

# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

# **WEST GREEN N15 3QL**

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#### **MORNING PRAYERS**

### **RECONCILIATION**

Mon-Fri: 8:30am Sat: 9:15am

Saturday: 10:30 -11:30am

Parish Priest: Fr. Jerome Otitoyomi Dukiya CSSp. Office hours: Mon, Tues, & Fri: 10:30am-2:30pm

Mon - Fri: 9.15am

5:00pm-5:30pm

**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Erasmus Egononu CSSp.

Sat: 10am

**MASS TIMES** 

Sat Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday Mass: 9am, 11am, 12.30pm

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:** 

**Tola Aleshe,** westgreen1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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

### SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2025 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord, a Feast that reminds us that Jesus came to bring Light into the darkness for everyone.

There are many situations that bring darkness to our life. When we see in the news the things happening around the world, like wars, famine, people without proper housing, the financial crisis, and so many other realities, we can feel that there is so much more darkness than light. But the Gospel reminds us of the power of His Light, the light shines strong even in the darkness. The light that we can find in Jesus today is the same light that shone in the star and guided the wise men. Despite darkness and confusion, the difficulties and others trying to mislead them, the wise men were able to follow the star, they believed and trusted in its light and did not give up on their journey. There are many moments in our life when it is not easy to believe or to have hope but if we persevere He will help us to find the right path and will restore our strength.

Pope Francis' message on BBC Radio 4 last Saturday expresses this beautifully which gives us hope to begin this new year of 2025. He gave a clear message on hope and kindness

"Pope Francis has urged people not to be drawn towards "pessimism and resignation" despite wars and social injustices throughout the world, but to retain a "gentle gaze of hope" ... "Hope and kindness touch the very heart of the gospel and show us the path to follow in our behaviour. A world full of hope and kindness is a more beautiful world. A society that looks to the future with confidence and treats people with respect and empathy is more humane." ... Francis said kindness was "not a diplomatic strategy" but instead represented a "form of love that opens hearts to acceptance, and helps us all to become more humbler". He added: "How important humility is. Humility lends itself to dialogue, helps to overcome misunderstandings and generates gratitude."

Pope Francis is pointing out how kindness can be the light, the star, that leads us to God in all circumstances. And as well our own acts of trusting kindness, however small, can be a light that is guiding others.

May the perseverance of the wise men guide us through this year taking us to live in His Hope. Have a blessed week.- Anabel Gonzalez, FMV

# 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 Bazaar Sales

These are the Winning Tickets for the Raffles from the Christmas Bazaar. Number are:

366 - 370

486 - 490

351 – 355

316 - 320

446 - 450

386 - 390

391 - 395

341 **–** 345

401 - 405

381 - 385

Please come to the office to collect your winning or ask Fr Jerome.

2. PARISH CENTER: Thames Water misconnection of water pipes in the Parish Center. 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 £2,150 towards this. Thank you to the generous donors and we are still looking forward to more donations. God bless you all.

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## **LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP**

Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **3rd 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 £3,404. Was contributed.

Thank you all for your contributions and Gifts, God bless you all!!!

We wish you A Happy New Year!!!

- 1. The Parish Priest with his team, wish to use this opportunity to say a Happy New Year to you all. Thank you, for your wonderful contributions and supports to our Parish community. May the God Lord bless you.
- 2. Our 12:30PM Mass has come to stay, this Mass is to avails our different communities, societies and groups to come together, to foster and promote unity. In view of these we have identify some groups in our Parish community for the animation of the 12:30pm Mass. The Nigeria community will be animating the Mass on every first Sunday of the Month. The Parish Youths will be animating the Mass every last Sunday of the month. The Goan's community will be animating on the 23rd of March, 22nd June and 19th October 2025. We encourage other groups and societies to indicate their interest in animating the 12:30pm Mass to the Parish Priest.
- **3.** 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.
- 4. **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.

# PARISH NOVENAS, SPECIAL EVENTS & RETREATS 2025

Mass for the sick 12 noon February 15

**Ash Wednesday March 5** 

St. Patrick Day. March 16 Celebration after 12:30pm Mass. Buy your ticket before time

Pass over Meal 7:PM April 10

Parish Lent Retreat 10am-3pm April 12

Divine mercy Novena April 18 -April 26

Polish Food Blessing 12 Noon 19 April

First Holy Communion 12 Noon 17 May

Novena to the Holy Spirit 30 May - 6 June

Pentecost Sunday celebration in the hall after 12:30pm Mass

**Sponsored Walk Downhills Park 22 June** 

Parish BBQ after 11am & 12:30 pm Masses 6 July

Novena to St. John Vianney 25 July – 2 August

Parish feast @12:30pm Mass followed by parish celebration in the Hall 3 August

Macmillan Cancer Research after all the Messes 7 September

**NOVENA TO PADRE PIO 14 – 22 September** 

Our lady of Walsingham parish Pilgrimage 24 September

Mass for the Sick 12 Noon 15 November

International Evening 5pm - 8pm 23 November

Parish Advent Retreat 9am -3pm 13 December

**Christmas Bazaar Sales 14 December** 

Christmas Carol @ the Boots (Wood Green)
5pm 19 December

Blessing of the Baby Jesus after all the Masses 21 December

# 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: 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 Eduardo Billy Elsa Emmanuel Gabriel Helen Ivy A Joan John Kathy Kitty Luisa Laura Marie Mary Michael Pantaleone Patricia Phil Pierina Caesar Sheila Rose Yollie Veronica Manuel Cathy **Dennis** Dolores Gerard Rowley Lawrence 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.

### 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

> Let us pray for peace in Holy Land, Ukraine and.