



# 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 Otitoyomi Dukiya CSSp.**

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

**Assistant Priest: Fr. Emmanuel Nsereko CSSp.**

## **PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:**

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## **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 14TH DECEMBER 2025**

Rejoice! The Lord is Near.

On this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, our readings call us to a joy that is not superficial, but rooted in patient, watchful hope. To you, the parishioners of St. John Vianney, living the vibrant yet sometimes challenging reality of West Green Road, this message speaks directly.

The prophet Isaiah paints a stunning picture of transformation: the desert blooms, feeble hands are strengthened, and fearful hearts are made bold. He speaks of a highway of holiness, where sorrow and sighing flee. This is God's promise for our world and for our own hearts. Where we see barrenness—in our spirits, our community, or our world—God is at work, bringing life. Our parish, in the heart of this diverse London community, is called to be a glimpse of that blooming desert, a place of strengthening and joy.

Yet, how do we live in this hope when the road seems long? St. James gives us practical, parish-hall wisdom: "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." He speaks to anyone who has ever felt weary in doing good, who has prayed for change that seems slow to come. Your patience in building up your families, serving people in need, and maintaining this parish community is not in vain. It is the very work of Advent.

Even John the Baptist, from his prison cell, experienced a moment of doubt and sent his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one?" Jesus' answer is not a philosophical argument, but a report of concrete actions: the blind see, the blind walk, the poor have good news proclaimed to them. Look for the Lord's presence here and now, in the sacraments we share, in the kindness shown at the food bank, in the comfort offered to a neighbour. This is how we know He is here.

So today, we rejoice. Not because all is perfect, but because God is faithful. He walks with us on West Green Road. He strengthens our feeble hands and makes our parish a highway where His love is encountered. Let us be patient and courageous, for our redemption is indeed drawing near.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice!

## 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. **Advent Retreat** thank you to all who attended the Retreat yesterday here in the Church. May God bless and answer all your prayers.
2. **The Blessing Of The Baby Jesus** after all the Masses on Sunday **21st** December 2025.
3. **Christmas Bazaar Sales** will be today in the Parish Hall after all Masses.
4. **Live simply** would like to say thank you to each and everyone of you who has bought a Christmas Gift for families and children in need. The appeal is now close but anyone who has promised to bring gifts, you can still drop them at the Parish Office in the next few days. God bless you all.
5. **Christmas Carols** will be on Friday **19th** December **5pm** at Turnpike Lane Station and you all welcome to join.
6. **Fr. Jerome** is in Nigeria for his Father's funeral. Kindly remember him in your prayers. Fr. Emmanuel will be in to assist in the Parish.
7. Families and Children in need for **Christmas Gifts** should please contact the Parish Priest or the office.
8. People who are willing to buy **Gifts** for our Children at **Christmas** should contact the Parish Priest.

### 9. **Preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion sessions 2025-26**

We are pleased that the **sessions** for children and parents preparing for **Reconciliation** and **First Communion Sacraments** will begin on **Saturday 8th November**.

The sessions include Mass at 10am in the Church for parents and children, followed by sessions for children to learn about these sacraments and at the same time sessions for parents to support their children's preparation. It is important that children and parents attend these sessions, on the following dates:

#### **Reconciliation November**

Saturdays **8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th**.

#### **First Holy Communion Saturdays**

from **17th Jan 2026 until May** (with breaks for school holidays)

### 10. **CATECHISM CLASSES**

I. For Children that are in Non-Catholic School starting this **October**.

II. For Children in Catholic School: starting in **November**.

III. RCIA for Adults who want to be Baptized, have their First Holy Communion/Confirmation or who wants to deepen their Faith.

Kindly collect a form at the back of the Church, fill it and return it to the office, before **20th of October**.

**NEW KEYBOARD FOR THE CHURCH** We are planning to purchase a new Yamaha PSR A 3000, Keyboard for our liturgical use in the Church. Cost £1,800. Kindly donate towards this project. We have a donation of £400 towards the Keyboard project. Thank you to the donor and God bless you.

### 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 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

Quarterly Meeting **Sunday 14th December 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

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

**Tickets on Sale for Medjugorje Pilgrimage: There is a £100 discount for anyone who buys their tickets by the 23rd December 2025.**  
**Please contact: Mario Pereira 07985 5533225 Virginia Pande 07809 724043 or Rosie Dias 07927 319279.**

### VACANCY

Job Title	Department Name	Closing date
Youth Choir Director	Mill End & Rickmansworth	05/01/2026
Parish Cleaner	Poplar	05/01/2026

For further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**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.

### 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 £700. From an anonymous donors. Thank you for your supports.

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS & SERVICE TIMES

#### CAROLS AT Turnpike Lane Station

Friday 19th December 5:00pm

#### CHRISTMAS EVE (Wednesday 24TH DEC) Morning Mass

Family/Children's Mass 7:00pm

Carol Service 9:30pm

First Mass of Christmas 10:30pm

#### CHRISTMAS DAY (Thursday 25TH DEC)

Mass of the Nativity of the Lord 10:00am and 11:30am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Fri 26th -27th December 9:15am – 6pm

#### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sunday 28th December 9:00am 11am & 12.30pm

Monday 29th-30th morning 9.15am

**Wednesday 31st morning 9.15am**

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Vigil)

Wednesday 31st December 9pm Vigil & Mass  
New Year Celebration in the Hall after the Mass. Please bring Food and Drinks to share and celebrate the start of a Blessed New Year for us all.

Thursday 1st January 10am & 11.30am

#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday 4th January 9am & 11am & 12.30pm

Monday 5th January 9am & 6:00pm

**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**



Kindly scan the QR code to join SJV  
Youth group. You are the future of our Parish.  
Last week the Parish Priest met with some of  
our Young Stars. A telephone number created  
to reach out to them/their parents, for  
effective communication.

**And for the sick and those in our parish**

Magdalene  
Angela  
Elsa  
Gabriel  
Ivy A  
John  
Kitty  
Laura  
Mary  
Pantaleone  
Phil  
Caesar  
Rose  
Veronica  
Manuel  
Dolores  
Dennis  
Lawrence  
Gerard  
Yuen Kuen Tsui  
Ann  
Zaldy  
Emmanuel  
Helen  
Joan  
Kathy  
Luisa  
Marie  
Michael  
Patricia  
Pierina  
Yollie  
Cathy  
Rowley  
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:**

Livie Noel  
James Morgan  
Michael Twesigye  
Kathleen Foley

**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.**

