



# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

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### 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY-29/30 JULY 2023

#### Parables of the treasure and the pearl

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel story we see, the Kingdom of heaven is worth investing everything we have to acquire it. However, we need the wisdom that comes from God to see this. [Knowing that we are sinners, sometimes foolish, let us confess to God all our weaknesses.](#)

In the 2 parables of the treasure and the pearl Jesus encourages us to search. The third [parable which is of the net has the same message as that of the wheat and the weeds as last Sunday.](#)

We look for treasure that will make us completely happy. We work for the pearl- for the Kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is the presence of God and everybody is called to be united.

"In Christ's word, in his works, and in His presence this kingdom reveals itself to men" (2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council-The Church).

The Kingdom of God is found now within us. Working for the Kingdom means to work for beauty, perfection and charity. Jesus himself is the Kingdom of God who came to serve and to die for others. Jesus wants the fullness of our heart.

The treasure we look for is hidden in the ground on which we stand, work. Those who belong to the kingdom will taste real joy even here. In his love for us, God has given each of us a great treasure, the treasure of our divine dignity as his children. Let us be careful lest we throw it away. We will never be happy unless we find the treasure that God has hidden in our own field. That is unless we have found the treasure of our own worth as his children.

"The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of love." This Kingdom will not come in a day but by the task of lifetime. "For the Lord wishes to spread His Kingdom by means of the laity also, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." (Second Vatican Council).

"The Kingdom is something within you, which has the power of growth like a seed; something that you are searching for, and of whose values you become more confident and excited as the search proceeds and you discover truer, lovelier things, which are constantly being surpassed; something for which you have to give everything you have, no less yet no more, including the earlier finds with which you were once so completely delighted" (George Appleton).

Mother Teresa prays: "Dear Jesus, Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul." If we find God, we find all. ["Your kingdom come! "](#)

[I thank all the parishioners, Fr. Joe and Germaine for your loving concern towards me during all these years. Pray regularly for our St. Joseph the Worker church and for our country. All](#)



[of you are in my prayerful heart and in memory. I take all your loving faces to Bangladesh. God bless you all and Bangladesh!](#)

Fr. Louis Sushil Pereira

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## **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](mailto:westgreen@rcdow.org.uk)

We also welcome parishioners and newcomers on Thursday after the 9.15am Mass. We also need more volunteers to help out in this parish Activity.

*Please note, after Mass on Thursdays there will be no teas and coffees available until September.*

### **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.

### **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 **1st August, 2023**

## CAFOD FIX THE FOOD CAMPAIGN - LIVE SIMPLY SUPPORT

There are legal attempts to reduce the control small farmers have over their seeds in an attempt to increase the interests and profits of big businesses worldwide. CAFOD is asking that we sign a letter to be sent in September to the World Bank urging them to resist this initiative. SJV Live Simply Group request your support for this campaign by reading and signing CAFOD's letter at the rear of the Church available from today till September's closing date.

**PLEASE SUPPORT SMALL FARMERS!**

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### "THE LONDON CATHOLIC WORKER

Our next newsletter is almost ready to go, and we'd be very grateful for your help in getting it sent out. We'll be doing it from **5pm on Tuesday the 1st of August** - that is, next Tuesday - and it will take a few hours.

We would love to welcome you to an ecumenical Lectio Divina prayer meeting - slow, prayerful, meditative reflection and discussion of a passage of Scripture -  
**at 7:30pm on Thursday evenings.**

It will be held in our chapel, the former Church of St Augustine of Canterbury on Mattison Road, Green Lanes, and will take about an hour.

"No experience with Lectio Divina is necessary, and refreshments will be provided afterwards."

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### ST PAUL'S DAY PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD -

On **Thursday 10th August 2023. Coach fare £15 per person.** Coach pickup at 10am from outside St Paul's Church, Station Road.

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### INVITATION TO OUR MEMORIAL PRAYER VIGIL

For those who suffer and died trying to reach safety in Europe and the UK on the third Monday of the month. Next Vigil **Monday 21st August 2023**

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

For further information contact [johanmaertens@hotmail.com](mailto:johanmaertens@hotmail.com) or [barbarakentish@talktalk.net](mailto:barbarakentish@talktalk.net)

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### FUNDRAISING EVENT - SJV NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

Are holding a fundraising dance on **Sunday 27th August 2023 from 2pm-8pm** in the Parish Hall. Ticket £5 per person and Raffle Tickets £1 per ticket will be on sale at the back of the church.



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### MARY'S MEALS

would like to invite you to collect all your **foreign currency\*** no **matter how old or obscure**. After the summer break, probably when many of you will have travelled abroad, we would like you to put all foreign coins/notes into special Mary's Meals envelopes which are available at the back of church.

\*We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender

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### STAND WITH PALESTINE

Over 190 Palestinians have been killed so far in 2023, in attacks by the Israeli army and armed settlers. Israel is ramping up violence and Palestinians need support. Haringey Council's pension fund invests in companies complicit in Israel's crimes, like Elbit Systems, whose weapons are tested out in Gaza and others. Demand Haringey Council DIVEST from these companies and stand with Palestine by adding your name to this link: [bit.ly/HaringeyDivest](https://bit.ly/HaringeyDivest)

*Please check the notice board at the back of the church for other events we are unable to publish in the newsletter*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**  
the Repose of the soul of

**LYNN POWELL**

who died on last week.

**Funeral arrangements to follow.**

We remember her family 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: 18th SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIMES –  
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

Psalm: Psalm 96

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

**PARISH TEAM**

*Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister*

*Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary*

*In Residence: Fr Louis Pereira*

*Fr Marcel Kofon*

**THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR**  
**The repose of the soul:**

Rhoda Jose  
Lynn Powell  
Maria De Ceita  
Peggy Butler  
Merle Rita Van Gramberg  
Henry Campbell

**RIP Anniversary**

Urbano Trinidad  
Wojciech Turek  
Naomi Wright

**Special Intentions:**

Fr Joe Ryan  
Antonio Cruz  
Brian Waters  
Christina Danaher  
Fr Rob Morland [birthday]  
Heidy Ahmed [birthday]  
Iffy Echedolu [birthday]  
Janice Leckie  
Kim Cummins  
Miguel Domenech  
Seema Chandwani

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***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 10am-11am**

**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, as Germaine is on her  
annual vacation, 31 July– 18 August.*