



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

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THE
SPIRITANS

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

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

REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 03rd/04th February 2024

Dear Parishioners,

SIN AND SUFFERING

Does God allow or permit sickness and illness? Is sickness, a punishment for sins, by God?

The story of Job, in our first reading today, is an invitation to reflect on the mystery of evil and suffering. It teaches that God is not the cause of evil. He refrains the forces of evil but mysteriously, permits the innocent and righteous to suffer. He directs all things by his providence.

Like Job, we are to be humble before the mystery of suffering. God permits us to suffer sickness and illness, as a divine discipline for our sins. Sometimes, He permits us to fall sick or suffer to test us, to increase our virtue and to purify our love. Oftentimes, our sickness is as a result of our carelessness, negligence and recklessness.

The Gospel reading of today, shows the practicalities of Jesus' supreme authority. He casts out unclean spirits, heals the sick and frees the possessed. Whilst Job was full of lamentation, Jesus, on the other hand, was going from village to village, bringing the healing power of God and his divine mercy. He went about establishing the reign of God and bringing the reign of the devil to an end. In his own suffering, in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus, in humility, submitted his suffering to the will of his Father.



What is my attitude towards suffering? Do you approach God, with expectant faith or with sceptical doubt? Do I blame God or invite him into my situation? What is my attitude

towards the sick or the suffering? How much do I appreciate the care and services of caregivers?

Fr. Jerome Odutan.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

NOTICES

1. **SUPPORT FOR THE PITMAN FAMILY:**
We wish to thank all who have donated the total of **£3,389.44** to the Retiring Collection last weekend for Harry Pitman's funeral. Your support and donations are greatly appreciated by his family.
2. **FOODBANK:**
Thank you for your generosity. 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 generousities.
3. **THE YOUTH MEETING**
Will take place in **Room 6** of the parish centre on **Sunday 4th February 2024** after the 11:00am Mass.
4. **MASS BOOKING:**
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. **LOVE FEAST CELEBRATION**
Tuesday 13th of February 2024
there will be *Love Feast Celebration* in the Hall at 8pm. Dress code Red and White. Come with a drink of snacks. open to **adults only**.
6. **ASH WEDNESDAY**
A day of Fast and Abstinence to begin the Season of Lent: **Wednesday, 14th February Mass Times and Distribution of Ashes 9:15am, 12noon and 7:30pm.**
7. **STATON OF THE CROSS**
Fridays during Lent at 7:30pm commencing on the 16th February 2024.
8. **GERMAINE'S FAREWELL and THANK YOU:**
Next **Sunday, 11th February**, there will be a gathering to say '*thank you*' to Germaine, who has retired after 23 years as Parish Secretary. We begin with Mass at 11am followed by celebration in the Parish Centre. All are invited.

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024

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

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Next session, Sunday 25th February 2024

**FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST
HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**
Next session, Saturday 24th February
2024

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME
Will begin on Saturday 24th February at
4:00pm in the Parish Hall.

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS
Application Forms at the back of the
Church. Please contact the Parish Office or
Sr. Anabel



SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, there will be a Second Collection for the **Catholic Association for Racial Justice** to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote justice in or schools, parishes and in a wider society.

PEACE SUNDAY:



We would like to thank all who have donated the total of **£156.40 for PEACE SUNDAY**. This year the message from Pope Francis has reflected on the theme of Artificial Intelligence and Peace. His prayer is that: *"at the start of the New Year that the rapid development of forms of artificial intelligence will not increase cases of inequality and injustice all too present in today's world, but will help put an end to wars and conflicts, and alleviate many forms of suffering that afflict our human family,"* If you'd like to donate, there are envelopes available at the back of the church. Thank you!

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass. Next session **7th February 2024.**

LEGION OF MARY

Our West Green Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every **Tuesday at 7:30pm in Room 6 of the Parish Centre.** If you are interested in joining, just show up and introduce yourself. You will be most welcome.

THE PRAYER MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST

An invitation to the weekly Bible Study and Prayers on **Fridays at 7:00pm** in the parish hall.

For further information, please contact **Victor on 07563 802763.**

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 19th February 2024.**

Opposite Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm
For further information contact johanmaertens@hotmail.com or barbarakentish@talktalk.net

THANK GOD ON FRIDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reflection at the Verbum Dei Missionaries Chapel on **1st March at 7:30-9pm**

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).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

HARRY PITMAN

Who died 31st December 2023.
His Funeral Mass will take **on Friday 16th February 2024 at 12noon**

here at St John Vianney Church followed burial at Edmonton Cemetery.

MONICA HALPIN

Her funeral Service will take place on **Monday 19th February 2024 at 12:20pm** in Essex

We keep their families and friends in our prayers.

May their soul rest in peace.

Catholic Saint Feast Days in February

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Mon 05: St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

Tues 06: St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Thurs 08: St Jerome Emiliani

Fri 09: St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Sat 10: St Scholastica, Virgin

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration on Tuesday after Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

After the 10:00am Mass

READINGS: FIFTH SUNDAY IN OT

Sunday	Job 7:1-4.6-7; Ps 146:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23
Monday	Kings 8:1-7.9-13; Ps 131:6-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Kings 8:22-23.27-30; Ps 83:3-5.10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Kings 10:1-10; Ps 36:5-6.30-31.39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Kings 11:4-13; Ps 105:3-4.35-37.40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	Kings 11:29-32;12:19; Ps 80:10-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Kings 12:26-32,13:33-34; Ps 105:6-7.19:22; Mk 8:1-10

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:

Mr Parker
Benny Feely
Michael Shields
Harry Pitman
Monica Halpin

RIP Anniversary

Fabian Gomes
Jose Da Silva
John Danaher
Teresa McManus
Angelina Boi
Maria Carminda de Jesus
Teresa Carmelita Fernandes
Patrick McGovern
Jacob Varughese
Rosemary Amadi
John Joseph O'Shea

Special Intentions:

Alice Mills
Angela Pinto
Billy O'Keefe
Jim Cassin
John D'Cruz
John Russell
Kathleen Moore
Laura Oliveira
Max Oliveira
Michael James
The Pitman Family

And for the sick and those in our parish

Angela	Ann
Billy	Eduardo
Elsa	Emmanuel
Gabriel	Helen
Ivy A	Joan
John	Kathy
Kitty	Luisa
Laura	Marie
Mary	Michael
Pantaleone	Patricia
Phil	Pierina
Rose	Sheila
Veronica	Walter
Yollie	

**NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE
ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS**