-29 May 2022		
SUNDAY 22 MAY	0900	Luis Montes Medina RIP RD
	1130	Thanksgiving First Communicants John & Ellen Teresa Hurley RIP 40 th Anniv (from Skibbereen)
	1800	Rev. Cyril Pereira RIP
Mon 23	0930	Bob Gurd RIP Anniv
Tues 24	1030 1930	Funeral: Connie Batchelor RIP People of the Parish
Wed 25	0930	Joan Bray RIP RD
Thu 26	0930 1930	Tom Cassin RIP People of the Parish
Fri 27	0930	Clef & Berry Pereira RIP
Saturday 28	0930	Thanksgiving Maryvonne, Antonia & Linnet
	10-10.30	Confession
	1100	Benediction
SUNDAY 29 MAY	0900	Zenaida Timbol RIP
	1130	Michael O'Shea RIP RD Baptisms: Velasquez / Carvalho
	1800	Geraldine Leahy RIP
Rosary: 7 p.m. before the Tuesday weekday evening mass.		
Offertory: Thank you for your offerings last Sunday.		
Contactless		318.59
Loose Plate		169.25
Planned Giving Envs		270.00
Standing Orders		1497.00
Total		2254.84

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 necessary. Offerings for masses can be made by cheque or cash deposited in the lobby drop safe in a marked envelope, or by BACS transfer (see details below). The minimum Diocesan recommendation is £10. Masses are confirmed upon receipt of the stipend.

PARISH ONLINE BANK DETAILS

Bank: HSBC **Account Name:** WRCDT Osterley
Account No: 41095889 **Sort Code:** 40 05 20

Please reference e.g. Mass / Baptism etc. + Date

PARISH OFFICE

PARISH SECRETARY: Mrs. L. Faria
PLANNED GIVING CO-ORDINATOR BOOKKEEPER:
Mr. Steve McEvoy. E-mail: osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk
Tel. 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 above.

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. Please inform the office if your details change. 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: For assistance to the house-bound and those in need. T. 07765 026377

FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION:

Enquiries: osterleyfhc1@rcdow.org.uk

*Please note it is fhc1 using a digit/number 1 (one)

CONFIRMATION 2022: Friday 10/6/2 at 7.30 p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP):

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

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD: Stickers for pupils in

school Year 5 and under and 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 query about a CCP certificate, email

osterlevcep1@rcdow.org.uk *NB 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 Tel. 07542441846 and leave a message if necessary.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES. ALL WELCOME.

RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity: 'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.' It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as 'the Sunday Obligation.'

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. 'Virtual viewing' of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

Approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference, Friday 6th May 2022.

MIGRATION ISSUES IN THE UK

A statement by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

In his 2014 message for the World Day for Migrants and Refugees Pope Francis wrote, 'We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees... are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved'.

1. This plea of Pope Francis is as urgent as ever. Given the events of recent weeks it is of particular relevance for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Our appeal for refugees and asylum seekers to be welcomed and respected is based on the fundamental principle of the dignity of every person, created in the image and likeness of God. Every nation should recognise this dignity and the rights which flow from it.
2. We appreciate the complexity and magnitude of the challenges being faced in the ongoing migration crisis. With over 80 million people across the world displaced by war, poverty, persecution and the effects of global warming, this challenge requires collaborative international action. Although resources are limited and there are many competing demands, wealthy countries, including the UK should give leadership in this endeavour.
3. The value we attach to each person and the compassion which the afflicted deserve demands that we welcome asylum seekers, treating them justly and honouring their dignity as human persons.
4. The Nationality and Borders Act fails to do this. Those seeking refuge in the UK should be provided with safe routes for travelling, have the opportunity to tell their story, be listened to and have their cases assessed justly. We keep in mind that there is no illegal asylum seeker; to claim asylum is a human right.
5. People smugglers and modern-day human traffickers profit from the desperation and misery of refugees. We fully support their prosecution. It is imperative however to make a clear distinction between victims and those who exploit them. Crime is defeated by confronting the perpetrators not by punishing the victims.
6. Many British people have given witness to justice through hospitality, providing a compassionate welcome and campaigning on behalf of refugees. We applaud their efforts and kindness. Our Christian faith demands that we respond generously to asylum seekers whose dignity must be protected and upheld. Jesus taught us, "I was a stranger and you made me welcome." (Matt 25:35) so we will continue to advocate their cause.

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