

St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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30 November 2025 | 1st Sunday of Advent (Yr. A Vol 1 Pg. 82)

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5. Romans 13:11-14a. Matthew 24:37-44

Ps 122(121): Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

COMPILING OSTERLEY PARISH HISTORY BOOK

We are delighted to share that the full history of St Vincent de Paul Parish, Osterley—from its beginnings in 1936, through the completion of the new Church in 2005, and up to the present day—is being compiled. As part of this project, we warmly invite parishioners who have worshipped in both the Old and New Church to contribute a short reflection (up to three paragraphs) about your memories, experiences, or personal connection to our parish journey. If you would like to take part, please send your reflection by **31st January 2026** to osterley@rcdow.org.uk. A selection of contributions may be included as an addendum to the Parish History Book. Thank you for helping to honour and celebrate our shared parish story.

DRAMATISED NATIVITY – CHRISTMAS EVE 6 P.M. VIGIL MASS

We invite all children of the parish to take part in our **Dramatised Nativity** at the **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 6 p.m.** Parents who would like their child to be involved (as an angel, shepherd, reader, etc.) are warmly encouraged to sign up [using the QR code or the link on the website](#). We plan to have two practices only, dates are December 13th and 19th at 10:30: to 12:00 noon. We look forward to celebrating the joy of Christmas with our children leading us in the Nativity story. We will have an induction meeting with the parents to choose the main characters and costumes on December 6th at 10:30 am.

SECOND COLLECTION – SUNDAY, 6TH DEC. SUPPORTING MISSIONARY WORK OF THE PILAR FATHERS

Next Sunday's second collection will support the missionary works carried out by the Missionaries of St Francis Xavier in India and Africa. Your generosity helps sustain evangelisation among the most underserved communities. You may contribute by using the **QR code**, through the "St Francis Xavier Missions" tab on the online giving page or via **envelopes marked St Francis Xavier Missions**, available in the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2025

Welcome to participate in the Parish Christmas Raffle 2025 last launched on 15th November, with the prize draw taking place on 23rd December 2025. Fantastic cash prizes of £1,000, £500, and £250 are up for grabs. Tickets are just £2 each, or a book of ten for £20. Your support makes a real difference—give a little, help a lot!

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: First Holy Communion (Nov 30) & Confirmation (Dec 28) QR Code on notice board

CHRISTMAS FAIR, POCKET MONEY SHOP & INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR 2025

Christmas Fair, Pocket Money Stall "Elfridges" and International Food Fair returns TODAY. Do join in and enjoy the fellowship after 9:30 and 11:30am masses. A big thanks for all the volunteers, sponsors, organizers and patrons.

FORTHCOMING SATURDAY UPDATES

From **6th December 2025**, the **Saturday morning Adoration, and Confession** will now take place from **5:00 pm**, followed by **Benediction at 5:45 pm** and **Vigil Mass at 6:00 pm**. Saturday Morning Mass will be offered during Advent time.

300 CLUB WINNER lucky winner of the October 2025 Draw for the 300 Club is Linda Ewan, Ticket No. 721. Congratulations!

"BE AN ANGEL" FOR THE CHURCH FUND

The oldest "Be An Angel" initiative invites you to join with a monthly contribution of £12 for a lucky draw of £300 per month. Collect a brochure to learn more or set up 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**

Thanks for your Offerings last Sunday

Standing orders Sunday 23 November	656.11
Contactless	661.00
Loose Plate	585.49
Planned Giving Envelopes	254.00
Total	2156.60



Osterley Parish needs £ 4717.00* per week * Excluding Loan repayment and interest payments

Average weekly collection per person for 2024 was £3.99 (compared with similar parishes is £4.50- £5.00)

Our parish had an operational deficit £404 per week in 2024. We are trying our best to reduce the gap or overcome it.

PARISH BANK DETAILS: Bank: **HSBC** Account Name: **WRCDT Osterley** Account No: **41095889** Sort Code: **40 05 20**.

Please reference: Mass, Donation, etc. / Date

Donate via online link, add your name, email and reference

OFFICE and SACRAMENTS

OFFICE TUES. & THU. 10 AM-12 NOON BY APPOINTMENT. THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS, WEEKENDS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. EMAIL THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

Parish Secretary: Mrs. L. Faria.

- BAPTISM:** Baptism celebrations will be held on following Saturdays at 11:00 am (February 7, April 11, May 23, June 27 & July 25). Kindly submit a [Baptism Request Form](#). Check dates for Pre-Baptism Courses. Details on parish website.
- MARRIAGE:** 6 months' notice required. Please contact Fr. Feroz Fernandes via the Parish Office email. See website.
- FUNERALS:** Contact Fr Feroz via the parish office to arrange a funeral date and time. Further details on parish website.
- MASS ATTENDANCE CARD** may be needed if your child is aged 1+. Email: osterleyccp1@rcdow.org.uk
- CCP/MAC/DBS COORDINATOR:** Mrs Antonella Cleaver (Tue/Thu). Email: osterleyccp1@rcdow.org.uk
- CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** If you would like to volunteer to conduct the Children's Liturgy, kindly contact the Office.
- ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGERS:** Interested in flower arranging in the Church? To volunteers, contact the Office.
- SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:** Mrs. A. Trigger. osterleysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
- SVP OSTERLEY:** For assistance to the housebound and those in need.
- COMMUNITY FOOD BANK SUNDAY:** Donate food items for the poor. Food collection every 2nd Sunday of the month.
- HALL BOOKINGS:** [Parish Hall Bookings](#) are taken for Fridays from 6 pm to 11 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 11 pm.
- WEST MIDDX HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN:** Tel. 020 8321 5447.
- PLANNED GIVING COORDINATOR & BOOKKEEPER:** S. McEvoy. osterleybk@rcdow.org.uk (Tue/Thu 1–6 pm).
- FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION:** Contact Email: osterleyfhc1@rcdow.org.uk. Register till Nov. 30, 2025
- CONFIRMATION:** Contact Email Osterleyconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk Registration Open till December 28, 2025

HOUSE OF GOD! Handing on the Torch of Faith

We have collected **86,451.50** towards our interim target of 100,000 for the year 2024-25. We paid **£70,000** towards the loan since Dec. 2024 in addition to our monthly loan repayment commitment of **£3,736**. We are yet to pay **£448,884** of the loan undertaken in 2004 to build this new Church. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support.

CHURCH LOAN PENDING 1st September 2025		452,620.70
Nursery Rent/Month	3,270.75	
Parish Hall Revenue	390.00	
Be an Angel (300 Club)	584.00	
Torch of Faith (Church Building Fund)	1573.00	
Parish Activities		
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Loan Repayment/Month		3,736.41
Additional Loan Repayment		
Debit Interest on Loan (Quarterly)	-4901.84	
Loan Status 30th September 2025	915.91	448,884.29

You can directly support the [Church Building Fund](#). Bank: HSBC A/C Name: WRC DT ST VINCENT BUILDING PROJECT OSTERLEY | Account: 31297511 Sort Code: 40 05 20 | Please reference: Your Name/BUILD/ Date

MASS INTENTIONS 29 NOV – 6 DEC 2025

Sat 29/11 6:00pm – St Francis Xavier Feast
Sun 30/11 9:30am - RIP Juliet & John Da Costa
Sun 30/11 9:30am - T/G Adleigh Britto 21st BDay
Sun 30/11 11:30am - RIP Receveur Dec'd Family Members
Sun 30/11 11:30am - RIP Nicolette Robson
Sun 30/11 6:00pm - RIP Andrew Timmons 100th Bday Anniv
Sun 30/11 6:00pm – November Souls
Mon 1/12 9:30am - T/G Joseph Andrew & Family
Mon 1/12 9:30am - RIP Ray Johnson Bday Anniv

Mass Intention/Offering Request

Tue 2/12 7:30pm - RIP Antoinette & Michael Esteves & Xavier Cabral
Wed 3/12 9:30am - RIP Eamonn Mulvaney 11th Anniv
Wed 3/12 9:30am - T/G Pilar Fathers (SFX Patron Feast)
Thu 4/12 9:30am - RIP Maria Angelica Da Costa
Thu 4/12 9:30am - T/G Conlee & Veronica (Wedding Anniv)
Fri 5/12 9:30am - RIP Simao Fernandes (1st Anniv) (RIP)
Fri 5/12 9:30am - RIP Thomas Felix & Joseph Clement
Sat 6/12 9:30am – People of the Parish

SATURDAY: Adoration 5:00-5:45 pm | Confession 5:00–5:30 pm (from 6/12) | **HEALING MASS:** Last Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm. **MORNING PRAYER: 9.10 am.** | **Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Mon/Wed/Thu & Fri after mass.

You are welcome to join us for tea and coffee in the parish hall after Sunday Morning Masses.