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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

REFLECTION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th /11th February 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel gives us key points on the new relationship with God that Jesus brings to us. We know that Jesus marked a 'before and after' in history. He is the beginning of a New Era, a new way of being, a new understanding and living our relationship with God.



Painted by Ann Lukesh

The Gospel passage expresses in few lines that in Jesus, God is very close to us. He makes himself accessible to all. He listens to all, not only the 'goody-goodies', the ones who are successful, the ones who are 'holy' but to everyone. In that time, illness was not understood; there was the primitive belief that perhaps people got ill because they were sinful and so ill people were rejected, considered unclean, not worthy to be among others. When Jesus is approached by the leper, he does not avoid him, but Jesus welcomes and listens to the leper's pleading for cure. Mark's Gospel does not give many details of the circumstances but expresses to us the strong willingness of Jesus to cure that person, when he says, 'Of course I want to cure you!'.

Jesus introduces us into a new relationship with God that is close, personal, and touches all our relationships with others. As Paul says in the 2nd reading, "...try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else". The early church communities were made up of people from different cultures and ethnicities, just like our communities. Paul makes clear that whatever the culture, and we could add age, social position, ethnic background, we must treat each other with an attitude of service and love.

We can learn so much about our relationship with God and how we can grow as people from these readings. 2024 has been declared by the Pope as the Year of Prayer, these readings give us a good example of how we can exercise and nourish our personal prayer journey with the Scriptures growing closer to God and to others.

We will start Lent this Wednesday. Prayer is one of the special ways that we are called to live Lent along with fasting and charity. So, this Lent 2024, let us respond the invitation to a closer relationship with God and allow him to lead us to better relationships among our people, doing what Jesus did to the leper: welcoming him without rejection and helping him with a sincere heart. Pope Francis in his Lent message says: "Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love (cf. *Hos 2:16-17*). *God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind* and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts."

This weekend we want to say A BIG, BIG THANK YOU to Germaine in this special weekend as she is retiring. She has worked in this parish for an amazing 23 years, and made a massive contribution to the life of the parish. Thank you for your work, your help, your self-giving in many different ways through these years. Thank you, Germaine, we are all very grateful and praying for you in this new stage of your life. Many new adventures are waiting for you!

Have a great week, Anabel Gonzalez, FMVD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

NOTICES

- 1. 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**.
- 2. 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.**
- 3. STATON OF THE CROSS** *Fridays during Lent at 7:30pm commencing on the 16th February 024.*
- 4. SUNDAY MASSES:** *We are thinking of increasing the Sunday Masses. Details to follow.*
- 5. 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 generosity.
- 6. VACANCY:** Parish Secretary at St John Vianney. Please send you applications to Human Resources, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. Closing date for applications **28 February 2024.**
- 7. 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*
- 8. GERMAINE'S FAREWELL and THANK YOU:** Today, **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
Next session, 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

Thank you for your donations last Sunday which raised the sum of **£418.72** 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.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month after 9.15am Mass. Next session **21st 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**

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

ANORA JACKMAN

Her funeral Service will take place on **Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 11:00am** here at St John Vianney Church

We keep their families and friends in our prayers.

May their soul rest in peace.

THE LIVESIMPLY GROUP

would like to thank everyone for the CAFOD recycling sack collection at the back of the Church. The recent collection sent for recycling raised a sum of **£40.50** for CAFOD. Please continue to donate unwanted jewellery, coins & currency, mobile phones, and stamps.

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).

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

21st May 2024

Direct flight from London Gatwick. **£799 per person**, half board accommodation.

For further information and booking contact Mario Pereira on **07985 553325**

Catholic Saint Feast Days in February

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Wed. 14: Ash Wednesday [Day of Fast and
Abstinence]

Mass Times: 9:15am; 12noon and 7:30pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration on Tuesday after Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

After the 10:00am Mass

READINGS: SIXTH SUNDAY IN OT

Sunday	Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 31:1-2.5.11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45
Monday	James 1:1-11; Ps 118:67-68.71- 72.75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	James 1:12-18; Ps 93:12-15.18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	James 1:19-27; Ps 14:2-5; Mk 8:22- 26
Thursday	James 2:1-9; Ps 33:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday	James 2:14-24.26; Ps 111:1-6; Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday	James 3:1-10; Ps 11:2-5.7-8; Mk 9:2-13

PARISH TEAM

Fr Jerome O. Dukiya CSSp, Parish Priest

Fr Vincent Nnatuanya CSSp, Asst. Priest

Sr. Anabel Gonzalez FMVD, Parish Sister

**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

Henry Francois
Bridget Gaynor
Pamela Faulkner
Angelina Boi
James O'Donnell
Bob Lemmon
Angelo Cattini

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
The Haplin 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**