

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

WEST GREEN N15 30L

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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

Sat Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday Mass: 9am, 11am, 12.30pm

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

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Parish Priest: Fr. Jerome Otitoyomi Dukiya CSSp.

Office hours: Mon, Tues, & Fri: 10:30am-2:30pm

Assistant Priest: Fr. Erasmus Egononu CSSp.

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

Sunday 16th March 2025 2nd Sunday of Lent

The covenant that God made with Abraham, is the main subject of our first reading. This covenant is a covenant between unequal persons. Abraham on one hand and God on the other hand. God promise of lasting protection for Abraham and his generations, while Abraham part of the covenant is, only to trust and have faith in God. Abraham put his trust in God even when he remained a nomad and without a child. We are call to a life of faithfulness, hope, and trust in God's divine love. For God always faithful.

Our existence in this world is a stage that leads to life everlasting, a heavenly life that God has prepared for us. Foods, materials, and worldly values, should not be our main objective in this life. Paul, in the second reading, admonished us that we must strive in spite of our human limitations and failures, to attain that everlasting life. The resurrection of Jesus attained through his passion and death, is our assurance. We should bear with patience and with sure hope the sufferings and pains that come our ways in this life, for they cannot be compare to the Glory that awaits us in heaven.

Luke in the Gospel presented us once again with the image of the praying Jesus. Jesus with three of his Apostles, going to the mountain of transfiguration to pray. This is an example of the need for us to leave our familiar territories, to leave our comfort zone, as people or as a faith community to encounter God in prayer. Jesus told us in the Gospel that where two or three are gather in his name he is present in their mist. This was manifested in the appearance of the heavenly personages, when Jesus was at prayer with Peter, James and John. Moses and Elijah, who represent the laws and the Prophets of God, came to testify to the divine person of Jesus Christ as the fulfilment of both the Laws and the Prophets. Whenever we lead by the Holy Spirit to come together to worship God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We are making present the heavenly host in our mist. In the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the heavenly banquet is made present to us here on earth.

Peter was so caught up in the joy of the divine presence of Moses and Elijah, that he forgot that there is no Glory without a Cross. We as Christians must not live in the illusion that a life of faith in Jesus Christ, is a life without pains, hardships and sacrifices. There are no roses without thorns. What God demands of us is trust, faith and Love. God in turn promises us an everlasting life. A life where all pains, sorrows, hardships and even death will exist no more. As we continue this Holy time of Grace, let us through our Lent sacrifices implore that Grace of God, to draw us closer to the needs of the people around us and to the divine love of God.

Fr. Jerome Otitoyomi DUKIYA. C.S.Sp.

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. CAFOD Fast Day** is this weekend 16th of March 2025. Kindly come with your "fast effort" for the retiring collection.
- 2. St Patrick's Celebrations
 - @ St John Vianney West Green will be Today 16th March 2025. 7.00pm 9.00pm Tickets are £10.00 per Person, £5.00 for primary school children and free for under 5's. Tickets available Social and Fundraising Team all Weekend Masses.
- **3. Stations of The Cross** every **Wednesday** after the 9.15am Mass and every **Friday** at 7.30pm throughout the Lenten Season.
- 4. PARISH CENTER: Thames Water misconnection of water pipes in the Parish Center. We thank all you all for your generous contributions toward this project. God bless you all.
- 5. 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/
- 6. Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 17th May 2025 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese

celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. Please give your parish these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email). Details of attendees are then sent by the parish to family@rcdow.org.uk

7. Medjugorje Pilgrimage

21st May 2025 for 7 Nights £829per Person. For more information please contact: Mario Pereira 07985 5533225 Virginia Pande 07809 724043 or Rosie Dias 07927 319279

8. Legion Mary THE ACIES on the 30th March 2025 at 2:30pm at Church of Mary, Mother of God 192 Nag Head Road, Ponders End Enfield EN3 7AR tel. number 0208804 2149 all members and auxiliary are welcome.

9. A Lifeline for Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Has your marriage become stressed, unloving, cold? Do you argue often? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking about it? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need!

For more information please do contact 07887296983 or 07973380443

- **10.** The Parish Priest will not be in the office this week. He is off for his annual retreat. Kindly remember him in your prayers.
- 11. Pa. J.F. DUKIYA, the father of our Parish Priest was awarded the Papa Medal, Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice ("For Church and Pope" in Latin) is a decoration of the Holy See. It is currently conferred for distinguished service to the Catholic Church by lay people and clergy. The conferment ceremony will take place in Lokoja Nigeria on the 25th of April 2025.
- 12. 19th March St. Joseph Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass 9:15 & 7:30pm

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

GHANAIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

Will be meeting on Sunday the 30th of March 2025 after the 11.00am Mass.

KEEP THESE DATES IN YOUR DAIRY

12TH OF APRIL 2025
OUR PARISH LENT RETREAT
10AM TO 3PM.

5TH OF MAY 2025
OUR ANNUAL DEANERY WALK

26TH MAY 2025
JUBILEE 2025
DEANERY PILGRIM OF HOPE
AROUND LONDON.

Parish Gift Aid Form & Standing Order

- **1.** Kindly support your Parish by picking and filling the Gift aid Form and the Standing Order Form at the entrance of the Church.
- **2.** As you look through all the pledge cards, you need to CAREFULLY check whether the Gift Aid declaration is applicable:
- **3.** To be qualified for the Gift Aid you must fulfil these conditions bellow;
- **4.** You must pay an amount of U.K income tax and / or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount of tax that the Charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year.
- **5.** You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Charity.
- **6.** If in future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the Charity reclaims, you must cancel your declarations.
- **7.** As any tax refund received by the Charity will be made at the basic rate, higher rate tax payers will benefit through additional tax relief if they declare their Gift Aid Declaration on their Tax return.
- **8.** This Declaration refers to all donations for which the Charity has record of receipt.
- **9.** Please notify the Charity if you change your address.
- **10.** Kindly fill in the form and return it back to the Church.

THIS DECLARATION MUST BE IN <u>ONE NAME</u> ONLY.

23RD OF MARCH 2025
12:30 MASS TO BE ANIMATED BY THE
GOA COMMUNITY

30TH OF MARCH 2025
12:30 MASS TO BE ANIMATED BY
THE PARISH YOUTH

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

FR&HC CLASSES

Next Session: March 22nd, 10am

CONFIRMATION

Next Session March 22nd, 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

Yuen Kuen Tsui

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

Please check the notice board at the back of the church for other events we are unable to publish in the newsletter.

Kwok Chai Tsui

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR The repose of the soul:

John Francis Moran Victorine Walker Eduard Pane Sheila Courtney Antonio Cerri

RIP Anniversary

Luiza Fernandes

Special Intentions:

Alice Mills Angela Pinto Billy O'Keefe Jim Cassin

NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS

LENT 2025

During Lent, we traditionally Pray, Fast and Give Alms, it is a time remember relatives and friends and others in special prayers by our daily sacrifice. Please write your intentions and Names of those you are praying for on the white forms and place it in the LENT BOX, you may also place your donation in the BOX in front of the Cross. They will be prayed for during all the Masses during Lent. Part of the plan is that you would attend Mass as

Let us pray for peace in Holy Land, Ukraine and the World. We also pray for Pope Francis speedy recovery.