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**Fr Albert Ofere**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**24th July 2022**

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for July:** *For the elderly* - We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

<b>Sun 24th</b>	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	F Dixon Int S O'Donnell R.I.P. J Meyers R.I.P.; P Enright R.I.P.; J Braganca Int	<b>NO EVENING MASS</b>
<b>Mon 25th</b>	St James	T Boffa R.I.P.	
<b>Tues 26th</b>	Sts Joachim & Anne	J McWeeney R.I.P.	
<b>Wed 27th</b>	Feria	7 p.m. P D Dias R.I.P.	
<b>Thurs 28th</b>	Feria	Mrs. Leneghan R.I.P.	<b>Exposition until 11 a.m.</b>
<b>Fri 29th</b>	Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus	T Boffa R.I.P.; Grandparents & Elderly	
<b>Sat 30th</b>	Our Lady's Saturday	B J Fernandes R.I.P.	<b>Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. &amp; 5.15 p.m.</b>
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### **Trust in prayer**

We often pray for what may be outside God's control: that someone may give up drink, when the person may not want to; that children will be kept safe on the roads, but they are killed or injured with the careless and dangerous driving of someone else, maybe under addictive influence.

We are encouraged always to pray with hope and persistence, believing that we always get something. In the asking is the receiving, and we never leave prayer worse off than when we began.

For any time, we give to prayer, we get something. We are transformed. St Ignatius speaks of the effect of prayer - an increase in faith, hope and love. We may not get the specific intention but we always get the Holy Spirit. I have never left prayer the poorer than when I began. In the knocking at the door itself something is opened. In asking and seeking we get something. The first gift of prayer is the love of God. Other gifts follow.

Prayer increases our trust in God, that he wants our good and is with us in love.

So we pray for what we need and then leave the prayer with God, to be answered as he can. This is one of the greatest faiths of all.



- **Fr Albert** will be available on Mondays from **6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.** to see parishioners regarding non urgent matters, including the signing of passports and other forms.

#### Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly:

Lord Jesus,  
 you were born of the Virgin Mary.  
 the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
 Look with love on grandparents the world  
 over.  
 Protect them! They are a source of enrichment  
 for families, for the Church and for all  
 of society.  
 Support them as they grow older.  
 May they continue to be for their families  
 strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
 guardians of noble domestic ideals, living  
 treasures of sound religious traditions.  
 Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
 that they may pass on to future generations  
 the fruits of their mature human and spiritual  
 experience. Amen

- **Pina Perillo R.I.P.** Requiem Mass for Pina will be on Monday, 8th August at 12 noon. May she rest in peace.

- **Can you Help?** An elderly lady from the Neasden area is looking for transport to the 11 a.m. Mass. If you can help please let us know.

- **Summer Outings:** This Tuesday 26th July to Broadstairs. Coach will leave English Martyrs **at 8 a.m.** Coach is fully booked.

**Ramsgate** 24th August booking forms are available in the porch. Please return form with payment in an envelope.

#### 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

- **St. Joachim and St. Anne:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July is the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne. Tradition names them the parents of Mary, the blessed Mother of Christ. So they are the grandparents of our Saviour Jesus. How much they influenced the growing of Jesus we are not told in the gospels. We can only imagine how they were instrumental in showing Him how to accept and respect people, how to love and be compassionate. How to pray to the God of his ancestors and they are also the patrons of all grandparents. Where would we be without grandparents? They are there at every turn and we should always show them immense respect. We salute all grandparents in our parish and ask God's blessing and Sts Joachim and Anne to intercede always for them.



#### Grandparents And Children

Grandparents and grandchildren,  
 together they create a chain of love  
 linking the past,  
 with the future.  
 The chain may lengthen,  
 But it will never part.  
 - Unknown Author

#### Last Week's Collection:

**Envelope:** £1060 **Loose Plate:** £584

**Contactless:** £147

**Building Fund:** £304

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#### The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**  
 Hail Mary, etc...  
 V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**R. Be it done unto us according to Your Word.**  
 Hail Mary, etc...  
 V. And the Word was made flesh,  
**R. And dwelt among us.**  
 Hail Mary, etc...  
 V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**  
 Let us pray:  
**Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,  
 Your Grace into our hearts;  
 that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,  
 your Son by the message of an angel,  
 so by His passion and cross  
 we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.  
 Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.**