

# St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

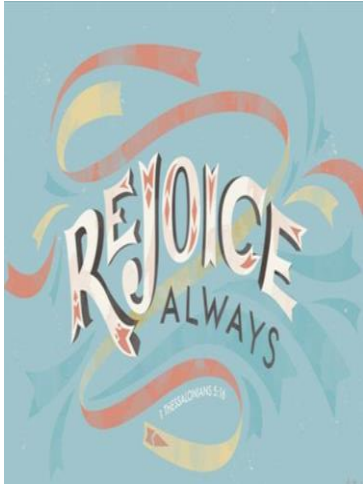
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## 17th December 2023 3rd Sunday of Advent Yr B Vol 1 Pg 87



**Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11. I exult for joy in the Lord.** Our faith is described as 'Good News for the Poor' and here we see that this is exactly the mission of the Gospel, to bring Good News to people no matter how difficult their circumstances.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24. May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord.** St. Paul gives advice to the first Christians in Thessalonika, the most important being the reminder to be happy in the Lord, a happiness which comes from an ever closer relationship with God.

**Responsorial Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.**

**John 1:6-8,19-28. There stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me.** It is rare that a Gospel does not mention Jesus, but today's Gospel concerns John the Baptist who shows us how to make Jesus present by our own witness, and by our own desire for his presence.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**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 for Christmas:** Please volunteer on the sheets by today. Thank you.

✳ **Confessions: Friday 22/12/23 from 7 p.m.**

✳ **Altar Servers for Christmas:** Please sign up in the Sacristy to indicate at which mass you will be serving.

✳ **Repository:** Candles, Christmas cards, Cribs, Gifts, and much more are available in the Church Shop.

✳ **Flowers for Christmas:** Kindly drop any donations into the lobby safe in a marked envelope.

✳ **Church Cleaning for Christmas: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December after morning mass.** All welcome to prepare the church for Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS PRIEST OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available in the lobby if you wish to make a contribution this Christmas.

For Planned Giving donors, a Christmas envelope is provided in each box. Note that the salary for parish clergy comprises the Christmas and Easter offerings, donations for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and masses.

**'PRAISE' NOMINATION:** Congratulations to Parish Secretary, Lucia Faria for being nominated in a Praise award scheme for employees in the Diocese. Lucia was shortlisted to the top 3 submissions, and invited to lunch with senior Diocesan management last week to thank her and the other nominees for their efforts and hard work.

### ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR CARITAS

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 today. **NO** forms will be accepted after this date. Please click on the link to register: <https://forms.office.com/e/7ErAn0NjeA>

## **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:**

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

**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)

<b>Service Times &amp; Intentions: 17-26 December 2023</b>		
<b>SUNDAY 17</b>	0930	Tom Cassin RIP
	1130	John & Margaret Curran RIP
	1800	Holy Souls
Monday 18	0930	Nora Carroll RIP 17 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Tuesday 19	0930	Eamonn Mulvaney RIP 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Wednesday 20	0930	Joe D'Lima RIP RD
Thursday 21	0930	T.M. Simon RIP Anniv
Friday 22	0930	Thanksgiving Martin & Anna Andrew & Family.
	1900	<b>Confessions</b>
Saturday 23	0930	Curran & O'Connell Families RIP
Confession	10-1030	Confession
Benediction	1100	Benediction
<b>SUNDAY 24 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	0930	People of the Parish
	1130	Fr. Mark Leenane RIP
<b>Dramatized Nativity Mass</b>	1800	People of the Parish
<b>MIDNIGHT MASS</b>	2400	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	0930	People of the Parish
	1130	Rosada & Silvester Baptista RIP
		<i>No evening mass</i>
<b>TUESDAY 26 ST. STEPHEN Boxing Day</b>	0930	Intention of Parish Altar Servers

**Morning Prayer:** 9.10 a.m. **Rosary:** Mon-Sat after mass.

**The New I Am Prayer Group:** Next date: Tba

**OFFERTORY:** Thank you for your offerings last week

Standing Orders	1740
Contactless	481
Loose Plate	450
Planned Giving Envelopes	282
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>2953</b>