

### ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

### **WEST GREEN N15 3QL**

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#### **MORNING PRAYERS**

RECONCILIATION

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

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.

Mon – Fri: 9.15am

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 12th JANUARY 2025 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

With the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus today, we conclude the liturgical season of Christmas, Jesus was born, He has come. So, what are we being invited to prepare for in this moment?

The Baptism of Jesus in the gospel marks the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. We read about the public life of Jesus: the calling of the apostles, the developing of His followers, the miracles He did, the message He preached, we get to know Jesus and His Father better. This is what we are called to prepare for, it a time where we continue to receive and grow in our relationship with God. Until His Baptism Jesus's life was relatively hidden. This moment marks a turning point moment in His life and the liturgy of the church reflects this. We move from the liturgical season of Christmas into what is called ordinary time. Don't be fooled by the word ordinary because so much is happening in the liturgy and we too are invited to continue to grow in our spiritual life.

The Baptism of Jesus was a manifestation of His divinity. In the first part of the Gospel reading we hear John trying to express this to the people who were confusing him for Christ. Then the audience are drawn into this magnificent experience of Jesus in prayer during His Baptism, where His Father now affirms His identity. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends, He hears the words of His Father spoken over Him: 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'. Words of love from His Father and the pleasure that He takes in His Son.

It strikes me that this experience of Jesus happens before He has begun His mission. The love of God the Father for His Son is unconditional. The delight He takes in Him is gratuitous, its free. Jesus didn't need to do anything to be loved, He simply was. It is the same for us. We too are loved unconditionally by God. He is well pleased with us too, even before we begin to act or do. This being loved is intrinsic to our nature, it is what we are and is given to us freely by God.

In Our Baptisms God was expressing His affection and love for us and today we can with Jesus remember our own Baptism and the love that God so lavishly poured out on us. Sometimes we need to go back to that love and hear these words of God as a parent saying them to us 'You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.'

Have Blessed Sunday and week ahead.

**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. 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 £90 last week: Total: £2,240. 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

For further details, please visit <a href="https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/">https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/</a>

# LAST OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE CRIB THIS YEAR!!!

With the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord, the Christmas time comes to an end, try to visit the crib at the end of the Mass.

- 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.
- 2. Joint Meeting of Pastoral and Finance committee, on Wednesday 15th of January 2025 in the Hall.

#### 3. PAX CHRISTI

The work of Pax Christi is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear or violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create and create community of peace and justice. Kindly take the **PAX CHRISTI** envelopes and return them next wee

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.

#### 5. A Year of Hope:

An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development 2025 is a Jubilee year, Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse.

Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

### 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 Luisa Kitty Laura Marie Michael Mary Pantaleone Patricia Phil Caesar Pierina Rose Sheila 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.