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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY – 02nd /03rd SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parishioners,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. We are used to say this when we pray the doxology "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Holy Spirit". The plights and cries of the Prophet Jeremiah in the first reading could easily be the realities of most of us, who try to stick to our faith in God and to the rules of life that the Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ preached and died for.

Being a true disciple of Jesus Christ, in our today's world needs extra courage, wisdom, prudence and sacrifices. We cannot but speak out against structures and cultures of oppression that fight against the Gospel values. Structures and cultures that try to reduce humanity to material and social being alone.

Just like the psalmist, St. Augustine whose feast we just celebrated few days ago, reminds us that 'God has made us for Himself and our soul will not be at rest until they rest in God.' "For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God" (Psalm 62,) St. Paul in the second reading is urging us to model our behaviour according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as opposed to the behaviour of the world. By modelling ourselves in God's way we shall discover God and bring the Gospel values to our world.

In the Gospel, Jesus made it clear to his disciples, that the call to discipleship is opposed to the realities of our world, that we need to die to self and be ready to pay the supreme sacrifice, for there is greater place and everlasting bliss awaiting us.

We should not get it wrong that to get to heaven entails sufferings and pains, no the fact is that God created everything great, good and in an absolute perfection. But through our disobedience and sins we bring evil into the world and we must make extra efforts through disciplines, sacrifices and trust in God's mercy to regain what we have lost through disobedience. Christ made that supreme scarify first and as his followers we are also call to follow his footsteps.

I will like to implore you to pray for me and my Brother, Fr. Vincent, for a fruitful and Spirit filled mission among you. Our Special thanks go to God and to you all, who keep the Catholic aflame in this beautiful parish all these years. Bravo to Fr. Joe, for his great works and for giving us a very soft landing, as a good father he came during the week to see that we are Okay.

Thanks to Germaine who has been putting us through the administrative rudiments, be sure we shall not stop to disturb you until we get things right. To Sisters Anabel and Ann Marie,

thanks for vacating your comfort zone for us to settle in well. We say a BIG THANK YOU to Fr. Marcel and other Priests who keep the flame alight during the transition period. Once again thank you and we pray to work together to build a solid Catholic Christian community to the glory of God and service to humanity. May St. John Mary Vianney intercede for us.

Have a blessed week, Fr Jerome



WELCOME

We warmly welcome both Fr Jerome
Dukiya, our new parish priest and Fr
Vincent Nnatuanya, assistant priest to our
parish.

GRATITUDE from Fr Marcel

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ of Saint John Vianney Parish, I wish to sincerely thank Fr Joe, the Parish Administration and the Christian community of Saint John Vianney for always welcoming me in your midst. I have come to Saint John Vianney for the past 5 to 6 years. I have always experienced your hospitality, warmth, love and generosity. I have always experienced home away from home. Thank each and every one of you for your love

I now invite each and every one of you to welcome and support the New Parish Priest Fr. Jerome and his Assistant Fr. Vincent so that together you may make Saint John Mary Vianney Parish something beautiful for God. I can assure you that they are wonderful Priests burning with zeal for the sanctification of souls. As I leave Saint John Vianney, I wishes to assure each and every one of you of my love and prayers. Please a Hail Mary for me each time you think of me will be much appreciated. Pray for my health, for my Priesthood and for success in my studies and for peace in my country Cameroon.

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

CONFRMATION PROGRAMME

Application Form at the back of the Church
It will start in Feb 2024

RITE OF CHISTIAN 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

FAREWELL TO FR MARCEL:

All Parishioners are invited to our Thanksgiving Mass for Father Marcel today, **Sunday 3rd September at the 11:00am Mass.** And join us for our Get-together in the Parish Hall after Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share. Thank you

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. But 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 we resume on 7th September.

THANK YOU: SJV NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

Wish to thank all who attended their fundraising event last Sunday. The amount raised \pounds

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei House, 10 Vincent Road. All welcome! Next session **5th September, 2023**

"CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI!

Novenas of Our Lady began last

Wednesday for 9 days at 6.15pm followed by the Feast (Birthday)
Of Our Lady on the 8th September - Service at 6.00pm, Mass, Healing, Procession, Fellowship.

At the Shrine of Our Lady of Vailankanni, Goan Community Centre, Apple Tree Road, off Keston Road N17 6PW.

For details contact Candy 07961044079"

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Sat, 16th & Sun, 17th September After all Masses in the Parish Hall

All parishioners are invited to bring and buy cakes as part of our efforts to fund raise and support the wonderful work the MacMillan Nurses do.

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 18th September, 2023** Opposite Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm

For further information contact johanmaertens@hotmail.com or <u>barbarakentish@talktalk.net</u>

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 Soul of

KATHLEEN KIM CUMMINS

whose funeral will take place here at 10:00am on Monday 4th September

followed by cremation.

(Please note there will be no 9:15am Mass on that day)

May her soul rest in peace.

We remember her family and friends in our prayers.

MASS TIMES

Monday 10am – Funeral Mass
Tuesday to Friday at 9.15am
Saturday 10:00am
[Feast of Bl. Jacques Laval]
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: 23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm: Psalm 94

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

PARISH TEAM

Fr Jerome Dukiya, Parish Priest Fr Vincent Nnatuanya, Asst. Priest Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary In Residence: Fr Marcel Kofon

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR The repose of the soul:

Tony Bann
Christina Ryan
Eulyn Hutchinson
Dave Flaherty
John Newell (Fr Martin's Dad)
Kathleen Kim Cummins
Bernadette Golly Basdeo

RIP Anniversary

Francesco Luigi Forni Ashton Melbourne Phillips

Special Intentions:

Fr Joe Ryan
Antonio Cruz
Brian Waters
Christina Danaher
Janice Leckie
Miguel Domenech
Seema Chandwani

And for the sick and those in our parish

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

NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Mon to Fri: 9am-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.