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**Fr Albert Ofere**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
**5th March 2023**

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March** for victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

<b>Sun 5th</b>	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	M O'Shea R.I.P.; Maria Louise Int W Gahegan Int; Pius JNR Int M & J Boyle R.I.P.; Mrs. O'Malley Int; Okafor Family Int People of the Parish	
<b>Mon 6th</b>	Lent Feria	I Fernando R.I.P.; M & M McNicholas R.I.P.	
<b>Tues 7th</b>	Lent Feria	F Rossetti R.I.P. Pedro & Francisca R.I.P.	
<b>Wed 8th</b>	St David	7 p.m. B Nugent R.I.P.; Bernard & Edna Int	<b>Requiem Mass: P Odoi R.I.P. 1.00 p.m.</b> <b>Confirmation after evening Mass</b>
<b>Thurs 9th</b>	Lent Feria	F Lopes R.I.P.; M Ankrah Int; L Pereira Int.	<b>Exposition until 11 a.m.</b> <b>First Communion Children 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri 10th</b>	Lent Feria	B Moran R.I.P.; C Carvalho Int.	<b>Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat 11th</b>	Lent Feria	P Galle Int <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>	<b>Reconciliation 10.40 a.m.</b>

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### **On the mountain**

The hours on the mountain were a huge experience for Peter, James and John, who would always be with him. They saw him in his glory, the beloved son of the Father. There was more to him than meets the eye.

You climb a mountain and you see new views, you see the city from a new vantage point. You see the countryside in its beauty. We need times to climb mountains and get away from the ordinary. Lent is a time like that - as we give something up, we take something on.

From the mountain, we now return home with a good seed: the seed of the Word of God. The Lord will send rain and that seed will grow. It will grow and it will bear fruit. We thank the Lord for the seed but we also want to thank the sower because you were that sower and you know how to do it (Pope Francis, 2014)

Whenever we climb the mountain of the Lord or make any journey with him, we are changed. As every mountain is different, so every moment with him is well worth while!

We receive this word of God and we receive our call to share it. The apostles would spend their lives sharing what they got on the mountain, and how it changed them,

*Is there a word or line of scripture that you like and which helps you?*

*Repeat it to yourself as a prayer.*

*Lord, make me a listener to your word.*



- **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.

- **CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal:** This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. Retiring collection this weekend.

- **Phillip Odoi R.I.P.** Requiem Mass for Phillip will be on Wednesday, 8th at 1 p.m. May he rest in peace.

- **Novena to St Joseph** will begin on Saturday 11th after morning Mass and will continue until his feast day which will be on Monday 20th March. (Transferred from Sunday 19th) Novena available on our website.

- **Next Baptism** celebration will be on Sunday, 19th March. Preparation session on Wednesday, 15th after evening Mass. All forms must be returned by Sunday 12th March.

- **Baptism for April** will be on Sunday 23rd after the 11 a.m. Mass

- **Date for your Diary: Lenten Service of Reconciliation is on Tuesday, 28th March at 7 p.m.** Visiting priests available for confession.



**Friday, Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.**

#### Parish Finances:

**Offertory: Envelopes** £703

**Loose Plate** £875

**Contactless** £145

**Building Fund;** £190

*Thank you for your continued support.*

#### 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

#### *Don't Quit*

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow –  
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than,  
It seems to a faint and faltering man,  
Often the struggler has given up,  
When he might have captured the victor's cup,  
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,  
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out –  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far,  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit –  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

- **St Margaret Clitherow School: Foodbank** is open Monday – Friday 12.00 – 1 p.m. The foodbank operates to offer support to all families in need within the parish. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 84503631 or speak to Fr Albert or Mary.