



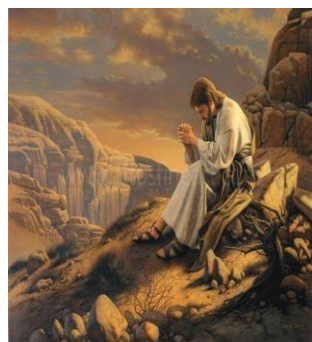
# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

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### 1st SUNDAY OF LENT 25<sup>TH</sup> / 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parishioners,



The Season of Lent began last week on Ash Wednesday. We were marked in the sign of the cross with ashes and invited: *"Repent and Believe in the Good News"*. The wearing of ashes is a sign of *Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving*. The sign needs to be examined to get its deeper meaning. To help us in this, last week we had a Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent. There he set before us, three items to work on during Lent. *"This Lent, try to make a little more progress in prayer, in speaking of Our Blessed Lord to others, and in being a bearer to others of his compassion and love."*

Today's scripture readings remind us of the temptations of Adam and Eve – its our story. Then we see how Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert – but he overcame the power of the Devil. Jesus reminds us: *"We do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."* While Jesus is always concerned for our physical well-being, he calls us to higher things – the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lent is a time of REFLECTION – see if we can set aside some precious moments to think on the life and words of Jesus – words we will have heard many times before. He is always speaking new words to us – give Him the time – and give ourselves the time to LISTEN to Him. This is what PRAYER is. Then there is the matter of FASTING – sometimes we think of giving up some food items or drink. But the real fast is to refrain from things like: gossip,

the angry word, the greed in our lives and turn to compassion, patience and solidarity with those in need.

We follow the example of Jesus who shows us how to live. Notice the devil says: *"If you are the Son of God ..."* In other words, take advantage of your special high position ... but Jesus humbles himself to be like us in all things, but without sin. Jesus is showing us that his is in solidarity with us. As St Paul says in his letter to the Philippians – *"He emptied himself ... and became one of us"*.

Jesus came to serve, not to be served. Here is a further example for us, by leading us to look out for and assist one another in life's journey. Hence the works of mercy we are invited to carry out during Lent.

So, we try to keep in mind the tried and tested formula of Lent – *PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING*. But let us approach the tasks with fresh eyes and minds – particularly the mind of Jesus Christ. Let it be a joyous time – not feeling sorry for ourselves – but see Lent as a new beginning, building on what we've been trying to do already – but now with a fresh heart.

Lent is about new beginnings, but is also an opportunity to re-double our efforts to continue our spiritual journey with renewed energy.

It's worth taking note that the temptations of Jesus were in the places God dwells. The bread in the desert is a sign of the Manna fed to the people of Israel. The Temple – where God dwells; the mountain – Mount Sinai, Mount Tabor – where God is met by mere mortals. God is with us in facing temptations.

Have a blessed Lent and week ahead.

Fr Joe

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

### PARISH ACTIVITY –TEAS /COFFEE MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays,  
after 9am and 11am Masses.

***We also welcome parishioners and newcomers on Thursday mornings after the 9.15am Mass***

## CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2022

For any enquiries, please contact Sr. Anabel on 07455544065 or the Parish Office.

### SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Next session: **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March after 9am Mass**

#### FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

**Next session on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

#### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

**Next session on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

A programme for adults who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.  
Application Form at the back of the Church

### BAPTISM FOR INFANTS

Application Forms at the back of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office or  
Sr. Anabel.

### WYD23 LISBON

*"Mary arose and went with haste" (Luke 1:39)*



We are going to the **WORLD YOUTH DAY!**  
**Lisbon, 1 to 6 of August 2023**

The invitation is for young people 18+  
We could look for sponsorships to be able to  
do this experience

Please get in contact with Sr Anabel, FMVD,  
wgparishsister@rcdow.org.uk



### PARISH LENTEN RETREAT "LISTEN TO HIM"

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of March**  
11am to 2pm

You can register yourself at the back of  
the Church

More information, Sr Anabel G, FMVD  
wgparishsister@rcdow.org.uk

## CAFOD LENT FAST DAY on 3rd March

The theme this year is: *"This Lent, help families like Dristy and Rupali's fight the effects of the Climate Crisis"*.

Envelopes will be available from this weekend, **25/26<sup>th</sup> February**.

Fast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March and give generously on **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**

## 27 February – 12 March: FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

Making the small switch to Fairtrade supports producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet. On Tuesday 28 February, Fairtrade launches the Endangered Aisle.

This will be a pop-up experience in Shoreditch, east London. It will be open to the public from 28 Feb-2 March..

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>



## LENTEN ACTIVITIES

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7.30pm

## LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei Spirituality Centre. All welcome!  
Next session **7<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**

## INVITATION TO OUR MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL

At the Home Office, Marsham Street,  
SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Every first and third Monday of the month.

Add your name to our mailing list for future dates and prayer sheets in advance via [Barbarakentish@talktalk.net](mailto:Barbarakentish@talktalk.net)  
[orjohanmaertens@hotmail.com](mailto:orjohanmaertens@hotmail.com)

## CARBON FOOTPRINT SURVEY

Please note, Daniel and Anne will be carrying out a Carbon Footprint Survey this weekend in the parish hall.

Measure your Carbon Footprint at

<https://www.carbonindependent.org/index.html>

Please complete the form and return it when you attend Mass.

Thanks for your support.

## ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATION SOCIAL EVENING TEA PARTY

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

7:00pm to 9.00pm.

**Ticket – £5 per person**

Tickets will be available at the back of the church.

## SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

There are several ways of supporting those who are trying to help our brothers and sisters in this tragic situation.

The following are ways in which you can help.

***By using our contactless keypad at back of the church; or  
Donating through***

**CAFOD** is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible..

For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

Or donating to

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>

## REQUEST FOR "FOOTPRINT IN THE SAND"

*Someone had left a note with their donation to Pax Christi for 'Footprint in the Sand'. Unfortunately, it is not available at Pax Christi.*

*Please contact Germaine to collect your money. Thank You!*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

The repose of the souls of:

#### **Teresa McManus, RIP**

*[Widow of the late Joe McManus]*

Who died on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Her Funeral Mass on

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 at 9:15am**

and

#### **Henry Francois, RIP**

*[widower of the late Anastacia Francois]*

Who died on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

His Funeral Mass on

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30am.**

and

#### **Bridget Gaynor, RIP**

*[sister of the late Anne Comerford]*

Who died on Thursday 16 February 2023

We remember their families and friends in our prayers.

*May they rest in peace.*

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

*When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.*

#### **First reading**

**Genesis 2: 7-9; 3:1-7**

#### **Psalms 50**

*Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

#### **Second reading:**

**Romans 5: 12-19**

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

**Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

#### **Communion Antiphon**

*The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.*

### THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

#### **The repose of the soul:**

Bridget Gaynor [sister of the late Ann]

Jean-Marc Rochecouste [cousin of Daniel]

Henry Francois [widower of the late Anastasia]

Teresa McManus [widow of the late Joe]

Ashley Gill [husband of Sheila]

Selvon Lum Kin

Johanna Mary Geoghegan [mother of Philip]

Maximiano Fernandes [Candy's husband]

#### **RIP Anniversary**

Maria Guarino 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann

James McGrath 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann

Maria Oliveira – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann

Augustin Alphonse – 7<sup>th</sup> Ann

#### **Special Intentions:**

The Gaynor family

The Francois Family

The McManus Family

The Geoghegan Family

#### **And for the sick and those in our parish**

Ann

Bridget

Ernest Sr

Ivy

Kim

Laura

Merle

Michael J

Monica

Patricia

Sheila

Veronica

**NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS**

#### **MASS TIMES**

**Monday to Friday 9.15am**

**Saturday 6pm – Sunday Vigil Mass**

**Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am**

#### **ROSARY**

Weekdays at 8.45am (before Mass)

#### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Tuesdays after Mass

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays at 7:30pm

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 5 – 5.30pm

### PARISH TEAM

**Fr. Joe Ryan, Parish Priest**

**Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister**

**Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary**

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Mon to Fri 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm**

**To make an appointment**

**Phone: 0208 888 5518 or email**

**westgreen@rcdow.org.uk**

*We cannot guarantee to have anyone available outside of these hours.*