

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYERS

RECONCILIATION

Mon-Fri: 8:30am Saturday: Sat: 9:15am 10:30 -11:30am **MASS TIMES**

5:00pm-5:30pm Mon - Fri: 9.15am

Sat: 10am

Sunday Mass: 9am, 11am, 12.30pm

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Sat Vigil Mass: 6pm

Tola Aleshe, westgreen1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 2025, 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

The partying and festivities are over, it's time to start working again, no wonder it is called the "Ordinary Time": Today is the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, the first Sunday was last Sunday, the Baptism of the Lord. At his baptism, Jesus got a new name: my Son, the beloved! After his baptism, Jesus started doing God's will, God's work of spreading the good news of salvation. Now, our first reading begins to add up - "you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give" (Isaiah 62:2): new name equals new job - Christian job!

The moment we step forward or our parents make the conscious choice of presenting us for baptism, we encounter the Lord who gives us a new name and identity. We do not need to ask him to give us a new name, the very act of baptism gives us a new name – we are anointed with the oil of Chrism to become Christ-like. And to be Christ-like is to begin to live like Christ – do the will of God, the job of godly life. Our new name is actually a job – we become employees of God through baptism, and every employee has working hours assigned to him/her. In Catholic parlance, the "Ordinary Time," begun by the Baptism of the Lord, last Sunday, is every Christian's working hour, not to say office hour.

Our second reading makes the necessity for each one of us to be at work and duty conscious, when it says: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Cor 12:4-6). This simply shows that no human being, the way God sees it, can ever be jobless, since each person has a manifestation of the Spirit of God in him/her each person has a job, a God-given gift.

It is true that today's gospel presents Jesus to us as a superstar - he turns water into wine. But a simple question will help us to see other superstars at the wedding feast of Cana - the drinkers of the wine! Why change water into wine if there are no drinkers of wine? Or, the simple request of Mary to Jesus – "they have no wine!" In Jesus, Mary and the wedding guests, we see three kinds of gifts of God. 1) In Jesus, we see the power of God to work miracles: with God everything is possible – changing water into wine; 2) in Mary, we see the power of prayer: there are many people whose gift is the ability to pray, we call such people intercessors – they pray for others, not only for themselves - Mary's prayer/request leads to the changing of water into wine; and, 3) we have the remainder of the guests at the wedding feast: those who prove themselves as friends and respond, without finding excuses, by attending a friend's function and festivities, those who make sure that wine and food are consumed, not wasted - the gift of appetite! "Ordinary Time," is the invitation to you and me to live out our baptismal promises in ordinary ways: to be the best father, mother, child, teacher, lawyer, wife, husband, etc. Fr. Ayo Ayeni. C.S.Sp. https://fatherayo2u.com

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 donations of £50, last week: Total: £2,290. 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 **3rd Sunday of the Month**after the **11am** Mass

Diocesan Weekly Job Update

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Job Title	Department Name	Closing date
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Parish Cleaner	Moorfield	20/01/2025
Retreat Centre Administrator	WYM	22/01/2025
Parish Hall	Radlett,	28/01/2025
Cleaner	Shenley and	, ,
Cicarici	Colney	
Retreat Leader	WYM	29/01/2025
Catechetical	Pinner	30/01/2025
Coordinator		
Catechetical	Kenton	04/02/2025
Coordinator		
Parish Cleaner	Dollis Hill	11/02/2025
Cathedral	Westminster	11/02/2025
Fundraising	Cathedral	
Manager		

For further details, please visit https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

Thank you, to all those who helped in clearing up our Christmas decorations.

- 1. Our Parish Activities Calendar for 2025is out kindly pick a copy for £3. The calendar contains all the paintings and Holy Images in our Parish Church. Thank you to Barbara O'Driscoll for the good job.
- Willing to help couples forge a lifelong loving relationship? Marriage Care is a charity that runs marriage preparation courses for couples marrying in a Catholic church, and is looking for new course facilitators. Training is provided, and volunteers will join the local Centre. For more information, please call Karen on 0800 389 3801 (09:00 17:00, Mon Thurs) or visit our website at: https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/mpcf/.
- 3. **PAX CHRISTI:** Retiring collection for the work for peace in all our weekend Masses.

- 4. We have just learned that there will be a debate on the future of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme in Westminster Hall next Wednesday 22nd January at 9.30am, and a Minister from DCMS will respond. We expect that a decision on the future of the scheme will be made very soon, and as such I am asking you once more to please ask all of your parishes (and all of their parishioners) to write to their MPs asking them to attend the debate. We have updated the text of the e-campaign on our website to reflect this - so far over 2000 emails have been sent to MPs - if we could get as many as possible of them to the debate, that would be brilliant. Please urgently encourage everyone to send in another email even if they have already done so - the time frame is very short on this, and the loss of the LPWGS would be disastrous. The link to the ecampaign can be found here: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/listed-placesof-worship-grant-schemeWith huge thanks for all you have already done to support this.
- 5. RIP. FR. Seán CARROLL
 Fr Seán's mortal remains will be received at Most Sacred Heart church,
 Ruislip at 4.30pm on Wednesday 29
 January. Requiem Mass, 7pm.Funeral Mass will be in the same church at
 12noon on Thursday 30 January with the Cardinal presiding and the homily given by Fr Joe Ryan. Cremation will follow at 2.30pm at Breakspear Crematorium.
- 6. Olive wood carvings from the Holyland. The Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem) based in Nottingham, will come to our Parish, on the weekend 22/23 February, to sell their products. They support and help the Christian families in the Holyland, to stay at work, as olive wood carve is one of the most important sources of income for them, 90% of the Christians rely on this sale.

So, by buying their produce here, it will prevent the forty-one thousand Christians left in the area, from leaving the country in search of other job's opportunities.

PARISH NOVENAS, SPECIAL EVENTS & RETREATS 2025

Mass for the sick 12 noon February 15

Ash Wednesday March 5 Mass 9:15am; 12 Noon & 7:30pm.

St. Patrick Day. March 16 Celebration after 5:00pm 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; 9:15 & 7pm, After Mass.

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 July – 2 August 25

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

Macmillan Cancer Research after all the Messes 7 September (Cake Sale).

NOVENA TO PADRE PIO 14 – 22 September

Our lady of Walsingham parish Pilgrimage 25 August.

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 @ Turnpike Lane Station 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 Billy Eduardo Elsa Emmanuel Gabriel Helen Ivy A Joan John Kathy Kitty Luisa Laura Marie Michael Mary Pantaleone Patricia Phil Caesar Pierina Sheila Rose Yollie Veronica 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.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR The repose of the soul:

Antonio Cerri

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

RIP Anniversary

Luiza Fernandes

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.

