St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31. A perfect wife – who can find her? The sage recounts and praises the qualities and actions of a good wife. It is the woman who is wise who deserves greatest praise.

PSALM 127: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6. Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief. Paul believes that the Day of the Lord – the final judgment - is near. It will come suddenly and when it is least expected. Stay awake and sober.

Matthew 25:14-30. You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness. In the parable of the talents the servants carry a responsibility not simply to hoard that with which they have been entrusted. They



are expected to be active and productive. So it is too for those who seek entry to the kingdom of God. We are expected to play our part in the spreading of the kingdom and not squander our resources out of laziness or fear.

FR MARK LEENANE'S JUBILEE ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY 5/12/23: A mass will take place in

St. Vincent de Paul Parish on 5th 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 missed the opportunity last Sunday to make a donation toward this, there will be a second collection today 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'.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER - PREPARING OUR HEARTS IN THIS ADVENT SEASON 2023



You are invited to attend two parish Advent Supper Sessions. These will be held in the Narthex with food available from 7.15pm on two Monday evenings in Advent. You can choose to attend one or both evenings as your spiritual preparation

for the feast of Christmas. The format will be a short reading, a reflection and discussion with the opportunity to share in small groups and the session will end with a prayer. The themes are:

Light in our darkness:

Monday Nov 27th at 7.15pm - 8.45pm

Prepare the way for the Lord:

Monday Dec 11th at 7.15pm -8.45pm

Please sign the booking form in the lobby for catering purposes. Thank you.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to Ovyanna Coutinho who is being baptised into the Catholic Church today. May she grow strong in the Faith. We extend our congratulations to her family.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY 3/12/23

All those interested to set up a 'Stand-out Stall' to share their culinary or artistic skills on 3rd Dec. please sign your name and telephone number on the sheet provided in the lobby by today. Proceeds to church upkeep.

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.

Those parents who would like their child to be a reader or actor at the nativity play for the Christmas Eve, 6:00pm mass, are invited to kindly come to the Church Hall on Sunday, 26th at 11:30am for distribution of roles and readings. Thank you.

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**th **December 2023.** No further applications will be accepted after this date.

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**'). Completed forms must be accompanied by a copy of the

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

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. Do not place money in the box at the altar. 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.

Service Times & Intentions:			
19-26 November 2023			
SUNDAY 19	0930	June, Michael & Deceased members of the McEvoy Family RIP HOLY SOULS	
	1130	Jim O'Connor RIP HOLY SOULS	
	1000	Baptism: Ovyanna Coutinho	
Monday 20	1800 0930	Holy Souls Eucharistic Service	
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Wednesday 22	0930	Eucharistic Service	
Friday 24	0930	Eucharistic Service	
Saturday 25	0930	Eucharistic Service	
SUNDAY 26	0930		
	1130	Tom Cassin RIP & HOLY SOULS	
	1800	Julieta & Hono HOLY SOULS	prato Alves (2 nd Anniv)
Rosary: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, after the Eucharistic Service.			
The New I Am Prayer Group: Next date: Fri. 24th Nov. 2023 at 7.30pm in the Hall			
OFFERTORY: Thank you for your offerings on 5/11/23.			
Standing Orders			1740
Contactless			363
Loose Plate			303
Planned Giving Envelopes			196
Total Collection			2602

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

PARISH SECRETARY: Mrs. L. Faria

PLANNED GIVING CO-ORDINATOR & BOOK-

KEEPER: Mr. S. McEvoy.

Planned Giving enquiries: Tel. 07932 783647.

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:

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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 (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

<u>CONFIRMATION</u>: Contact email <u>Osterleyconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk</u>

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.

<u>CHURCH SERVICES</u>: 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.

<u>MARRIAGES</u>: 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

<u>HALL BOOKINGS</u>: No new hall bookings are being taken until further notice.

OTHER CONTACTS

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

Mrs. A. Trigger <u>osterleysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk</u> **SVP:** For assistance to the housebound and those in need. Tel. 07765 026377.