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**Fr Albert Ofere**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**3rd March 2024**

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March** for the **New Martyrs** Pope Francis invites prayer “for those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal.” medical and human care and accompaniment.

<b>Sun 3rd</b>	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	M. O'Shea R.I.P.; H Finnerty R.I.P.; Joseph Family Int B Conway R.I.P.; J D'Souza Int. Covid Victims; T O'Connor R.I.P.; P Uwechue Int. People of the Parish	
<b>Mon 4th</b>	Lent Feria	B Cantillon R.I.P.; L McMahon Int	
<b>Tues 5th</b>	Lent Feria	G O'Riordan Int	
<b>Wed 6th</b>	Lent Feria	B McNicholas R.I.P.; N Rachel R.I.P.	<b>Confirmation 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Thurs 7th</b>	Lent Feria	P & C Maguire Int	<b>Exposition until 11 a.m.</b> <b>First Communion Parents 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri 8th</b>	Lent Feria	B Nugent R.I.P.	<b>Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat 9th</b>	Lent Feria	L Pereira Int; M Ankrah Int	<b>Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. &amp; 5.15 p.m.</b>
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**God's building**

**Why is Jesus angry?** – they have missed the point and the religious leaders are allowing this to happen! Religion has come down to ritual, and the centre is missing. Jesus was not much at home in the temple. He went there sometimes, and always caused trouble. The finding in the temple, the words – my body is the temple. Jesus is more at home at the table – the loaves at the lake, the fish on the beach, the last supper in a home. This is where he is most himself.

The falseness of the occasion was the using of the temple to be entrapped by riches. The poor were being overcharged to pay for the materials for sacrifices. This caused the anger of Jesus.

The temple has disappeared. We are God's building. If we do not make God's presence real in our area, then maybe we should knock down the church! Only if God is alive in us all the time, will he be alive in the building. If God is not alive all week in us, God will not be alive on Sunday. If he is not alive in our hearts – well, maybe that's sometimes why religion can be so boring – it's religion only from the neck up.

The forty-six years are over, and the three days of the rebuilding have been going on for years, in the hearts of all who are faithful to God's love. The building continues still and we are the living stones.



- **Fr Albert** will be available on Monday 6 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

- **Next Baptism** celebration will be next Sunday, 17th March. Preparation session on Wednesday, 13th after evening Mass. All forms must be returned by this weekend.
- **Baptism for April** will be on Sunday 21st after the 11 a.m. Mass

- **Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day** appeal this Lent. Last week's collection came to £470.

- **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.

- Mechanical Engineer is seeking employment. He is willing to look at other job opportunities available. Contact Ebin on 07774496491

- **Children's Liturgy:** We would like to resume Children's Liturgy at the 11 a.m. Mass after Easter. (Children's Liturgy is for children from nursery to Year 2) If you would like to help once a month please let Fr Albert or Mary know on 0748460296. Training session for volunteers on Monday 11th March at 7 p.m.

- **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.

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

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*

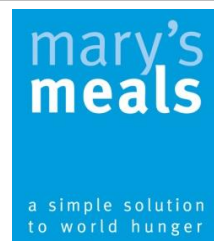
*so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and*

*forever. Amen*

**Parish Finances: Offertory – Envelopes £581**

**Loose Plate: £760**

**Thank you for your support**



**With only 1 week to go before Mary's Meals** foreign currency collection please have another a good look in the cupboard you never open, under the bed etc. Talk to friends and neighbours, maybe they have spare foreign coins/notes as well? We know that over the year's foreign coins and notes end up in all sorts of odd places so please hunt high and low; remember we'll also gladly take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender anymore.

Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities. We feed over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education.

- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email [wembley2sg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:wembley2sg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)