



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

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**THE
SPIRITANS**

MORNING PRAYERS

Mon-Fri: 8:30am

Sat: 9:15am

MASS TIMES

Mon – Fri: 9.15am

Sat: 10am

Sat Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday Mass: 9am, 11am, 12.30pm

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:

10:30 -11:30am

5:00pm-5:30pm

Parish Priest: Fr. Jerome Otitoyomi Dukiya CSSp.

Office hours: Mon, Tues, & Fri: 10:30am-2:30pm

Assistant Priest: Fr. Erasmus Egononu CSSp.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

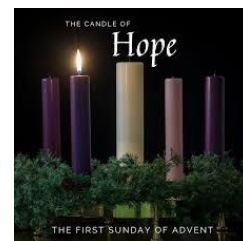
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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st December 2024 Migrants' Day and Fr Jerome's 25th Anniversary

Dear parishioners,

Today is first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation, preparing our hearts and our minds for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, a time to reflect on the greatness of our faith. In many ways we begin to celebrate already, it is also a time to be with our family and friends. Streets lights and decorations are already up, we begin with our plans for Christmas, etc. Advent is a time for looking forward, for enjoying the special time of year. But it is also a time to go beyond the social celebrations, to reflect on the special ways that God wants to touch our lives. At Christmas we will celebrate how God comes so close to us, becoming a human being in Jesus, but how is it that God is coming close to us today?



Something extra this year in that we also preparing for the beginning of a Jubilee Year, the 'Year of Hope'. A Jubilee year happens every 25 years and is a time for special graces and renewal.

We have four weeks to reflect and ponder on God's love for us that opened up the Heaven to come down and dwell among us, and it is this love of God that can renew our hope, especially at a time where the whole human family faces so many challenges.

The First reading tells us about the promise that God made to the people of Israel. He did not forget his promises. Years passed and the people thought that God had forgotten them but it was not like that. God knew when was the right time to fulfil his promise. Sometimes we might feel that God has forgotten us. His time not always is our time! He is faithful to us and he helps us to trust in Him, in his time.

The Psalm expresses "O Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, and teach me...". God's paths surprise us and take us to a better place.

The Second reading is a call to increase our love for one another as part of this preparation for his coming. I think it is a very practical aspect to exercise in this advent season. Precisely seeking to be more generous, more loving helps us to be more aware of God loving us. Advent is a call to prepare ourselves for welcoming Him, this could be in our prayer life and in our relationships. How can I increase my love for others, how can I put this into practice?

In the Gospel Jesus is calling to his disciples to be prepared, awake, not to become insensitive and close our eyes to what is happening around us, because he himself will be revealed. He said: "Stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength...and to stand before the Son of Man". What does he mean? Precisely that He is coming to our lives, that he will fulfill his promises, but we need to cooperate, to reach out in love, to be aware in order to recognize his signs in all that we live.

Have a blessed first week of advent, Anabel Gonzalez, FMVD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH ACTIVITY – MORNING TEAS /COFFEE

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

We welcome all our New Parishioners, kindly join us in the hall for MORNING TEAS/COFFEE
NOTICES

1. **Fr Jerome's 25th Anniversary** of Priesthood will be celebrated Today the 1st of December at St John Vianney Church @ 12.30pm Mass followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to come and celebrate with Fr Jerome. Thank you for your donation towards the event.
2. **Migrants Day** will be this week **Sunday**
3. **Feast of St Francis Xavier** on Tuesday 3rd of December 2024 there will be no adoration after the 9.15am Mass. We are all invited to the Hall for Breakfast after the Mass.
4. **The Variety Show** thank you to all of you who have made it to the Variety Show last Sunday and a special thank you to all who performed and made the evening very enjoyable. Thank you to Mariantha and all who helped to make the day a success, may God bless you all. A total sum of £416 was raised.
5. **NOVEMBER** is the month of Remembrance of all Souls, our dead Loved Ones. Kindly bring little objects or picture and names of the departed one you wish to pray for to be placed in the Remembrance Shrine.
6. We have gotten the **Five Volumes of the New Lectionaries** at the average of £200 each. We count on the generosity of our Parishioners to help in setting the bill. We already got a donation of **£500. These Lectionaries will be in use as from Next Sunday.**
7. **FOODBANK:** Thank you for your generosity. We need more of toiletries, Rice, Spaghetti, Tin of Tomatoes, Sardines, oil and Tuna. All items can be left in the green box at the back of church. If you need food stuffs kindly contact the office or meet the Priest after Mass.
8. **VOLUNTEERS:** Kindly indicate your interest with the Parish office as a volunteer in the Parish in the following departments: Fundraising, Counter, Steward, Cleaners in the Church Friday's morning.
9. **SCAM Mails!!!** There is the need to remain vigilant for scammers, they write to parishioners pretending to be the Parish Priests demanding for gift Cards. Report such mails as scam.
10. **PARISH CENTER:** Thames Water has notified us about the misconnection of water pipes in the Parish Center, and the need for us to separate the rain water from the wastewater; After due consultation of the Parish finance committee, we have carried out the work. The total cost amount to **£3,000**, kindly donate toward this work, we count on your generosity. We have received a donation of **£1,970** towards this. Thank you to the generous donors and we are still looking forward to more donations. God bless you all.

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.

ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Devotion to the Holy Spirit

Meets Every **First Friday of Month** at 7.30pm at the Church.

LIVESIMPLY /JPIC

Meeting every **1st Sunday of the Month** after the 9am Mass.

SJV NIGERIA COMMUNITY

Meeting every **1st Sunday of the Month** after the 11am Mass due to Fr Jerome's Anniversary our December Meeting will held on the **8th of December** which is the **Second Sunday**.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 30 November 2024 from 1 pm - 4:30 pm at St Scholastica 17 Kenning hall Road Clapton London E5 8BS

Diocesan Weekly Job Update

Job Title	Department Name	Closing date
Catechetical Coordinator	Pinner	25/11/2024
Retreat Centre Manager	WYM	29/11/2024
Retreat Centre Administrator	WYM	02/12/2024
Building Surveyor	Property	05/12/2024
Retreat Leader	WYM	09/12/2024
Music Director and Organist	Ogle Street	15/01/2025
Parish Administrator	Hanwell	15/01/2025
Sacramental Coordinator	Hitchin	16/01/2025
Caritas Trusts and Foundations Manager	Fundraising	17/01/2025

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. Parents have named a gift for a child in their family. Anonymized cards with a suggested gift will be available at Masses on the weekend of 16th and 17th November. Simply pick up a card, buy and wrap your gift and return it by 8th December. Make a young person happy this Christmas! Contact Andy 07984 019167 for more details.

A Christmas Celebration in Westminster Cathedral

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Christmas concerts which celebrate the mystery of **Christ's Incarnation** in carols and readings performed by the world-famous **Westminster Cathedral Choir, orchestra**, and celebrity readers, on 18 and **19 December at 7.30pm**. We encourage everybody to purchase tickets quickly before these popular events are sold out. Tickets can be purchased from the Cathedral Gift Shop or directly from Ticketmaster; go to **www.ticketmaster.co.uk** and type in Westminster Cathedral when prompted.

We are saddened to announce the death of **Gilbert Noriega & Mrs Toni Kamen** who passed away last week. May their gentle souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in perfect peace.

The Cremation of Mrs Toni Kamen RIP will take place at the Enfield Crematorium EN1 4DS at **10.00am** on **Tuesday 3rd December**.

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday, 14th December 2024. 9AM to 3PM

**ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Adoration on Tuesday after 9.15 Mass

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

After the 10:00am Mass

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2024-25

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

SUNDAY'S RE CLASSES

Next Session: Dec

FR&HC CLASSES

Next Session: Jan 18th, 10am

CONFIRMATION

Next Session: Saturday 7th Dec at 4pm

RCIA

Tuesday 6pm

INFANTS BAPTISM

2nd Saturday of the Month

Application Forms at the back of the
Church.

And for the sick and those in our parish

Magdalene

Angela

Billy

Elsa

Gabriel

Ivy A

John

Kitty

Laura

Mary

Pantaleone

Caesar

Rose

Veronica

Manuel

Dolores

Lawrence

Yuen Kuen Tsui

Ann

Eduardo

Emmanuel

Helen

Joan

Kathy

Luisa

Marie

Michael

Patricia Phil

Pierina

Sheila

Yollie

Cathy

Dennis

Gerard Rowley

Kwok Chai Tsui

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul:

Gilbert Noriega

Manuel Lopez

Barbara Magaret McCauley

Walter Heaton

Udochukwu Valentine

Mary Earle

Mr. Parker

Benny Feely

Michael Shields

Monica Halpin

John Calderbank

Lazarus Ikediasia

Rose Monde

Gilbert Chicot

GodsPower Amadi

Michael Clarke

Gilbert Nelson

Alberto Ibanez

Emelita Baldago

Gabriel Bobadilla

Mrs Jones

Peter Maguire

Saluzinio and

Luiza Fernandes

RIP Anniversary

Brian Waters

Marie Mendy

Santiago M Torres

Henry Francois

Bridget Gaynor

Pamela Faulkner

Angelina Boi

James O'Donnell

Bob Lemmon

Angelo Cattini

Agnes McMahon

Tommy Butlar

Yvonne Enid Joseph

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**

**Please check the notice board at the back of
the church for other events we are unable
to publish in the newsletter.**

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

