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**Fr Albert Ofere**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**14th April 2024**

*“We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our Song”*

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April for the role of women** - We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

<b>Sun 14th</b>	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	C Twomey R.I.P.; P Twomey; R Connolly Int G Paul R.I.P.; E Vincent-Davis R.I.P.; A Bozadjian R.I.P.; G Murphy R.I.P. Fernandes Family Int; C Obarike R.I.P.; C Davies R.I.P. People of the Parish	
<b>Mon 15th</b>	Easter Feria	B Moran R.I.P.; L Okolonji R.I.P.	
<b>Tues 16th</b>	Easter Feria	P Assabil R.I.P.; M Mangan R.I.P.	
<b>Wed 17th</b>	Easter Feria	C Twomey R.I.P.; P Twomey R.I.P.; M Mongan R.I.P.	<b>Confirmation Candidates 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Thurs 18th</b>	Easter Feria	K & Cruz Fernandes Int; Emmanuel, Naim, Maria Isabel R.I.P. T & S Fernandes Int	<b>First Communion Parents 7 p.m.</b> <b>Exposition until 11 a.m.</b>
<b>Fri 19th</b>	St Alphege	L A Liddane R.I.P.	
<b>Sat 20th</b>	Easter Feria	M McGloin R.I.P.' A Defontaine R.I.P.	<b>Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. &amp; 5.15 p.m.</b>
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***The Sacred in the Ordinary***

Interesting that it is hard to find a painting of their late-night meal of fish. Others are crowded on Google images. The garden, the breakfast on the beach, the road to Emmaus – old and new pictures. Is the fish meal too ordinary for the resurrection? We can't believe that the Lord of all creation who died for us will be recognised so simply or can we?

Jesus is in a bit of a fix. Faith is still weak in his followers – how can he get to them? Thought the doors are closed, he comes among them in their fear. He said Peace again. This doesn't seem to get through. Finally tried a meal of ordinary fish with them. Somehow it is getting through. They have remembered other meals of fish and the way he ate it. Faith is growing in them in the simple act of sharing a meal together.

There is always another way for Jesus. We resist that he is so ordinary. The resurrection happens now and in the ordinary. How this week did I find the resurrection? where I took a jump outside of the self in love, care, work for justice? In any way we raise each other up to a better human life and faith, then the resurrection is being shared.

The garden, the chat on the road, and now the ordinary meal. Imagine if we said he took fish, said the blessing...! All of life is sacred, and shot through with the love and grace of the risen Lord.



- Sacrament of Baptism for April** will be on Sunday 21st after the 11 a.m. Mass. Preparation session on Wednesday 17th after evening mass.

- **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.

**REGINA COELI**

V: O Queen of heaven, rejoice,

**R: alleluia**

V: For he, whom you were worthy to bear,

**R: alleluia!**

V: Has risen, as he said,

**R: alleluia!**

V: Pray for us to God,

**R: alleluia!**

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

**R: For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!**

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that we may obtain, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

- **New Planned Giving Envelopes** available this week. Your box number remains the same. Standing Order & Gift Aid forms also available.

- **Brighton Marathon:** Congratulation to Martin Wright who completed the Brighton Marathon last Sunday. A huge thank you Martin for doing this on behalf of our hall refurbishment fund. Sponsorship money can be handed into the presbytery marked 'Marathon'. **Well done Martin!**

- **Our sympathy and prayers** to the family of Paddy Flynn (Aylesbury St) who died last weekend. Requiem Mass for Paddy will be on Wednesday, 24th April at 11 a.m. May he rest in peace.

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*

- **Confirmation candidates are reminded that sessions** resume on Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- **First Communion Parents: Meeting on Thursday, 18th** at 7 p.m. All parents are expected to attend.

**Parish Finances: Offertory – Envelopes** £478  
**Loose Plate:** £738 **Thank you for your support**

- Tickets are available for **Creating New Beginnings Autism Charity Annual Fundraising Dinner & Dance** taking place on 4th May 2024, 5pm to midnight at the Hilton Hotel London Kensington. Tickets are £80 for singles, £150 for a couple and £750 for a Corporate table of 10. Don't miss out on the glitz, beautiful food, wine and music. All for a good cause. Go to Eventbrite for tickets or contact 07946327625.

- **Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday**, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Next weekend the second collection will be in support of the Priest Training Fund, which benefits the parishes and the Diocese of Westminster by providing us with new priests. The Priest Training Fund pays for the training and education of seminarians at our seminary, Allen Hall. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. It costs on average £25,000 per man, per year of formation – that is about £150,000 to form and educate a new priest, who makes a lifetime commitment to Christ and the Church. The Priest Training Fund also pays for the ongoing education and formation of our priests' post-ordination. Priests are the heart of the Catholic Church. So, I ask you to please be generous in your support of this appeal and to continue to pray for vocations and our seminarians. Donation envelopes are available today – please take one, read the information, and bring it back next week at Mass with your donation. You can also use this envelope to make a regular donation to the Priest Training Fund, and to find out more about our vocations team. You can also use the QR code on the envelope or poster to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

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