



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

Sun 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 Otitoiyomi Dukiya CSSp.

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Assistant Priest: Fr. Erasmus Egononu CSSp.

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SUNDAY 22nd December 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Our gospel reading begins with a triple faith – Gabriel's, Mary's and Elizabeth's. Gabriel, whose name means "God's strength", indicates the indispensability of faith to experience the power and strength of God in one's life as Mary experiences. Mary, a young woman who receives the message of salvation from Angel Gabriel, believes God's word and says, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Her faith enables Jesus to dwell in her womb. Elizabeth affirms this faith when she says, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." Interestingly, Mary's faith is active not passive; it moves her to action. She travels to visit Elizabeth, carrying the Savior in her womb—Jesus.

The presence of Jesus in Mary gives her words powers beyond ordinary greetings. On hearing Mary's words of greeting, Elizabeth experiences three remarkable things: 1. the Holy Spirit fills her; 2. The child in her womb leaps for joy; and 3. Elizabeth prophesies, calling Mary "blessed among women" and blessing the fruit of her womb. What a faith expression!

With Jesus dwelling in the womb of Mary, the transforming power of Jesus exudes from her to reach others as blessings. In other words, when we carry Christ within us, our words, actions, and very presence can inspire joy, hope, and faith in others. Mary carries and shares the presence of Jesus to others, when they too predispose themselves to receive God's blessings

and peace to others. A clear absence of God in us is leaving those we visit sad and contemplating evil or in a state of sin!

As Christmas approaches, we must ask ourselves: Is there room in our hearts for Jesus or do we allow negativity, gossip, and selfishness to take root? Are we ready to welcome Jesus and allow his presence to transform us? As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we are reminded that Jesus is the source of true joy.

For us, Mary's visit to Elizabeth is a reminder that faith is not just about words; it requires action. Are we willing to trust God's plan, even when it disrupts our own as it did Mary's? Are we ready to step out in faith, like Mary, to bring Christ to others? Are we ready to wait patiently and faithfully like Elizabeth living with barrenness for decades? Are we tempted to short-circuit our illness, poverty, etc. or keep faith with God? Like Mary, we must put to action our faith by sharing the joy of Christmas, whether it's through a kind word, a generous act, or simply being present for someone in need, we can bring the joy of Christ to others.

I pray, as we prepare for Christmas, may our hearts be open to Jesus, our words be blessings, and let love guide our actions. Let us eradicate negativity from Nativity, spreading the joy of Christ to everyone. And like Elizabeth and Mary, may we rejoice in the blessings of God's presence in our lives.

Fr Ayo. CSSp.

**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. **CHRISTMAS DECORATION:** We need volunteers to help in decorating the Church for Christmas on Monday 23rd December as from 4PM.
2. **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 **£2,010** 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

Diocesan Weekly Job Update

Job Title	Department Name	Closing date
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

LIVE SIMPLY! Would like to say a big Thank You to each and every one of you who has donated towards their appeal for Christmas Project. God bless you all.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Note that the collections on Christmas Masses are part of our contributions towards the Stipends of our Priests, donate generously.

We wish you A Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!!!

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH, WEST GREEN

CHRISTMAS 2024

TIMES OF MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE (TUESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER)

Family/Children's Mass	7:00pm
Carol service	9:30pm
Mass of Christmas	10:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY (WEDNESDAY, 25TH DECEMBER)

Mass of the Nativity of the Lord	9:00am 11:00am
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THURSDAY, 26 TH DECEMBER (ST STEPHEN)	9:15am
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FRIDAY, 27 TH DECEMBER (ST JOHN)	9:15am
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SATURDAY, 28 TH DECEMBER (HOLY INNOCENTS)	10:00am
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SUNDAY, 29 TH DECEMBER	9:00am 11:00am 12:30pm
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MONDAY, 30 TH DECEMBER (THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH)	9:15am
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TUESDAY 31 ST DECEMBER – MORNING MASS	9.15am
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SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

TUESDAY 31 ST DEC, VIGIL MASS	9.00pm
WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY	9:00am 11:00am

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 5TH OF JANUARY	9:00am 11:00am 12:30pm
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**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: 12th Jan 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.**

