

# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

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LITURGY

Morning Prayers –

Mon-Fri: 8:30am

Sat: 9:15am

MASS TIMES
Monday to Friday at 9.15am
Saturday 10:00am

Saturday 6pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

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



FR JEROME'S OFFICE HOURS: Mon. Tues. & Fri: 10:30am-2:30pm

FR VINCENT'S OFFICE HOURS: Wed. Thurs: 10:30am - 2:30pm (4 Vincent Road N15 3QH)

> PARISH OFFICE HOURS Mon to Fri: **9am-5pm**

#### **PARISH TEAM**

Fr Jerome O. Dukiya CSSp, Parish Priest Fr Vincent Nnatuanya CSSp, Asst. Priest Sr. Anabel Gonzalez FMVD, Parish Sister Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary

## THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY - 4th /5TH NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parishioners,

# A SYNODAL CHURCH IN MISSION Synthesis Report of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

#### PROCEEDING ALONG THE JOURNEY

"With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it"? (Mk 4:30) The Word of the Lord takes precedence over words of the Church. The words of disciples, even those of a Synod, are only an echo of what the Lord Himself says.

Jesus chose to speak in parables in order to announce the Reign of God. He found images to speak of the mystery of God in the ordinary experiences of human life: the natural world, the work-place, elements of the everyday. In this way, he let us know that the Reign of God transcends us yet is not distant from us. Either we see God's Reign in the things of this world, or we will never see it. Jesus saw his own destiny represented in a seed falling to the earth, something of no value or significance destined to decay, yet possessing the dynamism of life, a dynamism that is unstoppable, unpredictable, Paschal. This is a dynamism destined to give life; to become bread for many; bread destined to become the Eucharist.

Today, in a culture where people struggle against one another for dominance and become obsessed with what is visible, the Church is called to echo the words of Jesus, to bring them to life again in all their potency.

"With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?" Our Lord's question throws light on the work that now lies ahead of us. It is not a matter of dispersing ourselves over several fronts, reducing everything to a logic of efficiency and proceduralism. Rather, it is a matter of grasping, among the many words and proposals of this Report, what appears as a small seed, yet one that bears the future, and of imagining how to bring it to the soil that will enable it to grow and mature for the benefit of many. "How will this happen?", Mary asked herself in Nazareth (Lk 1:34) after hearing the Word. There is only one answer: remain in the shadow of the Spirit and allow yourself to be enveloped by his power.

As we look ahead to the period between now and the Second Session, let us thank the Lord for the journey thus far and for the graces with which He has blessed it. We entrust the next phase to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a sign of sure hope and consolation to the faithful People of God as they continue their journey, and to that of the Holy Apostles Simon and Jude, whose Feast we celebrate today. We are all invited to welcome the small seed that this Synthesis Report represents. Adsumus Sancte Spiritus!

Rome, 28 October 2023, Feast of Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles

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- 2. Gathered and Sent by the Trinity
- 3. Entering the Community of Faith: Christian Initiation
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- 5. A Church "out of every tribe, tongue, people and nation"
- 6. The Eastern Churches and Latin Church Traditions
- 7. On the Road Towards Christian Unity

# PART 2- ALL DISCIPLES, ALL MISSIONARIES

- 8. Church is Mission
- 9. Women in the Life and Mission of the Church
- 10. Consecrated Life and Lay Associations and Movements: a Charismatic Sign
- 11. Deacons and Priests in a Synodal Church
- 12. The Bishop in Ecclesial Communion
- 13. The Bishop of Rome in the College of Bishops

#### PART 3 – WEAVING BONDS, BUILDING COMMUNITIES

- 14. A Synodal Approach to Formation
- 15. Ecclesial Discernment and Open Questions
- 16. Towards a Listening and Accompanying Church
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- 18. Structures for Participation
- 19. Groupings of Churches within the Communion of the Whole Church
- 20. The Synod of Bishops and Ecclesial Assemblies

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

## PARISH ACTIVITY -TEAS /COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays, after 9am and 11am Masses.
We also welcome parishioners and newcomers at our Coffee Mornings after the 9.15am Mass on Thursday and after the 9am and 11am Mass on Sundays..

#### **CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024**

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

#### SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Next session: Sunday 12th Nov after 9am Mass



#### FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The Programme will start in Jan 2024

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME**

Application Form at the back of the Church

### 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

#### **NOTICES**

- 1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Morning Prayer and Rosary Monday to Friday 8:30am, Mass 9:15am and Saturday 9:15am, Mass 10am
- Fr Ugo Ikwuka, The Spiritan Superior will be visiting the parish from Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. to Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2023. He will celebrate the weekend Masses.
- 3. Mass with the Anointing of the Sick Saturday 18th Nov, at 12noon (details below)
- 4. Parish International Day Sunday 19th Nov, beginning at 11am Mass (details below)

# MONTH OF HOLY SOULS "REMEMBRANCE BOOK and SHRINE"

We have created a shrine where you can place photo of your loved ones or the Mass booklet of their funeral during the month of November. Also, write in the names of your loved ones on the white forms and place it in the Remembrance Book, and place your donation for Masses for the Holy Soul in the envelope provided in the box next to the table. They will be prayed for during all the Masses in the coming month. Part of the plan is that you would attend Mass as much as possible. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

# THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION IS TODAY

Today's Retiring Collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at

www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

## **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday. Thank you very much for your donations of £500.55 to World Mission Sunday. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to mission.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours)

## **LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP**

Meets on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei House, 10 Vincent Road. All welcome.

# SJV GHANAIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

Will be meeting on **Sunday 12th November after the 11am Mass**.

Members and New Comers are all invited.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 12:00noon in the Church followed by reception in the parish hall.

# ST JOHN VIANNEY INTERNATIONAL DAY –

19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the 11am Mass and in the Parish Hall after Mass until 4.00pm

All Parishioners are invited to the International Day. The day will begin with the 11.am Mass. Bring flags from your country and present these during the offertory, come dressed in your national attire and bring some food that represents the cuisine of your country.

Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for primary school children and Pre-School children are Free. Tickets are available at the back of the church after all the weekend Masses.

Contact Mariantha on 07931 614 603 if you would like to showcase your national dance on the day. Thank you

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

#### **BRIAN WATERS**

Husband of Cathy
Who died on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023
His Funeral Service will take place here at
St John Vianney on

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2023 at 10:15am** followed by committal at New Southgare Cemetery.

#### **MARY O'KEEFE**

wife of Billy O'Keefe
Who died on 9th October 2023
Her funeral Service will take place at
New Southgate Cemetery & Crematorium
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 2023 at 11:00am.

We keep them and their family and friends in our prayers.

May their soul rest in peace

# Catholic Saint Feast Days in November

## FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Tues. 7th - St Willibrord, Bishop

Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> - St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor

Sat. 11th St Martin of Tours, Bishop

### ROSARY

Weekdays at 8.45am (before Mass)

# ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays after Mass

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

After the 10:00am Mass

# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

1<sup>st</sup> Friday after 9:15am Mass Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm

Let us pray for peace in Gaza, Ukraine and the world.



# NEXT SUNDAY: 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm: Psalm 62

2. Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Laura Carey
Brian Waters
Fr Tim O'Connor
Mary O'Keefe
Robert Broadbent
Norbert Nwajiaku

# **RIP Anniversary**

Maria Josefina Da Silva Mary O'Donagh Bobbie Hallie Julius Alexis Eileen Corking James Ng Ying

# **Special Intentions:**

Patricia Hanndas
Jim Cassim
Marie & the Rowley Family
Ebe Haran
Laura Oliveira
Ann Breen
John Russell
Billy O'Keefe

# And for the sick and those in our parish

Angela P Ann T Billy Eduardo P Elsa G Emmanuel O Gabriel M Helen E Joan C Ivy A John D Kathy F Kitty M Laura O Marie R Mary M Michael J Monica H Pantaleone M Patricia J Phil D Pierina R Rose M Sheila C Veronica O Walter H Yollie P Yvonne J

NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS