



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: 10.30am-3pm

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 6th EASTER SUNDAY 4th/5th MAY 2024

Dear Parishioners,

This year has been designated as the Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. The Pope is highlighting the importance of prayer in our life. St Teresa of Avila said: "For mental prayer, in my opinion, is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us." Prayer is that special time with God, one-to-one with Him. Prayer is the gift of listening to God and speaking with God.



When we read His Word, we enter into His world, His mind, His heart. This is an amazing gift and every day we can discover something new that God is inviting us to experience. This Sunday's readings have a particular invitation to know Him more deeply and the kind of relationship that He invites us to have with Him.

The main message of the reading from Acts of Apostles shows us that the message of God's love and salvation brought to us by Jesus is for everyone; God does not have favourites, no one is excluded from Him. Peter is in Cornelius' house; Cornelius is from non-faith background in God but now he believes in Jesus Christ. Jesus came to everyone without exception. Peter, because of his Jewish faith and customs, previously would not have even entered his house, but he receives a vision that confirms, Cornelius too is embraced by God's love.

John in his letter and in his gospel, expresses a very deep understanding of who God is: God is love. We have heard this so many times: 'God is Love', but we need to stop and reflect what does that mean for me? One way that John expresses the meaning in today's gospel, is that Jesus calls us "friends" not "servants". A friend is very different from a servant. A 'servant-master' relationship is very impersonal, and perhaps distant, a functional relationship of doing a job and being paid for it, a relationship of superior and inferior. A friendship is completely different; a friendship is personal and close, a friendship is freely given, based on love, trust, understanding, listening-expressing. It is amazing that Jesus calls us friends. He asks us to remain in Him, to live in this friendship. Living in this friendship, 'remaining in his Love' is the way our lives will be fruitful with a fruitfulness that comes from God, a fruitfulness that will last.

How was John's prayer that he wrote so clearly about friendship? How is my prayer? My understanding of God? How was John's understanding of God that he was able to express Jesus' commandment as "to love one another"? There is an invitation here to discover more the friendship that Jesus invites us to.

Hopefully this year we can go deeper in our exercise of Prayer and we can grow in our relationship with Them.

Have a lovely week ahead, Anabel Gonzalez, FMVD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH ACTIVITY –TEAS /COFFEE MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays, after 9am and 11am Masses.

NOTICES

1. **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** (Holy Day of Obligation)

- Wednesday 8th of May, **Vigil Mass** of the Ascension, 7:30pm
- Thursday 9th May, **Mass** at 9.15am and 7.30pm

2. **NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT** Starts on Friday 10th – 18th of May after the Mass, and at 7:30PM for the member of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Spirit, who will be concremented on the Pentecost Sunday.

3. **Call for donation;** Efetobore Goodluck Agbarha. Suffering from Heart disease. HOLE IN THE HEART. View poster at the back of the Church.

4. Your contribution for the **new vestments for our Mass servers** will be highly appreciated.

5. **Thank you** for all your contributions towards the Reparations of our Parish Centre.

6. **SUNDAY MASSES:** We are thinking of increasing the Sunday Masses. Details to follow: **Mass at 8am or 12.30pm?** *Kindly give your opinion on the forms at the back of the Church*

7. **FOODBANK:** Thank you for your generosity. Fortnightly the food is distributed in the Hall to the less privilege and migrants, between 10am and 2pm. If anyone is in need can contact the priests during the office hours. All items can be left in the green box at the back of church.

8. **PLANNING GIVING & GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for 2024-2025 ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.**

We thank all those who support our parish through the weekly offerings, offertory envelopes and Standing Orders. The envelopes for your offertory donation, from 7th April 2024 are ready for collection. On collection of your envelopes, please give an update of change of address or whether or not you pay tax. New members are welcome to join the Gift Aid - Planned Giving Scheme – register at the back of the church. If you are an Income Tax Payer and not on Gift Aid please consider signing a Gift Aid declaration; as a registered charity, your offertory contributions increase this gift by 25p for each £1 given, if your annual income tax is more than the tax we will reclaim. **If you no longer pay tax please let us know. Thank You!**

9. **PRIEST TRAINING FUND** Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend which came to **£918.07**

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

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

LEGION OF MARY

Meets every **Tuesday at 7:30pm** in Room 6 of the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining, you will be most welcome.

INVITATION TO OUR MEMORIAL PRAYER VIGIL

Next Vigil **Monday 20th May 2024.**
Opposite Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm For further information contact
johanmaertens@hotmail.com or
barbarakentish@talktalk.net

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

Invite to:

London and Eastern England FoE Gathering
Sat 18 May

The perfect opportunity for Local Action Groups from London and East of England to come together for a day of sharing, connecting, plotting and planning.

More info and book free place

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-and-eastern-summer-action-gathering-tickets-856047500117?aff=oddtcreator>

WALKING THE CAMINO FOR HORNSEY FOOD BANK

Anne Lamont is walking 120km of the Camino de Santiago to support the work of Hornsey Food Bank. If you wish to sponsor her, please donate through this link:

<https://localgiving.org/fundraising/walking-camino-de-santiago-for-hornsey-food-bank/>

THE LIVESIMPLY GROUP

would like to thank everyone for the **CAFOD recycling sack collection** at the back of the Church. Please continue to donate unwanted jewellery, coins & currency, mobile phones, and stamps.



ST JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL

It is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The birthday party will be in the form of a **Summer Fair, Saturday 29th June 2024, 12 to 4pm**, to bring the community together and raise funds for the school. All money raised will be to improve facilities and equipment, and subsidise extra-curricular activities such as music and art.

The Friends' Association of St John Vianney School: "Due to the pandemic, we haven't held a Summer Fair since 2019...this year our children deserve funded extra-curricular activities and equipment to help with their learning. We would appreciate any help that you can offer to make our anniversary year one to remember... Please send any donations to the Friends' Association of St John Vianney School or contact us directly by email at: sjvfriends@gmail.com

This is also an invitation to all alumni of the school.



PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING FOR OUR KIDS!

**ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Adoration on Tuesday after 9.15 Mass

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

After the 10:00am Mass

**CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES
2023-2024**

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

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next session, **Sunday 12th May** 2024

FR & FHC PROGRAMME

Next session, **Saturday 11th May** 2024

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Next session, **Saturday 11th May** at
4:00pm

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS

Application Forms at the back of the
Church.

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	Cathy

***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:

Mary Earle
Brian Waters
Mr Parker
Benny Feely
Michael Shields
Harry Pitman
Monica Halpin
John Calderbank
John D'Cruz

**RIP
Anniversary**

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

Special Intentions:

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

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

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

