

# St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.** Yr B Vol 1 Pg 82



**Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1.3-8.** Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down. Israel complains that God is not involved in its problems. Hence the people urge their God to return and provide for their needs. Despite Israel's sinfulness there is still room for hope.

**PSALM 79:** God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9.** We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. While the Corinthians prefer to concentrate on the present, Paul reminds them that the past and especially the future are also important. The future revelation of Jesus will sustain them to the very end. They must preserve fellowship in the interim.

**Mark 13:33-37.** Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming. Given the delay of the second coming, Mark urges his community to be constantly vigilant. While this community has received authority from Jesus, it must employ this authority for the benefit of others. Vigilance is one form of such service.

## **WELCOME FR FERROZ FERNANDES:**

We extend a warm welcome to Fr Feroz as our Parish Priest following the recent announcement from the Vicar General, Monsignor Martin Hayes. Fr Feroz Fernandes SFX is a member of the Society of the Missionaries of St Francis Xavier, known as the Pilar Fathers. He will be joined later in December by Fr Patrick D'Souza SFX, Chaplain to Catholics from Goa. The Cardinal and Clergy welcomes them and the arrival of all the newly appointed priests to the Diocese, and thanks them for their presence and ministry, assuring them of their prayers.

## **FR FERROZ FERNANDES INDUCTION:**

Next Sunday, 10th December, 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.

## **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST 2023:**

All parishioners are invited to the parish hall for the "International Food Fair" to savour a variety of culinary delights prepared with love by our community. Date: December 3rd, 2023. Time: 10am to 2pm

**REPOSITORY:** The shop is open for a selection of Advent calendars, Advent 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 lobby or 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 for catering purposes. Thank you.

## **FR MARK LEENANE'S JUBILEE ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY 5/12/23:**

A special mass will take place in the parish on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 9.30 a.m. for Fr Mark's Jubilee Ordination Anniversary. This will be followed by the planting of a tree in the parish gardens by Councillor Tony Louki, and placement of a commemorative bench and plaque.

Thank you to all parishioners who donated a total of £915.80 towards the memorial items. The cost of the tree and the bench amounted to £557.75. The remainder of the collection will be sent to the parish project in Turkana, in memory of Fr Mark.

**NEW WAYS / TURKANA NURSERY:** The publicised presentation scheduled for today has been cancelled and possibly postponed to a future date.

## **ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR CARITAS**

Advent is a special season in the Church's year when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. However, with the cost of living crisis, many in our communities are facing difficulties.

The Advent Giving Calendar is designed for you to use this season as a time to think about those who might need some extra support this Christmas. You can follow along each day and make up a food parcel that you can donate to the food project being run in our church, facilitated by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Donate your non-perishable food items at the designated collection point in the lobby. Collect a calendar from the lobby, or use this download link:

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/food-security-918.php#AGC>

#### **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 applications will be accepted after this date.

#### **COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION 2024:**

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

For enquiries: [osterleyfhc1@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterleyfhc1@rcdow.org.uk)

<b>Service Times &amp; Intentions: 3-10 December 2023</b>		
<b>SUNDAY 3</b>	0930	Thanksgiving Intention
	1130	Lavinia Siqueira RIP
	1800	Intention of Medics/Poor/Sick
Monday 4	0930	Remesia & Antonio Carvalho RIP
Tuesday 5	0930	<b>Fr Mark Leenane RIP Anniv Jubilee Ordination</b>
Wednesday 6	0930	People of the Parish
Thursday 7	0930	John Innocent Joseph RIP
Friday 8 <b>Immaculate Conception</b>	0930	Micah Varias RIP Birthday Anniv
Saturday 9	0930	Connie Pagtakhan RIP
<b>SUNDAY 10</b>	0930	Rosalind Andrew RIP
	1130	Joe D'Lima RIP
	1800	Thanksgiving Int Rathbone Family
<b>Rosary:</b> Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, after mass.		
<b>The New I Am Prayer Group:</b> Next date: Fri. 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Hall		
<b>OFFERTORY:</b> Thank you for your offerings on 5/11/23.		
Standing Orders	1740	
Contactless	270	
Loose Plate	301	
Planned Giving Envelopes	506	
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>2817</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:**

<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 take any mass bookings for December 2023 as the diary is full. Masses that have been requested this year but not yet celebrated, are being rescheduled. Please check the newsletter for times and intentions.

**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.

#### **WEST MIDDX HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN:**

Tel. 020 8321 5447.