

St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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The Baptism of the Lord

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Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it. The prophet Isaiah announces that Israel's time of sorrow is coming to an end. It is now time to rejoice because the Lord is coming in triumph. A pathway must be prepared in the wilderness. The glory of the Lord will be visible to all.

Psalm 28: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7. He saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit. Paul's letter to Titus, in speaking of 'the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour', seems to echo a theme from the First Reading.

Luke 3:15-16,21-22. While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened. Jesus is baptised in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. After his baptism, while Jesus is at prayer, the Holy Spirit descends in visible form and the Father identifies Jesus as his Son, on whom his favour rests.

HOUSE OF GOD! The BIG Picture

Handing on the Torch of Faith

Thank you for your generous support. As of now, we have collected **52,723** towards our target of 100,000 for the year 2024-25. You can directly support **Church Building Fund**.

Bank: **HSBC**

A/C Name: **WRCDT OSTERLEY BF**

Account: **31297511** Sort Code: **40 05 20**

Please reference: **Your Name/BUILD/ Date**

100,000

52,723

46,348

33,990

22,250

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We are yet to pay **£526,248.39** of the loan undertaken in 2004 to build this new Church. We look forward to reducing the loan to 445,000 by December 2025. St. Vincent's has become a vibrant faith community. We trust God and rely on your prayers and help to move towards a missional community of disciples of Jesus.

God Bless You for your **Generosity** towards your Church and **LOVE** for St. Vincent de Paul Church, Osterley. If you haven't collected the "Handing on the Torch of Faith" campaign brochure, kindly pick one from our lobby.

PARISH ONLINE BANK DETAILS

Bank: HSBC Account Name: WRCDT Osterley

Account: 41095889 Sort Code: 40 05 20.

Please reference: e.g. Mass, Donation, etc. / Date.

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

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

RCIA ENQUIRY SESSION ON JAN. 13

We welcome adults seeking sacramental preparation—whether for baptism, communion, confession, confirmation or just curious about faith. Join us to explore your intention to join the Catholic Church or to learn more. We are meeting on Jan. 13, Fe. 3, March 11 & 31, April 8 & 19 at 7:30pm For more info, email the office at osterley@rcdow.org.uk.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY YEAR WEST AREA

St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip is chosen as the West Area Holy Year Church, with Bishop Jim Curry presiding over the West Area celebrations. There will be a Jubilee Mass every Saturday at 10 am, followed by Confession, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

On Saturday, 22nd March there will be a Jubilee of the Sick, with Mass at 10am with Anointing of the Sick followed by Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration.

On April 27, the day of Carlo Acutis Canonisation, there will be a Youth Festival, starting at 3pm with Praise, Worship Adoration (confession Available all through) and finishing a with Mass. A special celebration will host a Jubilee for Couples on Trinity Sunday June 15 at 3 pm. The Agency for Evangelisation Jubilee for Catechist will be on July 19.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) Meetings

The FHC children meeting will be on Jan. 14 at 6:15 pm. The parents of the HFC children will meet on Jan. 21 at 8 pm.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2024

Confirmation candidates' parents will meet on Jan. 18 at 7 pm. The confirmation class will be on Jan. 20 at 6:45 pm.

RETRouvaille: HOPE FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille is a Catholic ministry for marriages in difficulty. Retrouvaille helps couples whose relationships 'need a little help' to those with more serious challenges and thus are separated or considering divorce. This programme has helped couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme commencing via Zoom on ...27 February to 2 March 2025

Call or text **07887296983**

Email info@retrouvaille.org.uk or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Service Times & Intentions 12-19 January 2025		
The Baptism of the Lord		
SUN. 12	0930	People of the Parish
	1130	RIP Tom Cassin
	1800	RIP Fr Mark Leenane
Mon. 13	0930	
Tue. 14	1930	
Wed. 15	0930	RIP Cruz Pires & Benjamin Fernandes
Thur. 16	0930	RIP Anfa Zanie Fernandes
Fri. 17	0930	
Sat. 18	0930	Good Health & Safe Travel
	1000	Confession Adoration & Benediction 11am
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
SUN. 19	0930	
	1130	RIP Finbarr Harrington
	1800	People of the Parish
HEALING MASS: Last Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m.		
MORNING PRAYER: 9.10 a.m.		
ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tues. before 7.30 p.m. mass, and after 9.30 a.m. mass on Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri.		

“BE AN ANGEL” FOR THE CHURCH FUND

The “Be An Angel” brochure invites new members to join with a monthly contribution of £12 for a lucky draw of £300 per month. Collect a brochure to learn more or set us direct debit with our HSBC bank with a reference:

Be An Angel/Your Name - **WRCDT St. Vincent de Paul Building Project – Osterley Account Number 31297511 Sort Code 40-05-20**

Offertory: Thanks for your offerings last Sunday		
Standing orders Sunday	£	3142.89
Contactless	£	302.00
Loose Plate	£	737.00
Planned Giving Envelopes	£	293.00
Donations	£	00.00
Hall Hire (Nursery)	£	874.00
Others	£	10.00
TOTAL	£	5358.89
Per week Osterley Parish needs	£	6,269.00

PARISH OFFICE: Office visiting hours are **Tues & Thu 10am-Noon** or **by appointment**. EM: osterley@rcdow.org.uk

***PARISH SECRETARY:** Mrs. L. Faria (Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri)

***PLANNED GIVING COORDINATOR & BOOK-KEEPER:** Mr. S. McEvoy. osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk
P/G enquiries: Tel. 07932 783647 (Tue/Thu 1-6 pm).

***CCP/MAC/DBS COORDINATOR:** Antonella Cleaver (Tue) osterleyccp1@rcdow.org.uk

MASS REQUESTS: Email the parish office or use a donation envelope from the lobby, which allows you to gift aid your offering. Submit offerings by cheque or cash deposited in the lobby drop safe in a marked envelope, by BACS transfer (see bank details provided on the front of the newsletter), or by contactless machines. The minimum Diocesan recommendation is £10. The next nearest date will be allocated if the requested date is unavailable. Mass intentions are publicised in the Sunday newsletter.

PARISH REGISTRATION: If you are new to our parish or still need to register, collect a Welcome Pack from the lobby, complete the registration and Planned Giving forms, and drop them in the lobby safe. Please inform the office if your details change or you leave.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS, WEEKENDS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

MARRIAGES: 6 months' notice required. Please get in touch with Fr. Feroz Fernandes via the Parish Office.

BAPTISM: We celebrate baptisms on the **2nd and 4th Saturdays** of the month at 11:30 am. The link for an **application form** is on the parish website (in Sacramental Preparation).

FUNERALS: Contact Fr Feroz to arrange a funeral date and time.

FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION:

The course will begin in Jan. 2025. osterleyfhc1@rcdow.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION 2025

The parish Confirmation programme is for those who began Year 9 (or above) in Sept 2024. The preparation programme runs from January to May, with the Sacrament conferred on Sunday, 15 June, at 6 pm. Visit the parish website for details.

Applications are open via <https://forms.office.com/e/7ErAn0NjeA>

Contact: Osterleyconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk

CCP (CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE)

If your child is starting school (Reception) in September 2025 and you need a CCP for a Catholic school, please apply **before December 31st** to osterleyccp1@rcdow.org.uk. You must attach all your mass attendance cards.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD (MAC)

If your child is aged 1+, you may need a Mass Attendance Card. For details, email Antonella (see above.)

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Mrs. A. Trigger.

osterleysq@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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

HALL BOOKINGS: Hall Bookings are taken for Saturdays between 10 am-11 pm only. Email: osterley@rcdow.org.uk

WEST MIDDX HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN Tel. 020 8321 5447.

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis inaugurated 2025 as a year of Jubilee, with a theme entitled “Pilgrims of Hope,” a year of hope for the world’s suffering. Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome on December 24. The holy year will close on January 6, 2026. The Pope invites us to pray a special prayer.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you, our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.