

# St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

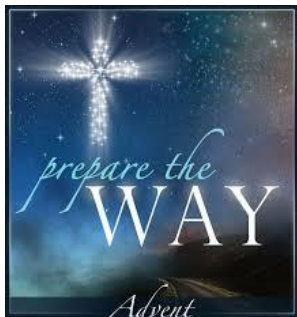
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## 10th December 2023 2nd Sunday of Advent Yr B Vol 1 Pg 85



**Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11. Prepare a way for the Lord.** This prophet of the exile proclaims to his discouraged and disheartened audience that their God is making a new initiative. It is now time for comfort and consolation. The Lord will lead his people home across the desert to their own land.

**Psalm 84: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

**2 Peter 3:8-14. We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.** Speaking to people who had doubts about Jesus' second coming, the author teaches that the delay of this coming reflects God's patience and concern. Their hope for this great event should contribute to lives of holiness and godliness:

such lives will hasten the longed for day.

**Mark 1:1-8. Make his paths straight.** Assuming the clothing and lifestyle of the prophet Elijah, John the Baptist announces God's unexpected plan of salvation – indeed one unfolding in the desert. He calls, therefore, for a radical conversion that is symbolized by baptism. As a precursor, he proclaims the coming of a mightier one.

**FR FERROZ FERNANDES INDUCTION:** Fr. Gerard Quinn, the Episcopal Vicar for the Deaneries of Ealing, Hillingdon and Hounslow, will preside at the Rite of Induction of Fr. Feroz as Parish Priest. This will take place during the 6 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend this special service.

**FOOD STALLS 3rd DEC. 2023:** Thank you to all who took part in the International Fair last Sunday, and to the SVP who facilitated it. Parishioners enjoyed the crafts and culinary delights that were on offer.

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Tuesday 12 December Parish Carol Service**

**7.30 p.m. in the Church**

**Friday 15 December Prayer Group Carols**

**7.30 p.m. in the Hall**

**Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve**

**6.00 p.m. Nativity Mass / 12.00 a.m. Midnight Mass**

**Monday 25 December Christmas Day**

**9.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m. No evening Mass**

**Tuesday 26 December Feast of St Stephen**

**9.30 a.m. (Altar Servers receive medals)**

### READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS FOR CHRISTMAS:

Please sign up on the sheets provided by 17/12/23 to indicate your availability. A rota will then be distributed.

**REPOSITORY:** The shop is open for a selection of Advent calendars and candles, Christmas cards, 2024 calendars and other stock.

**JOURNEYING TOGETHER - PREPARING OUR HEARTS IN THIS ADVENT SEASON 2023:** You are

invited to attend the second of two parish Advent Supper Sessions as spiritual preparation for the feast of Christmas. It will be held in the Presbytery on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Time: 7.15pm -8.45pm.

Food will be available from 7.15pm.

The format will be a short reading, a reflection, and discussion with the opportunity to share in small groups. The session will end with a prayer. The final theme is **Prepare the way for the Lord.** Please sign the booking form in the lobby today for catering purposes.

### FR MARK LEENANE'S JUBILEE ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:

Thank you to all who attended the anniversary mass on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 for, what would have been, Fr Mark's Jubilee Ordination. Some of Fr Mark's family attended as well as many friends and parishioners.

On the Sanctuary during mass, a portrait of Fr Mark was displayed, painted by parishioner Guido Aguirre from Ecuador (grandad of altar server, Anthony Casey). The portrait was gifted to the Leenane family in remembrance of Fr Mark.

Later in the parish garden, Councillor Tony Louki spoke kindly of Fr Mark, remembering his association with him in the neighbourhood. Following this, he planted a silver birch tree in memory of Fr Mark. Fr Gerard offered some prayers, and also blessed the commemorative bench.

Special thanks to Fr Feroz for celebrating a meaningful and reflective mass, and to Fr Gerard for attending. Thanks to Joseph Andrew and team for sourcing the bench and tree; Rose Bermingham for preparing the ground for the tree; Maria & Prunella D'Souza for arranging the flowers, anniversary cake and snacks; the choir and musicians for the musical repertoire; and everyone who contributed and

attended to make it a memorable occasion. It was a fitting tribute to Fr Mark and demonstrated how much he was valued in the parish.

### ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR CARITAS

During Advent we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. However, with the cost of living crisis, many in our communities are facing difficulties.

Please avail of the Advent Giving Calendars in the lobby, designed for you to use this season as a time to think about those who might need some extra support this Christmas. Follow each day and make up a food parcel that you can donate to the food project being run in our church, facilitated by the SVP. Donate your non-perishable food items in the box provided in the lobby for collection and distribution.

**CONFIRMATION 2024:** Registration for the 2024 programme is now open. The deadline for receipt of online forms is next **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

**NO** forms will be accepted after this date. Please click on the link to register:

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

Service Times & Intentions: 10-17 December 2023		
SUNDAY 10	0930	Rosalind Andrew RIP
	1130	Joe D'Lima RIP
	1800	Thanksgiving Int Rathbone Family
Monday 11	0930	Mrs Lourdes Pushpan Thomas RIP
Tuesday 12	0930	Silvester Baptista RIP
	1930	Parish Carol Service
Wed 13	0930	People of the Parish
Thursday 14	0930	Rosalind Andrew RIP
Friday 15	0930	Joe D'Lima RIP
Saturday 16	0930	Marianne Furtado RIP Anniv
Confession	10-1030	Confession
Benediction	1100	Benediction
SUNDAY 17	0930	Tom Cassin RIP
	1130	John & Margaret Curran RIP
	1800	Holy Souls
Rosary: Mon-Sat after mass.		
The New I Am Prayer Group: Next date: Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm - Carols in the Hall		
OFFERTORY: Thank you for your offerings last week		
Standing Orders		1740
Contactless		423
Loose Plate		473
Planned Giving Envelopes		301
<b>Total Collection</b>		<b>2937</b>

### 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 & BOOK-KEEPER:** Mr. S. McEvoy. [osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk)

Planned Giving enquiries: Tel. 07932 783647.

### 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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**MASS REQUESTS:** Mass intentions can be requested via the parish office, by e-mail, or by using a donation envelope from the lobby, which allows you to gift aid your offering. Offerings may be submitted by cheque or cash deposited in the lobby drop safe in a marked envelope, by BACS transfer (see bank details below), or by using the contactless machines.

The minimum Diocesan recommendation is £10. Masses are confirmed upon receipt of the stipend. If the requested date is already booked, the next available date will be allocated. In the event of a funeral, weekday masses may have to be rescheduled.

**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 Fr Feroz Fernandes via the Parish Office.

**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.

#### WEST MIDDX HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN:

Tel. 020 8321 5447.

#### 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:

The deadline for applications has closed. Parents will be contacted by email.

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

#### CONFIRMATION:

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