



# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

**WEST GREEN N15 3QL**

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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*

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

## **RECONCILIATION**

*Saturday:*

*10:30 -11:30am*

*5:00pm-5:30pm*

**Parish Priest: Fr. Jerome Otitoiyomi 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](mailto:westgreen1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)**

## **Sunday 13th April 2025 Palm Sunday**

Dear Parishioners,

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, the most important celebration of the year. All the celebrations this week are full of gestures & emotion as we journey with Jesus through His Passion, a powerful expression of God's love for us. We have celebrated many Holy Weeks & heard the readings many times. This can make us complacent & lose the novelty of how God may be trying to speak to us.

My invitation to you for this Holy Week is to enter it with an attitude of expectancy, & openness. How might God be revealing something new to me about Himself? He always desires to reveal something more. What is He trying to teach me about love, compassion, embracing my cross and suffering & even death if necessary? So, let us enter into His Passion with an open heart & a listening ear.

I see the passion of Jesus as a humble surrender to suffering. The Passion starts with Jesus's gestures of love at the last supper. Here, He gave us His body & blood in the Eucharist, His love in a tangible form. He also teaches through example what humility in service means.

At Gethsemane Jesus His struggles in front of the will of the Father to go to the cross. The church gives us a beautiful invitation to adoration after the Maundy Thursday service, we can accompany Jesus like Peter, James & John, trying to wait with Him, learning to pray from Him, trying to stay awake with Him through His suffering.

On Good Friday Jesus surrenders to His suffering on the Cross, He accepts it, He embraces it, He abandons His Spirit to The Father & accepts death.....& we pause.....

Here we must pause, death requires a pause from us. The church invites us so poignantly to sit with the empty tabernacle on Holy Saturday. How many people live that reality, the absence of God in their lives? Loneliness, anxiety, pain, burn out, addiction, loss, suffering, sometimes wanting an end to it. God seems absent, yet He is not inactive. On Holy Saturday Jesus descends into hell. He descends into all the hellish experiences of our lives, He is there with us, we are never alone, even if we think we are.

But....Jesus did not stay in hell, He rose and He brings us with Him. That is the hope of Easter that Jesus rose from the dead and He brings us out of our hell with Him. Suffering and Death do not have the last word...the word of God does, The Word of God who is a person, Jesus. He always has last word and His words bring hope, light and life to us.

So as we read the drama of the Passion of Jesus this Palm Sunday, let it prepare us and prepare our hearts to receive Gods love in a new way this Holy Week.



Ann Marie D'Souza, FMVD

# HOLY WEEK SERVICES



<b>Thu 10th April, 7pm</b>	<b>Passover Meal</b> (Parish Hall)
<b>Sat, 12th April, 6pm Mass</b> <b>Sun, 13th April,</b> <b>9am, 11am &amp;</b> <b>12:30pm Mass</b>	<b>Passion / Palm Sunday</b>
<b>Mon – Wed, 9.15am Mass</b>	
<b>Tue, 15th April</b> <b>12noon</b>	<b>Chrism Mass</b> (Westminster Cathedral)
<b>Thu, 17th April</b>	<b>HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY</b>
<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> with Altar of Repose – Watching before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight
<b>Fri, 18th April</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>3pm</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Passion of Jesus Christ</b>
	<b>Meditation Around the Cross</b>
<b>Sat, 19th April</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>
<b>12noon</b>	Blessing of Easter food according to Polish tradition
	<b>WIELKA SOBOTA:</b> Święcenie pokarmów, po angielsku, ale według polskiej tradycji, odbędzie się w tym kościele (St John Vianney's) w Wielką Sobotę (19th Kwietnia) o godz 12.00
<b>6pm &amp; 9:30pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection</b>
<b>Sun, 20th April</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
<b>9am</b>	Mass of the Resurrection
<b>11am</b>	Mass of the Resurrection
<b>Wishing you all a Happy celebration in the Holy Week and a Glorious Easter!!!</b>	

**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. Collection for Holy Place** On Friday 18th April.
- 2. Stations of The Cross** every Wednesday after the 9.15am Mass and every Friday at 7.30pm throughout the Lenten Season.
- 3. Medjugorje Pilgrimage:** 21st May 2025 for 7 Nights, £829 per Person. For more information please contact: Mario Pereira 07985 5533225 Virginia Pande 07809 724043 or Rosie Dias 07927 319279.
- 4. 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.
- 5. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL, WHO ARE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK. Kindly come out for Special Blessing.**

**Kindly support your Parish by picking  
and filling the Gift aid Form and the  
Stand**

**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

**KEEP THESE DATES IN YOUR DAIRY**

**5TH OF MAY 2025**

**OUR ANNUAL DEANERY WALK**

**26TH MAY 2025**

**JUBILEE 2025**

**DEANERY PILGRIM OF HOPE  
AROUND LONDON.**

**30TH OF MARCH 2025**

**12:30 MASS TO BE ANIMATED BY  
THE PARISH YOUTH**

Job Title	Department Name	Closing date
Accounts Assistant	Finance	15/04/2025
Parish Administrator	Camden Town	22/04/2025
Digital Giving Project Officer (FTC)	Fundraising	22/04/2025
Awards for All Grants Officer	Fundraising	23/04/2025
Parish Bookkeeper	Wembley Preston Road	30/04/2025

**For further details, please visit**

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

**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: April 26th, 10am

**CONFIRMATION**

Next Session: May 3rd, 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	
Elsa	Emmanuel
Gabriel	Helen
Ivy A	Joan
John	Kathy
Kitty	Luisa
Laura	Marie
Mary	Michael
Pantaleone	Patricia Phil
Caesar	Pierina
Rose	Sheila
Veronica	Yollie
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:**

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.**