

### ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

### **WEST GREEN N15 3QL**

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### **MORNING PRAYERS**

### **RECONCILIATION**

Mon-Fri: 8:30am Sat: 9:15am MASS TIMES

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.

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

#### 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 21ST DECEMBER 2025

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

As we arrive at the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy draws our gaze to the mystery of Emmanuel—"God with us." Advent is not simply about waiting for Christmas; it is about preparing our hearts to welcome the living presence of Christ who enters our world and our lives with saving love.

Isaiah's prophecy to King Ahaz is striking: "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Spoken in a time of fear and uncertainty, this promise assures God's people that He will not abandon them. Emmanuel is the sign of God's fidelity, His choice to dwell among us even when we falter. For our parish community, this is a reminder that God's presence is not distant or abstract. He is with us in our joys and struggles, in our families and friendships, in our parish life.

St. Paul, writing to the Romans, proclaims that the Gospel is the fulfillment of God's ancient promises. Jesus Christ, descended from David yet declared Son of God in power, is the one through whom grace and peace are offered to all. Paul's words remind us that our faith is not a human invention but God's eternal plan unfolding in history. As parishioners of St. John Vianney, we are called to live this Gospel with conviction, to be witnesses of God's faithfulness in our city and beyond.

The Gospel of Matthew presents Joseph, a man of righteousness, confronted with a bewildering situation. Yet when the angel speaks, Joseph chooses trust over fear: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife." His obedience allows God's plan to unfold. Joseph's quiet courage is a model for us. Like him, we may not fully understand the paths God sets before us, but we are invited to trust that Emmanuel is with us, guiding and sustaining us.

As we light the final candle of the Advent wreath, let us open our hearts to Emmanuel. May we, like Isaiah, rejoice in the sign given; like Paul, proclaim the Gospel with joy; and like Joseph, trust in God's word. In doing so, we prepare not only for Christmas Day but for the ongoing presence of Christ in our lives.

God with us, now and always.

### 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. The Blessing Of The Baby Jesus** after all the Masses today.
- 2. Christmas Bazzar Sales thank you to everyone who has supported in the sales last week. Amount raised was £84.00.
- 3. 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.
- **4. Christmas Carols** thank you to each and every one of you who took part in the Carols on Friday. May God bless you all.
- **5. 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.
- **6.** Families and Children in need for **Christmas Gifts** should please contact the Parish Priest or the office.
- **7.** People who are willing to buy **Gifts** for our Children at **Christmas** should contact the Parish Priest.

## 8. 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.

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

### 9. 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 Fist 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 **KEYBOAD 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.

£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.

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS & SERVICE TIMES

### 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

# 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.

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 Ann Zaldy Elsa Emmanuel Gabriel Helen Ivy A Joan John Kathy Kitty Luisa Marie Laura Mary Michael

Pantaleone Phil

Caesar Pierina

Patricia

Rose

Veronica Yollie Manuel Cathy

Dolores Dennis

> Lawrence Gerard Ro

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:

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.