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# Fr Albert Ofere 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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18th September 2022

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September:** Abolition of the Death Penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Sun 18th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	J J Clifford R.I.P.  N M Edge R.I.P.  People of the Parish; L B Benavides R.I.P.  Fr Albert Int	
Mon 19th	Feria	R Fernando R.I.P.	Reception A D'Arcy R.I.P. 6 p.m.
Tues 20th	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions	R & B Coelho R.I.P.	Requiem Mass: A D'Arcy R.I.P. 11 a.m.
Wed 21st	St Matthew	7 p.m. K Chambers R.I.P.	
Thurs 22nd	Feria	P Enright R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m.
Fri 23rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina	E Twomey R.I.P.	
Sat 24th	Our Lady of Walsingham	R M V Pathinather R.I.P.	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.
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## On the side of the poor

Isn't it still the same as the first reading has it? The poor get the worst of things. It is about greed and fooling the poor; raising the shekel - like raising the exchange rate so that the poorer countries get less dollars for their kwacha and rupees; golden handshakes for people whose greed is palpable and whose attitudes have left so many people hard up; money well protected and taxes avoided if not evaded. Our waste of food could feed so many. People are poor not through their own fault but because they are neglected.

How many of the poorer schools are becoming less well off, with resources such as special needs assistants taken away. Hospital care is getting worse, as people wait for prolonged periods for treatment. Mostly the poor will first suffer from economic mishap. God hates this - he hates mistreatment of his people. Jesus raged against the exploitation of the poor.

**W**e pay tribute to the people who work for the poor and needy - in the parish; in diocesan and other social agencies, and our volunteers at home and abroad. Can we vote for public representatives who care for the poor?

The call to the Church is to care as Jesus cared; we need the harsh words of the first reading sometimes to waken us up, and the story of Jesus to make sure we don't sleep again.

Pope Francis said:
'if investments in banks drop a little,
it's a tragedy!

But if people are starving, if they have nothing to eat, if they are not healthy,

it does not matter!

This is our crisis today, Lord, may your kingdom come.

- **Fr Albert** will be available on Mondays from <u>6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.</u> to see parishioners regarding non urgent matters, including the signing of passports and other forms. (Not school forms.)
- London Marathon 2022: Neville Haneef is taking part in the London Marathon in aid of our Parish Hall Refurbishment Fund. Neville has been training for many months in preparation for October 2nd. To sponsor Neville please visit our website <a href="http://par-ish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleypark">http://par-ish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleypark</a>

Go to Donate and you see the options available click on Marathon70 and you can make your donation there. If you are a tax payer, please tick the Gift Aid box and your donation will be increased by 25%. A huge thank you to Neville for his commitment to the parish. Please support him. Envelopes are available in the porch if you prefer to use that method.

# 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

 St Margaret Clitherow School: Foodbank is open Monday – Friday 12.00 – 1 p.m. (Parishioners welcome)

### **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

## **Dates for your Diary:**

- First Communion 2023: Registration forms are available this weekend for children in Year 3 or above whose family attends English Martyrs regularly.
- Confirmation 2023: Registration forms are available this weekend for candidates in Year 9 or above whose family attends English Martyrs regularly.
- Also to the family of Anne D'Arcy who died last week. Reception will be on Monday 19th at 6.30 p.m. Requiem Mass for Anne will be on Tues, 20th at 11.30 a.m.
- And to the family of Sheila Morrison. Reception on Friday 30th Sept at Our Lady of Dolours, Egerton Gdns, Hendon NW4 4BA. Requiem Mass on Saturday, 1st Oct at 10.30 a.m.
- May they all rest in peace.
- MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th Sept in the Hall. Hosted by Year 6 from St Margaret's.



Last Week's Collection:

Envelope: £680 Loose Plate: £747

Contactless: £75
Building Fund: £30

You can now donate to the Building Fund using contactless

• 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.