



# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

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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

## 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:

**Tola Aleshe,** [westgreensg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:westgreensg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

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

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7TH DECEMBER 2025

My dear friends in Christ,

We gather on this Second Sunday of Advent, the Word of God invites us into a season of hope, expectation, and honest self-examination. Today's readings speak powerfully to us—here in London, in our families, our workplaces, and in our parish community—about the kind of people we are called to become as we await the Lord.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, paints a beautiful picture: "A shoot shall spring from the root of Jesse." Jesse was the father of King David, and from that family line, God promised to raise a new kind of king—one filled with wisdom, justice, and peace. Isaiah describes a world where wolves lie with lambs, children play safely, and harmony replaces fear. This is God's dream for the world: a community where differences do not lead to division, where power is used for peace, and where all creation lives in unity. When we listen to this prophecy in our multicultural, diverse parish, St. John Vianney—where languages, cultures, and religions meet on the same streets every day—we can almost imagine how powerful this prophecy is. Isaiah invites us to picture a society where we do not merely tolerate one another but live with deep respect, trust, and compassion.

Our second reading from St. Paul to the Romans continues this message. Paul encourages us to live in harmony, to "welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you." Advent reminds us that Christ welcomes us not because we are perfect, but because we belong to Him. And just as Christ welcomes us, we must welcome each other—whether we differ in ideas, nationalities, personalities, or even political views.

In our parish family at St. John Vianney, we are blessed with people from many nations and walks of life. This diversity is not a challenge—it is a gift! But like all gifts, it requires care. Harmony does not happen automatically; we must work for it. It grows when we listen, forgive, support those who are struggling, and make space for each other's differences.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist bursts onto the scene like a loud alarm clock. His message is straightforward: "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*" Repentance is not about feeling guilty; it is about realigning our lives with God. Like a driver checking their GPS after missing a turn, repentance means adjusting our direction, so we move toward God rather than wandering away from Him.

John the Baptist also warns the Pharisees and Sadducees—people who had become too comfortable in their religious roles. They relied on their titles and traditions but had stopped producing the "good fruit" that God expects. This is a gentle warning to all of us: being a Christian is not only about coming to church but allowing the Gospel to shape our daily lives—our words, our decisions, our priorities.

So, what might repentance and good fruit look like for us here at St. John Vianney?

- **In our families:** choosing patience over irritation, forgiveness over resentment, and family time over constant rushing.

## 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. There will be an **Advent Retreat** on Saturday **13th** December 2025 here in the Church.
2. **The Blessing Of The Baby Jesus** after all the Masses on Sunday **21st** December 2025.
3. **Christmas Bazaar Sales** will be next week Sunday 14th of December 2025 in the Parish Hall after all Masses.
4. **Christmas Carols** will be on Friday **19th** December **5pm** at Turnpike Lane Station and you all welcome to join.
3. The **Columban Missionaries** thank you all for your support, kindness and generosity last week. Amount raised was £941.70.
4. **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.
5. Families and Children in need for **Christmas Gifts** should please contact the Parish Priest or the office.
6. People who are willing to buy **Gifts** for our Children at **Christmas** should contact the Parish Priest.

## 7. **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)

## 8. **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

### OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

We regret to announce the deaths of;

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

## VACANCY

Job Title	Department Name	Closing date
Youth Choir Director	Mill End & Rickmansworth	05/01/2025

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 £100. From an anonymous donor. Thank you for your supports.

## Raffle Winners are as follows:

Ticket no. **164** – Ify

Ticket no. **127** – Daniel

Ticket no. **208** - Cecil

**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.**

## **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

Ann

Zaldy

Emmanuel

Helen

Joan

Kathy

Luisa

Marie

Michael

Patricia

Elsa

Gabriel

Ivy A

John

Kitty

Laura

Mary

Pantaleone

Phil

Caesar

Rose

Veronica

Manuel

Dolores

Dennis

Lawrence

Gerard

Yuen Kuen Tsui

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.**

