

# St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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## 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A Vol 2 Pg 152

**Wisdom 6:12-16. Those who look for her find wisdom.** 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 bridegroom to come. Some are well prepared, like the good scout; others are thoughtless and find nothing but rejection.

**Psalms 62: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God**

### SECOND COLLECTION – SICK & RETIRED

**PRIESTS':** Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. We collected £730.50.

If you have not had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online through the Diocese website – look out for the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster. Alternatively, take a Patron's leaflet and consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

### FR MARK LEENANE'S JUBILEE ORDINATION

**ANNIVERSARY 5/12/23:** A mass will take place in St. Vincent de Paul Parish on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 9.30 a.m. for Fr Mark's Jubilee Ordination Anniversary. All are welcome.

This will be followed by the planting of a Silver Birch tree in the parish gardens by Councillor Tony Louki, and placement of a bench and plaque in memory of Fr Mark. If parishioners wish to make a donation, kindly do so in the second collection after mass. You may also submit a donation via the lobby drop safe by 30/11/23 in an envelope marked 'Fr. Mark's Memorial'.

### ST FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY 3/12/23

SVP invites all parishioners to celebrate the feast of St. Francis Xavier on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. All those interested to set up a 'Stand-out Stall' to share their culinary or artistic skills on that day can sign your name and telephone number on the sheet provided in the lobby. Last day to sign up is 19<sup>th</sup> November. All proceeds will go towards the church upkeep.

### CONFIRMATION 2024

Parents are invited to register online for the 2024 Confirmation programme by accessing this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/7ErAn0NjeA>

The deadline for registration is **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. No further applications will be accepted after this date.

The first meeting for parents only, will be on **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 7:30pm** in the Church Hall, when a full list of programme dates and content will be given out.

The first session for candidates only, will be on **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 6:30-7:45pm** in the Church Hall. Please email [Osterleyconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Osterleyconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk) for any enquiries or issues.

### COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION 2024:

Application forms are available in paper form 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 the family must be registered with the parish using registration pack available in the lobby of the church and attend Mass regularly at St Vincent's. Completed forms must be accompanied by a copy of the child's baptism certificate. These should be posted through the parish office door or the lobby drop safe. It is intended that the programme of classes/meetings will begin in early January 2024 and that the First Communion Masses will be held in mid-May 2024.

The deadline is **30 November 2023**. No further applications will be accepted after this date.

Contact email: [osterleyfhc1@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterleyfhc1@rcdow.org.uk)

### DRAMATIZED NATIVITY MASS, 24/12/23 AT

**6PM:** If your child would like to take part in the Dramatized Nativity Mass on Christmas eve, please sign up in the lobby.

**MASS COUNT:** The recent mass count over four Sundays reflect an average attendance of 645.

**THANK YOU** to the parishioner who has kindly and generously donated a new Burco to the SVP to continue to provide refreshments.

**NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS:** If you wish to have your deceased relatives and friends prayed for at services November, place a list of names with your offering in the blue envelopes provided in the lobby and return via the lobby drop safe. If you are not eligible to gift aid, you can also place names and offerings in your own marked envelope or those provided in the lobby.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES IN NOVEMBER 2023:** See the poster in the lobby or on the parish website detailing times and dates for the blessing of graves by Catholic priests in Hounslow during November

<b>Service Times &amp; Intentions: 12-19 November 2023</b>		
<b>SUNDAY 12</b>	0930	Patrick Bermingham RIP
	1130	Williams & Jayne Families RIP Anniv
	1800	Patrick Griffin RIP
Monday 13	1145	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 15	0930	Eucharistic Service
Friday 17	0930	Eucharistic Service
Saturday 18	0930	Eucharistic Service
<b>SUNDAY 19</b>	0930	June, Michael & Deceased members McEvoy Family RIP
	1130	Jim O'Connor RIP <i>Baptism: Ovyanna Coutinho</i>
	1800	Holy Souls
<b>Rosary:</b> Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, after the Eucharistic Service.		
<b>The New I Am Prayer Group:</b> Next date: Fri. 24th Nov. 2023 at 7.30pm in the Hall		
<b>OFFERTORY:</b> Thank you for your offerings on 5/11/23.		
Standing Orders		1740
Contactless		411
Loose Plate		473
Planned Giving Envelopes		275
<b>Total Collection</b>		<b>2899</b>

**EMERGENCIES REQUIRING A PRIEST:** If you need a priest in an emergency, i.e. a person dying and needing the last rites at home, please contact a neighbouring parish in Hounslow Deanery. If someone is seriously ill in hospital, then the chaplaincy office or, if it is closed, the switchboard, will be able to contact whichever priest is on-call at that time.

**WEST MIDDX HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN:**  
Tel. 020 8321 5447.

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

Contact Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9.30 am – 1 pm  
Email: [osterley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterley@rcdow.org.uk)

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mrs. L. Faria  
**PLANNED GIVING CO-ORDINATOR/  
BOOKKEEPER:** Mr. S. McEvoy.

Planned Giving enquiries: Tel. 07932 783647.  
[osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk)

#### **PARISH ONLINE BANK DETAILS**

**Bank:** HSBC **Account Name:** WRCDT Osterley  
**Account:** 41095889 **Sort Code:** 40 05 20.  
**Please reference:** e.g. Mass, Baptism etc. / Date.

#### **ONLINE NEWSLETTER:**

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/osterley/>

#### **A CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**

**(CCP)** will be required for applications to Catholic (or Church of England & Faith) primary or secondary schools. 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 CCP. To assist the priest in signing the certificate, the parish operates a Mass Attendance Card system (see below). To obtain an application form for a CCP, or for enquiries, email Antonella [osterleyccp1@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterleyccp1@rcdow.org.uk) (using a digit1).

**MASS ATTENDANCE CARD (MAC):** If your child is aged 1+ you may need a Mass Attendance Card. For details on how to get a MAC, email Antonella (see above.)

#### **FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION:**

Contact email [osterleyfhc1@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterleyfhc1@rcdow.org.uk)

#### **CONFIRMATION:** Contact email

[Osterleyconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Osterleyconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk)

**MASS REQUESTS:** The parish is currently not able to accept any mass offerings for Sundays as the diary is full for this year. Parishioners will be notified when it is possible to offer masses again.

**CHURCH SERVICES:** Eucharistic Services continue on Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat. until further notice.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Collect a Welcome Pack from the lobby. Completed Registration and Planned Giving forms can be posted into the lobby safe. Please inform the office if your details change.

**MARRIAGES:** 6 months' notice required. Please contact the Dean of Hounslow, Fr Gerard Quinn, Brentford Parish. Tel: 020 8560 1671.

**BAPTISM:** For parishioners registered and attending at St. Vincent's, complete a Baptism Application form (available in the lobby or online) and submit to the Parish Office with your offering. You will be contacted thereafter.

**HALL BOOKINGS:** No new hall bookings are being taken until further notice.

#### **OTHER CONTACTS**

##### **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:**

Mrs. A. Trigger [osterleysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterleysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

**SVP:** For assistance to the housebound and those in need.  
Tel. 07765 026377.