

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

WEST GREEN N15 30L

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MORNING PRAYERS RECONCILIATION

Mon-Fri: 8:30am Saturday: Parish Priest: Fr. Jerome Otitoyomi Dukiya CSSp. Sat: 9:15am Office hours: Mon, Tues, & Fri: 10:30am-2:30pm 10:30 -11:30am

MASS TIMES 5:00pm-5:30pm

Mon - Fri: 9.15am

Sat: 10am

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Sat Vigil Mass: 6pm

Tola Aleshe, westgreensg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Sunday Mass: 9am, 11am, 12.30pm

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

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C 7th September 2025

On this twenty-third Sunday of ordinary time, the church celebrates the spirit of commitment and selfsacrifice of Christ. The spirit of self-sacrifice motivates one to do the unimaginable. This spirit made Jesus give up everything, including his own life, for our sake. So, through this same spirit, we can become true disciples of Christ.

Today's first reading draws our attention to the depth of the wisdom of God. He alone knows his intentions for humanity. However, God has fully revealed this intention in Christ, who sacrificed himself willingly to save us. So, it is the spirit of wisdom that helps us to penetrate the mystery of God's intention revealed in Christ. In this way, this mystery becomes spirit and life for us.

In the second reading, Paul sent back Onesimus to Philemon in the spirit of sacrifice. Although Paul needed Onesimus and had every right to retain him, he returned to his former master Philemon who equally needed him. Philemon also had to sacrifice something. He has to drop all his misgiving against Onesimus. So, Paul encouraged him to receive Onesimus as a brother rather than as a slave. Hence, Paul teaches us that we can equally sacrifice our comfort in order to restore that of others. Also, we must be ready to make some sacrifices to repair and restore relationships. There is nothing we cannot sacrifice for the sake of God and humanity.

In today's gospel, Jesus invites us to imbibe his spirit of commitment and sacrifice in order to be his true disciples. He says, "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife...and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple." What does Christ mean by "hating"? He teaches and calls us to make a sacrifice and commit to our missions and calls.

Christ is not literarily calling us to hate the members of our family to be his disciples. He loved and obeyed his parents. Also, his mother, Mary, was one of His first and best disciples. So, we too must love members of our family. He is not in any way preaching the gospel of hatred. Instead, he wants us to be more committed to his ministry. He wants us to be willing to sacrifice our comfort whenever duty calls.

To be Christ's disciple means being ready to make sacrifices. Carrying our cross and following Christ also means subduing our own will in order to do his. That is, to be prepared to give up anything. Without commitment and sacrifice, we remain attached to our will and cannot be faithful disciples of Christ. Without it, we cannot see the needs of others

By Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka. C.S.S

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. Planned Giving Drive

Will take place in September for three consecutive weeks,14th,21st & 28th. 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.

- 2. Our Lady Queen of Peace Pilgrimage to Walsingham Thank you to all who participated in the pilgrimage last week. it was a very successful spiritual exercise.
- **3. Finance Committee Meeting** on Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm
 - **4.** Summer Fair on Saturday 30th of August at St. John Vianney church, thank you to all who participated in the summer fair.
 - **5. LEAVING DO FOR Father Erasmus Egenonu C.S.Sp.** Thank you to all of you who has contributed one way or the other in the farewell celebration for Fr. Erasmus last week by showing appreciation to him for all his work and love to us here at St John Vianney. Amount raised was £711.26 thank you all once again. He will be sorely missed.
- **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. THE SJV LIVE SIMPLY GROUP/JPIC.

We like to say a big thank you to Daniel St Guillaume for all his services to our Parish. Daniel and his wife will be leaving us at the end of September to Enfield and we will surely miss them. We wish them both good luck in all his endeavors.

8. Blessed Pere Jacques- Desire Laval C.S.Sp.

A memorial Mass for **Blessed Pere Jacques- Desire Laval C.S.Sp.** will be held on the anniversary of his death on Tuesday 9 September at 9.15am at St John Vianney Church West Green Road. He is known as the Apostle of Mauritius due for his tireless work in aiding the poor and ill. There will be no Benediction all are invited for refreshments after the Mass.

- 9. We would like to send our sincere appreciation to the late Theodore Owen John D'Cruz Family for their generous donation of £1000 to the Church from his Memorial Donation.
- **10. 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.

11. 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.

- **12. 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.
- **13. MACMILLAN CANCER RESEARCH** after all Masses next Sunday.
- **14.** The **Parish Priest** would like to meet with all the **Youths** in the Parish between the ages of **16-27years** after all Masses. Thank 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 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

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

We regret to announce the deaths of; **Gretta Richardson**, was a long serving member of the church.

Eileen Sullivan, RIP

Mr. Raphael Kplorlali Mensah Funeral will be celebrated on Thursday 11th of September 2025.

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

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

FROM FR. ERASMUS EGENONU, C.S.SP.

With a grateful heart, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all of you for the beautiful farewell you organized. Your presence at the leaving celebration, your generous donations, your kind words of encouragement your support, and your prayers touched me deeply. These gestures of love and kindness will remain ever fresh in my memory and will strengthen my courage as I take up my new mission in Scotland. May We are united in one faith, and though distance may separate us, we continue to journey together toward the kingdom of light, love, and peace. Let us continue to pray for one another, so that the Lord who has begun this good work in us may bring it to completion the Lord Jesus Christ keep and protect you. May He make His face shine upon you, and bring you peace—until He comes in glory.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration on Tuesday after 9.15 Mass

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

After the 10:00am Mass

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

For any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office

FIRST RECONCILATION & HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

CONFIRMATION

RCIA

INFANTS BAPTISM 2nd Saturday of the Month

Application Forms at the back of the Church.

YOUTH CORNER



Kindly scan the QR code to join SJV
Youth group. You are the future of our Parish.

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

Cathy

ennis

Dolores Lawrence

Manuel

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:

Raphael Kplorlali Mensah Joseph Anthony Oswin Clarke

Jim Cassin

Dominic Poole

Ann Maddock

Rene Ombroisine

Carmelina

John Francis Moran

Victorine Walker

Eduard Pane

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 souls of all the faithful departed to rest in perfect peace.