

# St. Vincent de Paul (Osterley) Newsletter

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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**Isaiah 6 0:1-6. Above you the glory of the Lord appears.** With his message full of encouragement for the returned exiles, the prophet urges them to be hopeful in the midst of a devastated country, assuring them that the Lord is with them and that their brethren will come streaming back to Zion.

**Psalm 72: All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

**Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6. It has now been revealed that the gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise.** Continuing with the theme of the feast – the revelation of the Christ child to the nations – the author reminds the Ephesians that they now share the same inheritance as the apostles and prophets.

**Matthew 2:1-12. We saw his star and have come to do the King homage.**

The star leads the “wise men” from the east to the Christ child: they represent the nations coming to pay homage to the saviour of the world.



## HOUSE OF GOD! The BIG Picture

### Handing on the Torch of Faith

Thank you for your generous support. As of now, we have collected **52,319** 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**

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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/>

### THANKS FOR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We thank you for your Christmas offering in support of the clergy at Osterley. ENVELOPES are available in the lobby if you wish to contribute this Christmas. You can use the contactless tab **Christmas Offering**. Note that the salary for parish priest comprises the Christmas and Easter offerings donations for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and masses.

### INTRODUCING JUBILEE on JAN. 18 (ONLINE)

All are welcome to join us for **A general introduction to the Jubilee Year** with special guests including Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission for the Catholic Bishop's Conference, Christine Allen, CAFOD Director, and Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Africa Programmes. Hear what Jubilee years are about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Also featuring a special song by Catholic Group Ooberfuse and more. *Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday.*

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) Meetings

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

### RCIA ENQUIRY SESSION ON FEB. 3

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. For more info, email the office at [osterley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterley@rcdow.org.uk).

### FR FERROZ ON ANNUAL HOLIDAYS Dec. 27 - Jan. 16

Fr Feroz will be on annual leave from Dec. 27 to Jan. 16, 2025.

**POPE FRANCIS** invited us to “entrust this new year to Mary, the Mother of God,” with the hope that we might learn, “like her” to protect “the precious gift of life.”

Pope Francis, Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1, 2025.

Service Times & Intentions 5 – 12 January 2025		
<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>		
<b>SUN. 5</b>	0930	RIP Dr Peter Alphonso 6Mths
	1130	T/G Fr Feroz Fernandes
	1800	RIP Francisco Barreto RD B'Day Anniv.
Mon. 6	0930	T/G Margo Hart
Tue. 7	1930	
Wed. 8	0930	Seamus Monaghan B'Day & Good Health
Thur. 9	0930	
Fri. 10	0930	RIP Fr Mark Leenane B'Day Anniv.
Sat. 11	0930	
	1000	Confession Adoration & Benediction 11am
<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>		
<b>SUN. 12</b>	0930	People of the Parish
	1130	RIP Tom Cassin
	1800	RIP Fr Mark Leenane
<b>HEALING MASS:</b> Last Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m.		
<b>MORNING PRAYER:</b> 9.10 a.m.		
<b>ROSARY &amp; DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:</b> 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	£	1127.05
Contactless	£	304.00
Loose Plate	£	319.00
Planned Giving Envelopes	£	255.10
Donations	£	
Hall Hire (Nursery)	£	874.00
Others	£	
<b>TOTAL</b>	£	2879.05
<b>Per week Osterley Parish needs</b>	£	<b>6,269.00</b>

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

**IT WILL NOT BE FULLY MANNED IN THE COMING WEEK DUE TO STAFF & CLERGY ANNUAL LEAVE. ROUTINE ENQUIRIES & QUERIES WILL BE PUT ON HOLD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.**

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

**BAPTISM:** We celebrate baptisms on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

[osterleysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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. Pope invites us to 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.