



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

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

Assistant Priest: Fr. Erasmus Egononu CSSp.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Tola Aleshe, westgreen1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2025, 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 14-21

This is good news at its peak, everywhere in the whole wide world – “Do not Weep! The Joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10). Many people are hurting religiously, spiritually, relationally, economically and politically. Religious fanatics have overrun the Middle East, Africa, Europe, North America and a vast swathe of Asia. Suicide boomers – god’s army – are readily available marauding human societies unleashing death sentences wherever they can. Spiritual exploitation of the rich and the poor alike continues on a daily basis in the name of God and Allah by different religious leaders. Not left out are demonic attacks, possessions and manipulations.

Relational bankruptcy assails families, communities and nations. There isn’t even peace of heart, despite one’s wealth or poverty, because relational problems cut across the divides. The economic foundations of most nations have reached rock bottom: the global economy has taken such a severe beaten that economic theorists are at sea as to how to address the quagmire! Pre-election and post-election violence and strife inundate many a country today.

It is within the above contexts that God speaks to us today – “Do not weep”! If our generation thinks it has seen it all and is worst off compared with past generations or at least that we are in such a bad shape that we are driven to despair, then the readings of today, especial the sentence, “Do not Weep! The Joy of the Lord is your Strength,” is an awesome welcome news! Even for those who think that the situation is still good enough, today’s readings are yours as well because everyone needs to be happy, no matter each person’s circumstances in life.

In order to concretize the role of every human being in the project of peace and happiness in human societies, the example of Jesus is given to us in today’s gospel. The mission of Christ, which our gospel confirms, is the inauguration of a new era and dawn – “the year of favor from the Lord”. Jesus comes to a people, right in the synagogue, who needed to hear that their situations are forever changed for the better: the sick, possessed, poor, etc. Jesus’ declaration, after reading the prophecy of Isaiah, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing,” is followed with healings if we read beyond verse 31. “The era of favor from the Lord” literally means that it is Jesus who brings about this new state of affairs: it is a favor coming from the Lord. This ties in with our first reading where God is the one who gives joy – “The Joy of the Lord is your Strength”. Moreover, the coming of Christ, according to Louw and Nina Lexicon, “begins the era in which the Lord bestows his favor”.

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. Thank you for all your help on putting pressure on the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. Unfortunately, we have not been as successful as we wanted to be. Please see below more details.

It has just been announced at the Westminster Hall debate this morning that the Listed Places of Worship Grants Scheme will continue for the next year, but with a total sum of £23million, and a limit per church of £25K. Better than nothing, but not an ideal outcome – we know that there will be a severe negative impact and we will need to monitor and measure this. Please see the HRBA email below for more information, and we will be in touch when we have more news.

Thank you all for sharing the e-campaign, which had 3161 responses. This undoubtably has made a difference in alerting MPs to the impact of the fund.

With all best wishes

2. The Funeral of Antonio Carri on Monday 27th at 11AM. RIP.

3. 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.**

4. PRISH 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

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

For further details, please visit

<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

1. **Our Parish Activities Calendar for 2025 is 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. **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. **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.

5. **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.

We are sadden to announce the demised of Sheila Courtney who was a dedicated member of our parish, died on Friday morning. May her soul rest in peace.

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 25 July – 2 August

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

Our lady of Walsingham parish Pilgrimage 25 August.

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

NOVENA TO PADRE PIO 14 – 22 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 @ 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

Billy

Elsa

Gabriel

Ivy A

John

Kitty

Laura

Mary

Pantaleone

Caesar

Rose

Veronica

Manuel

Dolores

Lawrence

Yuen Kuen Tsui

Ann

Eduardo

Emmanuel

Helen

Joan

Kathy

Luisa

Marie

Michael

Patricia Phil

Pierina

Sheila

Yollie

Cathy

Dennis

Gerard Rowley

Kwok Chai Tsui

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul:

Sheila Courtney

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

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

**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.**

