

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY - 18th/19th NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parishioners,



Sometimes, when we listen to the news and the realities in the world, it can all seem rather negative, depressing and overwhelming. We feel unable to respond in front of many of those situations and they can even spark fear in us. Yet, God's invitation to us in today's Gospel is to take a risk and use our gifts for His Kingdom fearlessly.

The response for the Psalm for this Sunday says "Blessed are those who fear the Lord". What does it mean to fear the Lord? Does it mean that we must live scared of the Lord, fearing punishment if we do something wrong, or step out of line? I do not believe that. In fact, the Psalm goes on to relate fearing the Lord with walking in His ways, saying that this is what is fruitful and what makes us blessed and favoured.

The Gospel reading also picks up on this theme of what it means to live a life where we fear the Lord. We see that the servant who was given just one talent, and responded to it with fear and was scared to do anything with it, was chastised for responding in that way. Whereas the ones who were given more and took a risk in order to multiply what they were given were favoured and blessed for this action.

What does this have to do with us, with our lives? The Lord has blessed us all with distinctive and unique gifts, talents and resources, in proportion to our abilities, says the Gospel. If our relationship with God is one of fear we might be scared to do anything because we worry we are going to get it wrong and then be punished for it. However, when we understand that we have a God who is loving and merciful and who we can trust and that our blessedness and fruitfulness comes from walking in His ways, perhaps we might be more inclined to take the risk, to use our gifts and talents and resources for the service of others knowing that God values everything we do when trying to walk in His ways. So, let us take some time this week to ask the Lord and listen to how He might be inviting us to take the risk (perhaps in my family, in my work, in my church, in the world) and to share my gifts and talents and thus multiply them in this way? And I look forward to seeing some of those gifts and talents displayed at the international day this weekend (5).

Have a blessed week.

Ann Marie, FMVD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH ACTIVITY -TEAS /COFFEE

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

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

Parents of the children registered for the First Holy Communion Programme are invited to a Parents' Meeting on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

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. FOODBANK:

The number of people plunge into poverty are on daily increase, there is need for us as a community of faith to respond practically to their needs. Starting from this Sunday we shall start to collect non-perishable food for the foodbank. Such items as: toilet rolls, soap, detergent, basmati rice, spaghetti, lentils, noodles, couscous, oil, sugar, green tea, coffee, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish and tinned fruit. All items can be left in the blue box at the back of church. Thanks for your generosities.

2. MASS OF INDUCTION:

Please kindly note this date in your agenda: The Mass of Induction of Fr. Jerome Otitoyomi DUKIYA C.S.Sp. as the Parish Priest of St. John Vianney West Green Road, will place at **7pm on Friday 15**th **December 2023.** The induction Mass will

be presided by Bishop John Sherrington followed by a reception in the Parish Centre.

3. SJV-Youth

Are you between the age of 18 and 45? Kindly join our Youth and Young adults' group. Click on the QR code at on the notice board at the back of the Church.

4. NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all our New Members, and you are all invited to join us at our Coffee Mornings in the Parish Hall today after 9am and 11am Masses and on Thursday after the 9.15am Mass.

5. PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL:

All Parish groups and Associations should submit the names of their proposed candidates to the Parish Priest for consideration for the above councils on or before **Sunday 19**th of **November 2023**.

THANK YOU

We take this opportunity to thank all who have helped and especially, **Vinny and Co** who has provided delicious foods at the reception after the Mass of the Anointing of the sick.

ST JOHN VIANNEY INTERNATIONAL DAY –

Today, Sunday19th 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.

MONTH OF HOLY SOULS "REMEMBRANCE BOOK and SHRINE"

Place photo of your loved ones or the Mass booklet of their funeral during the month of November in the Shrine. 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.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

THANK YOU - MARY MEALS FOREIGN CURRENCY INITIATIVE

Thank you to all who contributed to the Mary Meals Foreign Currency Initiative which raised a total of £136.16.

See details on the noticeboard

PARISH HALL RENOVATION

Presently we are looking at renovating and redecorating our Parish Centre and replacing the roofs which are damaged. But to carry out emergency repairs to prevent further water damages it will cost £3,500.00. To donate towards this emergency expenses, you can donate via our contactless devices in the church. We thank all those who have already started donating.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets on **Tuesday 21st Nov** after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei House, 10 Vincent Road. All welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

MARY O'KEEFE

wife of Billy O'Keefe Her funeral Service will take place at New Southgate Cemetery & Crematorium **Thursday 23rd Nov, 2023 at 11:00am**.

We keep her and her family and friends in our prayers.

May her soul rest in peace

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' THANK YOU

Thank you for generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection which came to £1,074.68. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church or from the parish office, and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

You may also wish to consider becoming a **Patron** of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TEAS / COFFEE MORNINGS

We need more volunteers to help out in this Parish activity on Sundays and Thursdays which people have found most helpful. Please contact the Parish Office

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Catholic Saint Feast Days in November

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Wed. 22nd – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thurs. 23rd – St Clement I, Pope & Martyr
St Columban, Abbott

Fri. 24th – St Andrew Düng-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Sat. 25th St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

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

1st Friday after 9:15am Mass Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm

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



NEXT SUNDAY: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe

Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17

Psalm: Psalm 22

2. Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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:

Giovani Marchitto
James Begbie Thornbush Clarke
Taye Faik
Although Faik
Anthony Antao
Laura Carey
Brian Waters
Fr Tim O'Connor
Mary O'Keefe

RIP Anniversary

Jocelyn A Luxon
Mary Madeleine Jordan
Patrick Patsy Joseph Murphy
Eileen Lynch
Frances Marceline Bumstead

Special Intentions:

Fr Joe Ryan
Kathy Nyland
Romaldina Fernandes
Patricia Hanndas
Jim Cassim
Marie & the Rowley Family
Ebe Haran
Laura Oliveira
Ann Breen
John Russell
Billy O'Keefe

Mr & Mrs Joey Gonito [Thanksgiving]

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