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Fr Albert Ofere 2nd Sunday of Lent



25th February 2024

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February: For The Terminally III Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

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Radiant Light

Jesus heard at the Transfiguration that he was beloved! We all want to know that someone would say they love us.

We are all the time God's favoured ones – it's ourselves that miss out on it. We live in the big wide world of God's love, and Jesus on Tabor was allowing himself be loved in the radiant light of God, shining even in the cloud.

Together we are loved as Peter, James and John were loved in community. Light is caught from one to the other. We are the light of Tabor Mountain for each other. All are loved. The one I like and don't like! The radiant body of Christ was hammered and killed later by ourselves. Love killed at Calvary rose again. Love cannot die.

We can transfigure or disfigure each other. We can bring out the light and the hope and the joy in our belonging to God!

We can transfigure a school, a parish, a community any group by first of all our being loved by God and letting love go out. If we really believe we are loved by God then the world we live in is transfigured, changed.

In the light of the cross, the sign of our faith, the way we are saved.



- Fr Albert will be available on Monday 6 p.m. 7.30 p.m.
- <u>CAFOD Family Fast Day this Friday</u> This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk
- Date for your Diary: Lenten Service of Reconciliation on Thursday, 21st March at 7 p.m. Visiting priests available for confession.
- St Margaret Clitherow Nursery Places available for September 2024. Contact 020 8450 3631 for details.
- Please do not leave items of clothing or food in the presbytery porch. Thank you
- ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY This will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm for couples in the Diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, such as 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60th) Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.
- Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024: If you can, please show your support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Life; Youth Ministry; and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation now. Thank you for your generosity.
- Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m., followed by First Friday Devotion.

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

Parish Finances: Offertory – Envelopes £747 Loose Plate: £941 Thank you for your support

Bacon & Cabbage evening on Saturday 16th March. Tickets still available at £20. All proceeds will go to Building Fund.



Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency no matter how old or obscure. In 2 weekend's time there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child.

Mary's Meals feeds in over 18 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year!

• Parish Safeguarding Representative: Katherine Hamilton email wembley2sg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk