



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

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THE
SPIRITANS

LITURGY

Morning Prayers –

Mon-Fri: 8:30am

Sat: 9:15am

RECONCILIATION

1st Friday after 9:15am Mass

Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday at 9.15am

Saturday 10:00am

Saturday 6pm –

Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

Holy Days of Obligation and Solemnity: 9:15am and 7:30pm

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 9th / 10th DECEMBER 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Today we have already reached the 2nd Sunday of Advent. There are Christmas lights in the streets, in many houses, and all the Christmas decorations in the shops remind us of this special time of the year. Some of us are thinking about and preparing get-togethers with family and friends. Some are already making the list of ingredients for that special meal that happens once a year. We are preparing ourselves for a big event that is going to happen.

Advent is preparation for the celebration of that big event, a supremely important event that happened once many years ago. Every year we gather together as a community and family to give thanks to God for making the impossible become possible. God tore the heavens and came down, as we heard last Sunday's reading, and became a human being.

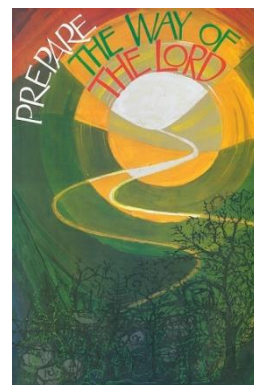
This Sunday we hear the prophet Isaiah calling us to prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord, because He is coming, like a shepherd gathering and feeding his flock.

This invitation to 'Prepare the way' means that we have a part to play. We have a part to play in making possible that God continues to enter our realities, to continue guiding and feeding his flock.

At the same time to play our part, we need the encouragement that God is faithful and will never leave us, that he promises us a future of hope. This is the message of the second reading: "what we are waiting for is what he promised: new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home." What a beautiful concept! The new earth is where His justice will be at home. We can trust in God's promises and at the same time we are invited to work with God that they may come true. How is God inviting me to 'prepare a way,' to work with God in and through my life? How are we building that "new earth"? Does his justice have place within me?

The Gospel presents us with John the Baptist as that messenger who prepare the people to receive Jesus. His life, his words were a preparation for the coming of Jesus among them. He opened a new path living what he believed. Our life, also, can be a preparation for others to receive Him, to open themselves to Him.

We walk together towards Christmas, this 'big event,' celebrating how God tore the heavens and came down – God made flesh, God made human being. May we prepare



ourselves, in this Advent season, to make possible His coming to our life, to our community and families, and then to our world.

Have a blessed Advent season,
Anabel Gonzalez, FMVD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024

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

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Next session: in January 2024.

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS

Application Forms at the back of the Church.

Please contact the Parish Office or Sr. Anabel

NOTICES

1. MASS OF INDUCTION:

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

There is a list at the back of the church for you to indicate what foods, drinks, snacks you will be bringing. Thank you.

2. FOODBANK:

Thank you for your generosity we were able to give out our first food aids on Wednesday. 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 green box at the back of church. Thanks for your generosity.

3. 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.

4. MASS BOOKING:

Started from **1st of December 2023**, we have introduced the traditional Mass intentions booking; this will help us to plan ahead and announce the particular intentions for the day. Please try to book ahead. You can book your Masses during the office hours with the Parish secretary, or on Saturdays and Sundays with the Priests. The minimum Mass offering is Ten Pounds.

Note that our general intentions book will still be used at every Mass.

5. PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

Our Parish Advent retreat is on the **16th of December 2023**, starting with Morning Prayer at 9:15am.

6. 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.

7. PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have some parish Christmas cards available at the back of the church in packs of 10. Please take and give donations.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

DENIS BROSANAN

His funeral Mass will take place here on
Monday 11th December, 2023 at 10:00am.

Followed by cremation at Islington & Camden Crematorium, 11:45am.

ENID YVONNE JOSEPH

Who died on Sunday 3rd December, 2023
Her Funeral Mass will take place here on
Thursday 28th December at 10am.

Followed by cremation at Enfield Crematorium, 12noon.

We keep their families and friends in our prayers.

May their souls rest in peace

MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL WITH LIVE SIMPLY!

This year the Live Simply Group invite YOU to donate a present to a young person in our Parish. This Christmas will be a hard one for some of our families so, together with parents, we have found a way you can help ease the pressure. Parents have named a gift for a child in their family.

Anonymized cards with a named gift was placed at masses on the weekend of **2nd and 3rd December** there are a few cards still available. Simply pick up a card, buy and wrap that gift and hand it in to Sr Anabel by the **17th December.**

Make a young person happy this Christmas!

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 December, 2023 Opposite Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm

For further information contact
johanmaertens@hotmail.com or
barbarakentish@talktalk.net

SING! GOSPEL CONCERT

make a welcome return to St John Vianney on

Sunday 17th December, 1:30pm.

SING! Gospel choir is run by award-winning choir director Jonathan Rattenbury-Barlow and includes one of our own parishioners among their members. Their musical arrangements are unique with a modern Gospel sound which will leave you feeling uplifted and ready for the joyous Christmas Season! Under their old name, **'The BIG Sing: Gospel Voices'**, they won BBC Gospel Choir of the Year 2017 and have performed with various artists including Leona Lewis and Ellie Goulding.

Tickets £5 per person. Free for Children below 12.

A great way to get Christmas started and raise funds for the parish.

Start the celebration with tea and coffee in the parish hall after 11.00am mass.

All welcome

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

Come and join us in Carol singing at Wood Green Shopping Mall (in front of Boots) on

Wednesday 20th December 2023, 5 to 6pm.



PARISH HALL RENOVATION

We wish to thank those who have donated **£1,249.**

toward the Parish Hall renovation.

Thank you for your generous donations to date.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL RECEPTION PLACES:

If you are looking for a place for your child for September 2024, there are still plenty of places available. Please contact the school office for more info and a tour (0208 889 8421

or admin@st-johnvianney.haringey.sch.uk).

Catholic Saint Feast Days in December

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Mon. 11th – Damasus 1, Pope

Tues. 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wed. 13th – St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Thurs. 14th – St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

No Adoration on Tuesday after Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

After the 10:00am Mass

READINGS: 2nd WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday Is 40:1-5.9-11; Ps 84:9-14

2Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday Is 35:1-10; Ps 84:9-14

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Is 40:1-11; Ps 95:1-3.10-13
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Ps 102:1-4.8.10
Mt 11:28-30 26

Thursday Is 41:13-20; Ps 144:1,9-13
Mt 11:11-15

Friday Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4.6
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Ecc 48:1-4.9-11
Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18-19
Mt 17:10-13a

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

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



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:

Enid Yvonne Joseph
Denis Brosnan
Patrick Anthony Carroll
Romaldina Fernandes
Roy Williams

RIP Anniversary

Richard Antha
Anthony Russell
Rose Russell
Bridget McDonagh
William Wadhams
Mary Glynn

Special Intentions:

Fr Jerome Dukiya (*Ordination Anniversary*)
Deacon Michael Hasdak (*Ordination*)

Angela Pinto
Billy O'Keefe
Ebe Haran
Jim Cassin
Kathy Nyland
John Russell
Laura Oliveira
Michael James
The Waters Family

And for the sick and those in our parish

Angela P	Ann T
Billy	Eduardo P
Elsa G	Emmanuel O
Gabriel M	Helen E
Ivy A	Joan C
John D	Kathy F
Kitty M	Luisa R
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