

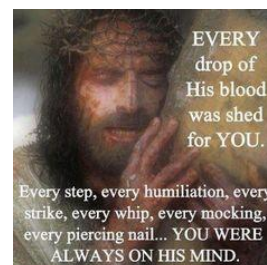


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**Fr Albert Ofere**

**Palm Sunday**

**10th April 2022**



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April:** *For health care workers* - We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities

Sun 10th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. <b>6 p.m.</b>	P Dorrian R.I.P. T Higgins R.I.P. M C Ihegbu R.I.P. People of the Parish	
Mon 11th	Monday of Holy Week	B Moran R.I.P.	
Tues 12th	Tuesday of Holy Week	J & P Costello R.I.P.	
Wed 13th	Wednesday of Holy Week	7 p.m. C Twomey R.I.P.	
Thurs 14th	Maundy Thursday	<b>Mass of the Lord’s Supper 8.00 p.m.</b>	
Fri 15th	Good Friday	<b>Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m.; Family Stations of the Cross 11 am Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 3 p.m.; Stations 7 p.m.</b>	
Sat 16th	Holy Saturday	<b>Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m.; Easter Vigil 8.00 p.m.</b>	
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**Who was there at the end?** The friends of Jesus: from a distance, but still around. They stayed near, not wanting to leave. Did they all stand around for a while? Wanting to go and not wanting to go, like mourners at a grave-side - confused, sad and discouraged - silent in the moments of violent death. Were they afraid that this might happen to them too? The friends and acquaintances of Jesus, the one who promised much and said he would rise again... Did any of them remember this promise? Did they whisper it to each other as they closed the stone at the tomb? Did they wonder if more was yet to come? For there was always more with Jesus. We are that 'more'!

There also was the centurion: the good man who said, 'he was a Son of God'. The one from Rome saw through the many from Jerusalem. He was a strange type of guy at the cross - the Roman who had been told to get these crucifixions done, with the least amount of trouble and publicity. Away from home and his own people, he would find a new God in the home of his heart and would be linked forever to a new people.

Something about this man gave a scent of love, and an authority that came from somewhere far away - further than an emperor or a political power. He knew that this man was a Son of God; may we know this too of Jesus.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.  
 You are the Saviour of the world.**

- **Tuesday:** The **Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral 12 noon** when the oils which we will use throughout the year for the celebration of baptism, confirmation and anointing of the sick will be blessed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. All the priests in the diocese will also renew their priestly vows.
- **Wednesday:** Traditionally known as "**spy Wednesday**" for it is the day that Judas went to the priests and leaders to arrange to sell and betray the Son of God for thirty pieces of silver. **Mass at 7 p.m.**
- **Holy Thursday:** At **8.00 p.m.** we gather for our celebration of the Last Supper. We remember with gratitude the first Mass, the washing of the feet and the commandment to love each other as Christ has loved us. **Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 10.30 p.m.**
- **Good Friday** the day Christ died for us all. A day of penance and prayer; also a day of fast and abstinence. **Retiring Collection for Holy Places**

- **Church Cleaning for Easter:** Many hands make light work. If you have an hour to spare, please come along on Wednesday AT 9.30 a.m. and on Saturday at 10.30 a.m. to help prepare our Church for the Easter Celebrations. **Thank you.**

- **Fr Albert** will not be available this Monday evening.

- **New Planned Giving Envelopes:** For those who use the weekly envelope scheme to donate to the church – boxes are available to collect. If you would like to join the envelope scheme or if you prefer to donate by standing order, please let us have your details.

**Confirmation Candidates** will meet on Wednesday morning at 11.30 a.m. to prepare for the Family Way of the Cross on Friday.

- **Refurbishment of Church Hall:** We are hoping to resume our plans for the hall. Michael Rushe our architect will do a presentation in the hall on Saturday 30th April after 6 p.m. Mass and Sunday 1st May after the 11 a.m. Parishioners are invited to come along to have a look at the proposed plans for the hall.

- **Neil O'Connor R.I.P.** Requiem Mass for Neil will be on Friday, 22nd April at 11 a.m. Please continue to remember Cathy and the family at this very difficult time.

- **CLERGY EASTER OFFERINGS** – The Christmas and Easter collections make up the bulk of priests' annual income. Envelopes are available this week as you leave the church this weekend.

- **St Margaret Clitherow Food Bank: Donations can be dropped at the school or the church. Thank you for your generosity.**
- **Foodbank is closed next week. Open on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th 12-1 p.m.**

**Church Offerings by Card, using the contactless terminal at the back of the church. A big thank you to everyone who continues to support our church financially.**



**Last Week's Collection:**  
**Envelope:** £674 **Loose Plate:** £780  
**Contactless:** £85  
**Building Fund:** £39

### 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.