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**Fr Albert Ofere**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**19th September 2021**



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September:** An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

<b>Sat 18th</b>	6 p.m.	M Feury R.I.P.; JJ Clifford R.I.P.	
<b>Sun 19th</b>	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish; R Fernando R.I.P. M Okezue R.I.P.	<b>No Evening Mass</b>
<b>Mon 20th</b>	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions	M & M McNicholas R.I.P.	
<b>Tues 21st</b>	St Matthew	S O'Sullivan Int	
<b>Wed 22nd</b>	Feria	7 p.m. T Charles R.I.P.	
<b>Thurs 23rd</b>	St Pius of Pietrelcina	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<b>Fri 24th</b>	Our Lady of Walsingham	J Letang R.I.P.	<b>Macmillan Coffee Morning after Mass</b>
<b>Sat 25th</b>	Our Lady's Saturday	C Fernandes Int; Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	<b>Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. &amp; 5.15 p.m.</b>

### The War Inside.

We've had a lot of war-history in recent years, - but James talks of another battlefield: wars of good and evil and conflicting desires within ourselves. In every war there is the evil fighting in the souls of the generals. Same with ourselves -- good things emerge to be done and we allow other less good take over – visit someone sick but there is a match; help a neighbour but there's a party; visit the parents and something else happens, go to Mass and the sun comes out and we go to the beach. Desires to control people, greed, sexual exploitation of young and not so young, we know more from our own experience. Big time greed could have started with a fight over ice-cream at home, and somebody always getting their way at the expense of others.

Jesus' saving love can help us bring out the best in ourselves. His cross is our peace – within ourselves and within nations. This is the reconciliation Jesus promises from the cross...peace within us and peace among us.

The apostles got into a row who is the greatest. They wanted to follow Jesus but something else took over.

Can we bring into ourselves the best of the child Jesus praises, and find God - the Father whom we trust, happy to rest in the regard he has for us, with no need to worry about who is the greatest!

***SVP is appealing to all parishioners for help. Due to COVID 19 many people are suffering hardships. Ways we help include delivering food parcels, phoning people for a chat or giving someone a lift to the doctors. Join us if you have an hour to spare a week. See poster in porch for contact details.***

- **In the next couple of weeks' parents** of Year 6 children will have to start making choices about secondary schools for their children. It is important that they visit a variety of schools with their children and also read carefully the admissions criteria of the schools they are considering. All Catholic schools have an explicit expectation those children (and their Catholic parents) who apply should attend Sunday Mass every week. A *Certificate of Catholic Practice* will be required to confirm this. Details of dates when Fr Albert will be available to sign forms later.
- **Details** of open evenings on Noticeboard.

- Thinking of volunteering? Caritas Westminster is running a free, online 'Introduction to Volunteering' event on 21 September 2021, 10 – 11:30 am. From finding a suitable role to your first day, we will cover all you need to know to get started. For more information and to register, please visit [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/events](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/events) or email [cvs@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cvs@rcdow.org.uk)

**Keeping our church, a safe place to gather to worship:**

**Please use** sanitisers as you enter and leave the church.

**Wearing a face mask is strongly recommended**

**Track & Trace:** we are still obliged to keep record of people attending, there are a number of ways you can do this – 1. **You can** use QR code in porch. 2. **You can** write your details on sheet in porch or if you prefer **you can** register online for weekday and weekend masses.

- Offertory Baskets:** The offertory baskets have been replaced by wooden boxes. They can be found on pillars inside both front porch doors. There is another one by the car park door.
- Church Offerings:** Thank you to everyone who continues to support the parish financially. If you wish to donate by standing order our details **WRDCT English Martyrs** Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account Number 71308335. You can also use the contactless machine at the back of the church. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

- ADVANCE NOTICE** Virgin Money has made the decision to close Virgin Money Giving [VMG]. A subsidiary of Virgin Money, VMG was created 12 years ago when VM began its sponsorship of the London Marathon. This year the sponsorship comes to an end. As a result, VMG will stop operating on 30th November 2021 following the race in October. The Diocese have already started working towards a new online payment system. Details to follow.

- St Margaret Clitherow School:** Foodbank is open Monday – Friday 12.00 – 1 p.m. (Parishioners welcome)
- Donations** for the foodbank can be left at church or handed into the school. Your support is very much appreciated by our parish families

- MacMillan Coffee** morning next Friday, 24th September after morning Mass. Hosted by Year 6 from St Margaret Clitherow school. All are welcome.

**Act of Spiritual Communion:**

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.*

*I love you above all things*

*and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.*

*Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.*

*Amen*

**Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.

Body of Christ, save us.

Blood of Christ, inebriate us.

Water from the side of Christ, wash us.

Passion of Christ, strengthen us.

O Good Jesus, hear us.

Within Thy wounds hide us.

Suffer us not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend us.

In the hour of our death call us.

And bid us come unto Thee,

That with all Thy saints,

we may praise thee

Forever and ever.

Amen