

St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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2nd March 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sirach 27:4-7. Do not praise a man before you hear him reason. The wise person does not judge by the outside but tests the true quality of people by judging their words over time and noting what is good and abiding and what is not. This wise person is a model for the well-trained disciple.

Psalm 91. It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58. He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ. We are the people who believe in a new life that cannot be destroyed by death. This is why we are a people of hope and a people who challenge the ways of death and despair when we meet them.

Luke 6:39-45. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. We are called to become fully trained disciples then if we have a good heart with a store of goodness, we will produce goodness; but if not we may be hypocrites who lead others astray and produce wickedness.

HOUSE OF GOD! The BIG Picture

Handing on the Torch of Faith

Thank you for your generous support. As of now, we have collected **58,966** towards our target of 100,000 for the year 2024-25.

You can directly support **Church Building**

Fund. Bank: **HSBC** A/C Name:

WRCDT ST VINCENT BUILDING

PROJECT OSTERLEY

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

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

100,000

58,966

46,593

33,990

22,250

0.00

We have paid additional £30,000 towards the loan in December 2024. We are yet to pay **£518,775.57** of the loan undertaken in 2004 to build this new Church.

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/>

PENCILS FOR TURKANA

We welcome Lenny and Scholastica from New Ways, our parish project, who are visiting the parish and updating us on the nursery we support in Turkana. They have asked us for donations of lead pencils, which they will take back with them. Please put pencil donations in the box marked Pencils for Turkana, in the lobby. New pencils only. Thank you for your donations.

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY

5TH MARCH 2025. Masses: 9.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.

Ashes will be distributed on the forehead. This is a day of fasting and abstinence. You may eat one full meal and two collations (a small amount of food to allow one to perform one's duties) and abstain from meat.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

BEGINNING ON FRIDAY 7/3/25

Tuesday evening before mass: 7.00-7.30 p.m.

Friday morning after mass: 10.00-10.30 a.m.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2025

Our usual Diocesan Lenten collection is towards the Cardinal's Appeal. This fund is built on four key pillars: Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life and Catholic Education Initiatives. The Cardinal's Appeal provides the practical to sustain and develop each of them. See the posters with further information, including a QR code for online donations and Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation envelopes.

JUBILEE VOLUNTEERING FAIR

Caritas Volunteer Service will host a Volunteering Fair on Sat. 8th March, from 3pm to 5pm in the Cathedral Hall. Contact Elke Springett at cvs@rcdow.org.uk or visit <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer-service/>

FREE FAITH COURSE to deal with SEND Children

Using 'Symbols of Faith', Paul Christian of CARITAS will conduct a free course to train catechists on working with children with special educational needs (SEND) on Monday, March 10th at 6 pm in the parish centre at St Michael & Martin, Hounslow.

ANN HARTIGAN RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann who died recently. Our sympathy is extended to her husband Tom, and their four children. Ann's funeral takes place at St. Vincent's on 11/3/25 at 11.45 a.m. followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium at 1.20 p.m. May she rest in peace.

TWO HOLY WATER SPRINKLERS DONATED

We thank a well-wisher who donated two holy water sprinklers for our church. God Bless You and your family.

Service Times & Intentions 2-9 March 2025		
8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
SUN. 2	0930	Eusebio Rebello B'day
	1130	RIP Sabina & Edmund Kajzer
	1800	Pro Populo
Mon. 3	0930	T/G Placid Fernandes B'day
Tue. 4	1930	Mass
Wed. 5	0930	ASH WEDNESDAY
	1930	Distribution of Ashes
Thur. 6	0930	Mass
Fri. 7	0930	RIP Elizabeth Clarke
Sat. 8	0930	T/G Frances McEvoy B'day
	1000	Confession Adoration & Benediction 11am
1 st Sunday in Lent		
SUN. 9	0930	RIP Caetano (Anniv) & Maria Carma Fernandes
	1130	RIP Jean Marc & Ted Bouchereau Anniv
	1800	Pro Populo
HEALING MASS: Last Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m.		
MORNING PRAYER: 9.10 a.m.		
Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Mon/Wed/Thu/Sat after mass.		
Stations of the Cross in Lent: Tues evening before mass: 7.00-7.30 p.m. Fri morning after mass: 10.00-10.30 a.m.		

"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**

Building Project Osterley

Account Number 31297511 Sort Code 40-05-20

Offertory: Thanks for your offerings last Sunday		
Standing orders Sunday	£	1517.81
Contactless	£	338.00
Loose Plate	£	528.62
Planned Giving Envelopes	£	301.35
Donations (Building Fund)	£	1552.00
Hall Hire (Nursery)	£	874.00
Others (Hall Letting)	£	0.00
TOTAL	£	5111.78
Per week Osterley Parish needs*	£	6,269.00

* Inclusive of loan repayment and interest payments.

PARISH OFFICE: Office visiting hours are **Tuesday & Thursday 10am-Noon** or by appointment.

Email: osterley@rcdow.org.uk

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

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: Mrs Antonella Cleaver (Tue/Thu) Email: osterleyccp1@rcdow.org.uk

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.

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 newsletter.

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 CLASSES:

Tues. 4 March 8pm. Parents' Meeting

Tues. 11 March 6.15pm. Reconciliation 1.

Contact Email: osterleyfhc1@rcdow.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Mon 3 March. 6.45-8pm. Session 4.

Contact: Osterleyconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk

NEXT RCIA ENQUIRY SESSION ON MARCH 11

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 March 11 & 31, April 8 & 19 at 7:30 pm. For more info, email the office at osterley@rcdow.org.uk.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD (MAC): If your child is aged 1+, you may need a Mass Attendance Card. For details contact Antonella Cleaver (Tue/Thu). Email: osterleyccp1@rcdow.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Mrs. A. Trigger. osterleysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK SUNDAY (SVP)

On the 2nd Sunday of every month. See the noticeboard for a list of items to donate in the lobby collection box.

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.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MATRIMONY AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SAT 17TH MAY 2025 AT 2:30 PM. The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th** (and any year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. Please give the parish office these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email).

The parish then sends details of attendees to

family@rcdow.org.uk

Tea & Coffee after Sunday morning masses.

You are welcome to join the fellowship.