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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY – 1ST /2ND JULY 2023

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel today brings to a conclusion the missionary instructions given by Jesus to his disciples. He tells of the sacrifices involved; 'take up your cross and follow me.' These are priorities to be decided on if we are to be his witnesses. We must be ready to sacrifice the dearest things in our lives. In certain circumstances, we might have to choose between him and our own relatives.



The Gospel and the first reading tell us that the simplest act of kindness will be rewarded - "even a cup of cold water given to another" – is vital to show our hospitality. And then the profound truth: "anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and those who welcome me welcomes the one who sent me." Yes, as St Paul says: "We are ambassadors for Christ." In welcoming the one who represents, you are welcoming the sender. In welcoming a prophet; you will have a prophet's reward. We need to ponder long and hard on these truths.

FAREWELL:

Now comes the difficult part. My emotions are in turmoil at the moment. I want to stay, but in reality, I need to retire. I am not getting any younger! Today is a special day to say farewell. It is a two-way venture; a few people have said they will miss me!! I will miss you all too. After 20 years' service, we will have come to understand and appreciate each other. A chapter is closing, but a new chapter is opening in the Book of Life!

Over the 20 years I've been here at St John Vianney, we've had many, many celebrations; Masses, funerals, weddings, baptisms, First Communion, Reconciliations; Confirmations and school events. We've had many social events and parties in our parish hall and in your homes; there has been pilgrimages, demonstrations, deanery walks; Justice and Peace Annual Das and many more.

So many memories to treasure. In all of this, I have seen it as a privilege in my priesthood to have been with you over the past 20 years. I am aware of many areas of neglect while I've been away on Justice and Peace activities and "he's off again to Ireland" and "I suppose he's playing golf!!" I say sorry for any neglect – let's remember all the good days!!

I thank you again for your support and generosity as we try to build up God's kingdom here in this parish and beyond.

I feel positive about the new arrangements for the future of this parish community: two able priests, Fr Jerome and Fr Vincent; Sr Anabel and Sr Ann Marie of the Verbum Dei Community and Germaine who will help keep the show on the road!

I thank you for this weekend's celebration. And just to remind you at my last weekend will be on 15/16th July. I go on holidays to Ireland and return to my new home in Uxbridge.

Thanks again and God bless you all.

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.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday Masses:

We need more volunteers to help out in this Parish activity which people have found most helpful. Please contact the Parish Office westgreen@rcdow.org.uk

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

SPECIAL EVENT:

FR. JOE'S FAREWELL and THANKSGIVING MASS:

Today, **Sunday 2nd July 2023,**

we gather for Fr. Joe's Farewell and Thanksgiving.

We begin with Mass at 11am followed by celebration in the Parish Centre.

All Parishioners are invited.



THANK YOU

Retiring Collection last weekend, a gift to Fr. Joe as a token of our appreciation for all he has done in this parish.

The total raised came to: £3,303.59 many thanks to all for your generosity.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei Spirituality Centre. All welcome!

Next session **04th July, 2023**

CARIAS WESTMINSTER - SUMMER PICNIC

You're invited to a Summer Picnic

Saturday 8th July at 1pm.

Meet outside Charing Cross rail station, walk down to St James Park and find a picnic spot.

Please feel free to bring your own food to share too. RSVP required

Please email: cfc:rcdow.org.uk

CARITAS WESTMINSTER – NEW APPOINTMENT

Caritas has just appointed a new director Richard Harries as Director of Caritas with effect from 4th September 2023

Administrator Wanted

Irish Chaplaincy, a Camden-based charity, has an exciting new opportunity for an Administrator in its Traveller Project.

For more details, contact:

eddie.gilmore@irishchaplaincy.org.uk

or click here:

<https://www.irishchaplaincy.org.uk/11601>

INVITATION TO OUR MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL

At the Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P

Monday 17th July 2023

For further information contact
johanmaertens@hotmail.com or

barbarakentish@talktalk.net

4DF from 12.30-1.30pm

DID YOU KNOW that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of

poverty, please go to

cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Application Form at the back of the Church

It will start in Feb 2024

RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME

It will start in October 2023

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Application Form at the back of the Church

It will start in Feb 2024

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the Repose of the souls of

MERLE RITA VAN GRAMBERG

who died on Sunday 28th May.

Her Funeral Mass on

Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 9:15am

Followed by Burial at Islington & St Pancras
Cemetery

MARGARET 'PEGGY' BUTLER

Her Funeral Mass on

Friday 7th July 2023 at 9:30am

Our Lady & St Vincent RC Church,
Potters Bar EN6 2AT

Followed by burial at Hatfield Lawn
Cemetery

We remember their families and friends in
our prayers.

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday at 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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5-5:30pm

**NEXT SUNDAY: 14th SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIMES**

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm: Psalm 144
2nd Reading: Romans 8:9. 11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Joe Ryan, Parish Priest

Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister

Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul:

Peggy Butler
Merle Rita VanGramberg
Henry Campbell
Michael Patrick Higgins
Daisy Desai

RIP Anniversary

Maria Lucinda Asucena De Souza
Mary Bernadette Alphonse
Doreen Mary Duprez
Manuel Oliveira
Sr Philomena Woulfe OLA
Pietro Insalaco [Birthday Remembrance]
Calogero Insalaco [Birthday Remembrance]

Special Intentions:

Fr Joe Ryan
Mick McGurren
Kim Cummins
Antonio Cruz
Brian Waters
Trish

And for the sick and those in our parish

Angela	Ann
Eduardo	Elsa
Emmanuel	Helen
Ivy A	Joan
John D	Kathy F
Kim	Laura
Lenora	Michael J
Monica	Pantaleone
Patricia	Phil
Pierina	Rose
Sheila	Veronica
Walter	Yollie
Yvonne	

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

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.*