

St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Isaiah 62:1-5. The bridegroom rejoices over the bride. The Jewish exiles have returned from Babylon. They feel depressed and disillusioned. The prophet Isaiah assures them that God will look after them.

Psalm 95:1-3,7-10. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples

1 Cor. 12:4-11. The one and the same Spirit, who apportions each one individually as he wills. Paul reminds the Corinthians of the great variety of gifts given them by the Spirit for the life of the Church.

John 2:1-11. This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee. The miracle of Cana is a 'sign' that invites us to reflect on Jesus' identity and mission.

HOUSE OF GOD! The BIG Picture

Handing on the Torch of Faith

Thank you for your generous support. As of now, we have collected **52,813** 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

52,813

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/>

NEXT RCIA ENQUIRY SESSION ON FEB 3RD

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 Feb. 3, March 11 & 31, April 8 & 19 at 7:30pm.

For more info, email the office at

osterley@rcdow.org.uk.

MASS OF THE SICK, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, 8TH FEBRUARY AT 2 PM

There will be a Mass for the Sick at the Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, February 8, at 2 pm. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside over the celebration and Sick will be anointed with a special oil. If anyone wishes to go, please get in touch with the parish office. Entry is by using a ticket system and tickets have to be allocated in advance via the parish office.

Tickets are in three categories:

- 1) Wheelchair users who require anointing
- 2) Walking sick who require anointing
- 3) Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing

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 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 Parents' meeting will be on Jan.21 at 8 pm.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2024: Following the Confirmation candidates' parents meeting held on Jan. 18 at 7 pm., the confirmation class will meet on Jan. 20 at 6:45 pm.

Service Times & Intentions 19-26 January 2025		
2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
SUN. 19	0930	RIP Charles Ranjithan
	1130	RIP Finbarr Harrington
	1800	RIP Pamela Balchin 4 th Anniv (Chiswick & Hounslow)
Mon. 20	0930	RIP Joe D'Lima
Tue. 21	1930	People of the Parish
Wed. 22	0930	T/G Anita Pires Birthday
Thur. 23	0930	RIP Vincent Quigley
Fri. 24	0930	RIP Ray Johnson 10 th Anniv
Sat. 25	0930	T/G Maria Pereira Birthday
	1000	Confession Adoration & Benediction 11am
3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
SUN. 26	0930	RIP Philip Dias
	1130	People of the Parish
	1800	RIP Honorato Alves Anniv
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 - **WRCDDT 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	£	961.31
Contactless	£	454.00
Loose Plate	£	335.28
Planned Giving Envelopes	£	175.00
Donations	£	00.00
Hall Hire (Nursery)	£	874.00
Others	£	0.00
TOTAL	£	2,889.59
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

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.

osterleysg@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 closes 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.

Vacancy: Exam Invigilators at Gumley House School

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic Exam Invigilators with excellent customer service skills to join our vibrant community at Gumley. **Salary:** £13.50 an hour. If you are interested in this position please email Donna Godwin (PA to Headteacher) at dgodwin@gumleyhouse.com