



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

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

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 Egenonu CSSp.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

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21st Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C 24th August 2025

The Lord Jesus admonishes us to pass through the Narrow Door. In our initial catechism, to the question, why did God make you, we answered: God made me to know him, love him, serve him and to be happy with him forever in heaven. That is the summary of our mission on earth with heaven as the goal. Reaching that goal, we have to pass through the narrow door. Passing through a narrow door entails focus and attention and when it has to do with paradise (Heaven), we need help from above.

In the Gospel text, a man asks Jesus, " will there be only a few saved?" His response is not yes or no but rather an admonition thus: " Try your best to enter through the narrow door because many will try to enter and will not succeed." Jesus by this, is telling him to make heaven his priority and not focus on numbers. Archbishop Fulton Sheen makes a distinction between a Narrow Path and a Broad one. For him, the narrow path(door) refers to the challenging journey of the Christian life which requires self-denial, fidelity and commitment to doing God's will. The Broad path(door) is the easy road of worldly temptation, filled with lies and rebellion against God. It is filled with everything to please the eye and satisfy the carnal heart, illuminated by deceit rather than truth.

A true Christian thus is the one who rather than sliding downhill, swims against the current of the world and walks uphill towards Jesus, bearing in mind that " friendship with the world means enmity with God" (Jas 4:4)

Again, familiarity with Christ is not enough. We can eat and drink with him, preach him and even work miracles in his name but we need to go beyond. Commitment to him is not just from the outside but must be from the inside, from within. We must strive(agonise) to let go of(prune) everything that is not ordered to God. We must squeeze humbly into Jesus. However, mere will power is not enough. We need the help of the Holy Spirit to come pray in us and with us and inspire and sustain goodness in us.

The narrow door immediately connects us to the concept of the Holy Door in this Jubilee Year of Hope with the theme: " Hope does not disappoint " (Rm 5:5). The Holy Door represents Christ who say: " I am the gate to the sheepfold, he who passes through me is saved "(Jn 10:9). Passing through the Holy door symbolizes a passage into the presence of Christ; it is a passage from sin to grace. If we fulfil the necessary conditions during this Jubilee Year (Go for sacramental confession, attend Holy Mass, receive Holy Communion, say a prayer for the intention of the Pope and Pass through the Holy Door), we obtain a plenary indulgence for ourselves or any faithful departed of our choice.

Let us be conscious of our mission on earth and our goal- eternal life with God. Let us make heaven our priority. Let us strive to pass through the Narrow door.

Fr. Marcel Kofon

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. Our Lady Queen of Peace Pilgrimage to Walsingham** Monday 25th August 2025 at the Catholic National Shrine. Coach will be leaving at 9.am at the church St. John Vianney. Return at the end of the programme 5:30pm.£25per person. Thank you. God bless you. Contact:07931614603
- 2. Summer Fair on Saturday 30th of August** at St. John Vianney church, from 12Noon- 5PM. Come with your family.
- 3. LEAVING DO FOR Father Erasmos Egenonu C.S.Sp.** 31st of August 2025 the Parish will be organizing a farewell celebration for Fr. Erasmos after the 11am Mass. Donation for food and drinks would be really appreciated. There will be Collection for him, next weekend in all our Masses be generous and give whatever you can to show our appreciation to him for all his hard work and love to us here at St John Vianney.
- 4. The Parish Office** will be close throughout the Month of August. If at all you need anything **urgent**, please contact our Parish Priest Fr Jerome. All will be back to normal in September by the grace of God.
- 5. WARD PANEL MEETING:** West Green Safer Neighborhood Team Invite those living in the vicinity of Milton Road and surroundings areas to take a Ward Panel Meeting on Thursday 4th September 2025 at 6pm at Milton Road Community Centre, where you can tell the officers what concerns you most so they can take action.
- 6. Choirs Practice** members of the Parish are invited to join the choir as new hymns will be

practice each other Sunday after the 11am Mass.

7. SIGN CAFOD'S PETITION FOR DEBT JUSTICE!

The SJV Live Simply Group thank you for your support to CAFOD in their campaign to end the challenges faced by the poorest countries by the stranglehold that their debts impose on them, adding to their inability to redress the poverty of their populations.

96 signed the petition last week, thank you for your generosity.

8. **FOODBANK:** Thank you for your generosity. Such items as: toilet rolls, soap, detergent, basmati rice, spaghetti, lentils, noodles, couscous, oil, sugar, green tea, coffee, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish and tinned fruit. All items can be left in the green box at the back of church.

9. **FOOD VOUCHERS AND ASSISTANCE SCHEME.**

Kindly help feed one vulnerable by donating **£7.50** per meal. This scheme has been on, in the Parish for a long time, we now have more people on the demands due to high cost of living. We received a donation Of £105. From an anonymous donor. Thank you for your supports.

10. **Medjugorje Pilgrimage: 16th October 2025** for 7 Nights, **£799** per Person sharing a Room. Please contact: Mario Pereira 07985 5533225 Virginia Pande 07809 724043 or Rosie Dias 07927 319279.

11. **Planned Giving Drive**

Will take place in September for three consecutive weeks, the last planned giving drive was in 2016. The aim of the planned giving drive is to keep the parishioners abreast of the growth and development of the Parish and to help us to see of new ways of improvements. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 3 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 having their Quarterly Meeting in September **2025** after the 11am Mass.

Kindly support your Parish by picking and filling the Gift aid Form and the Standing Order.

JUSTICE & PEACE INTEGRITY OF CREATION

SOS: For a vulnerable Migrant!!!

Miss Abigail Busayo needs our help she is stranded in Libya. She needs our support to transport herself to Nigeria. The cost of the ticket is £600.

Kindly help the lady by contacting the Parish Priest.

Your help will really be appreciated. God bless you all.

GIFT ENVELOPES

The below Envelopes keep giving by envelopes but we have not gotten their details in OPAS: if one of these number belongs to you; can you please give in your details so we can put them in our system. Thank you and God bless you all.

227; 239; 244; 441 & 442.



We regret to announce the death of **Eileen Sullivan. RIP**

Mr. Raphael Kplorlali Mensah

Funeral will be celebrated on Thursday 11th of September 2025.

Anna Palombo RIP funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday 27th of August of 2025 at St. John Vianney Church at 11am.

Tom McGowan funeral will be celebrated on the 9th of September 2025 at 11:30am at St. Pauls Church Wood Green. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL, WHO ARE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK. Kindly come out for Special Blessing.

**ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Adoration on Tuesday after 9.15 Mass

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

After the 10:00am Mass

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

**For 2025-2026 Application
Forms are at the back of the
Church**

For any enquiries, please contact
the Parish Office

**FIRST RECONCILIATION &
HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES**

CONFIRMATION

RCIA

INFANTS BAPTISM

2nd Saturday of the Month

Application Forms at the back of
the Church.

YOUTH CORNER



SJV-YOUTH

WhatsApp group



Kindly scan the QR code to join SJV

Youth group. You are the future of our Parish.

This Parish is part of the Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee Charity No.233699

And for the sick and those in our parish

Magdalene	
Angela	Ann
Billy	Zaldy
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	ennis
Lawrence	
Gerard	Rowley
Yuen Kuen Tsui	Kwok Chai

**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:

Joseph Anthony Oswin Clarke

Jim Cassin

Dominic Poole

Ann Maddock

Rene Ombroisine

Carmelina

John Francis Moran

Victorine Walker

Eduard Pane

Sheila Courtney

Antonio Cerri

RIP Anniversary

Maria Josefina Da Silva

Luiza Fernandes

Special Intentions:

Alice Mills

Angela Pinto

Billy O'Keefe

**NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE
ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS**

**Let us pray for peace in
the World.**



**Let us continue to pray for the
soul of all the faithful departed to rest in
perfect peace.**