



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

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8th December 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you all enjoyed the wonderful celebration of the anniversary of priesthood of our dear Fr Jerome last week. It was a time for gratitude and celebration and a wonderful way to bring in this season of Advent and preparation.



In the Gospel reading for this Sunday we are invited by John the Baptism to prepare the way of the Lord. He invites us to remove all barriers that may be preventing us from reaching the Lord and all the hope and joy He wishes for us to experience this Christmas. I invite you as part of your preparation and Christmas planning to take some time and reflect on what might be getting in the way of your relationship with Jesus. Perhaps you are getting caught up in the busyness and preparation of it all, or there is a difficult situation in your life that are clouding your view of the Christmas miracle, often too our family relationships can be a source of anxiety in Christmas season. How might we need to make paths straight, or fill in valleys to prepare for Jesus's coming and to let Him into those more challenging areas of our lives?

Something I find most interesting about Jesus and the story of His Birth, is His vulnerability and fragility. God was never afraid to be fragile and vulnerable and to embrace it. He came to earth in Jesus as a little baby that needed to be loved and protected and cared for. We too are invited to embrace our own vulnerability and fragility during this journey of preparation. Often the experience of grief and loss can touch this aspect of our humanity, as we can feel very sensitive and exposed at Christmas time. What are those situations in my life that are making me feel more vulnerable and fragile?

In the images of Christmas cards that represent the light of Christ that comes into the darkness they often use a fragile candle to represent this light. In our preparation for advent we are invited to journey toward this seemingly fragile light and let it brighten up even the darkest places in our life. The beautiful symbol of this season, the advent wreath, helps us on this journey. As we light a candle on the wreath each week, we invite more and more of the light of Christ into our lives, until it burns brightly dispelling all the darkness. I invite you to take some time to reflect on those areas of your life that are in darkness and in need of Christ and His light.

No matter what the state of our life, Jesus is working, He is with us, we are not abandoned or alone. He desires to lead us with Joy, in the light of His glory as Baruch promises in today's first reading. So let's take some time this advent to bring to Him those challenging areas of our life, those areas still in darkness and those situations that make us feel vulnerable and fragile and let Him accompany us and comfort us and fill us with His strength and light.

Have a blessed Sunday, Sr Ann Marie, 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** would like to say a big thank you to all who travelled far and near and to all you who contributed to the successful celebrations of his **25th Anniversary** and Birthday last week. Thank you for your generosity and May God bless you all.
2. Tomorrow the 9th of December is the feast of **The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** Masses are at 9.15am and 7.30pm.
3. Next week Sunday **15th December 2024 will be our Christmas Bazaar Sales**. Kindly bring items for sale, you can drop them at the Church entrance. The sale will be in the hall after all our Masses.
4. **PARISH ADVENT RETREAT Saturday, 14th December 2024. 9AM to 3PM. All our parishioners are encouraged to attend. Our Christmas Sacrament of reconciliation will take place during the retreat.**
5. 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 **£550. These Lectionaries are already in use.**
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **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**.

Diocesan Weekly Job Update

Job Title	Department Name	Closing date
Retreat Leader	WYM	09/12/2024
Music Director and Organist	Ogle Street	15/01/2025
Print Room Assistant	Print Room	15/01/2025
Parish Administrator	Hanwell	15/01/2025
Catechetical Coordinator	Kenton	16/01/2025
Sacramental Coordinator	Hitchin	16/01/2025
Caritas Trusts and Foundations Manager	Fundraising	17/01/2025
Parish Cleaner	Moorfield	20/01/2025
Parish Administrator and Bookkeeper	Clapton	20/01/2025

Annual Senor Citizens Christmas Party

at St Thomas More School on the **12th December 2024** at 2.00pm to 4.30 in Wood Green N22 5HN. Please do call this number 0208 8887122 or Parish Office to give your details and intentions of going, thank you.

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 **Mr. 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.

**ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Adoration on Tuesday after 9.15 Mass

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

After the 10:00am Mass

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

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2024-25

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

SUNDAY'S RE CLASSES

Next Session: 15th Dec at 10am

FR&HC CLASSES

Next Session: Jan 18th, 10am

CONFIRMATION

Next Session: Jan 18th 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	Ann
Billy	Eduardo
Elsa	Emmanuel
Gabriel	Helen
Ivy A	Joan
John	Kathy
Kitty	Luisa
Laura	Marie
Mary	Michael
Pantaleone	Patricia Phil
Caesar	Pierina
Rose	Sheila
Veronica	Yollie
Manuel	Cathy
Dolores	Dennis
Lawrence	Gerard Rowley
Yuen Kuen Tsui	Kwok Chai Tsui

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

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

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

