

ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH

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Fr Albert Ofere 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th November 2025



Pope's Prayer Intention for November: For the prevention of suicide - Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

	(Sat) 6 p.m.	T & T Jellie R.I.P.	
Sun 16th	9.00 a.m.	D Keenan; J O'Shea; S Whenman R.I.P.	NO EVENING MASS
	11.00 a.m.	H Okekearu R.I.P.; J & M Int	
Mon 17th	Feria	W Cantillon R.I.P.; M Myler Int	
Tues 18th	Feria	Holy Souls; P Gonsalves R.I.P.	
Wed 19th	Feria	Holy Souls; ; Majlinda Int	Mass for Bereaved 7 p.m.
Thurs 20th	Feria	Holy Souls; M Harley R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.
Fri 21st	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Souls; A Warner R.I.P.	R.C.I.A. 7 p.m.
Sat 22nd	St Cecilia	Holy Souls	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

The Feet of the Sun

The imagery of the readings today is frightening and cannot be easily understood. Maybe one aspect is of the contrasts we live with terror and violence among ourselves and the Earth, and also the healing and gentle power of God. The sun of justice will shine with healing in its rays'. When we see the terrors of the globe, it is a sign that God's power is also in our midst: 'Do not be frightened', we are told.

If you look at the sun in the evening, you often see the rays of light hitting the Earth 'the feet of the sun'. We can think of them as God's feet walking along our scorched and wounded earth: through the poverty and the illness of his world, through fields full of landmines and unexploded bombs, the rays of light take their pilgrimage from heaven through our world, which needs the light of **G**od so badly.

Even in persecution the presence of God is near. Even in betrayal and in the conflicts that arise over the word of God and how to live the gospel, God is near. He never abandons his people. We can almost sum up the message of the prophets as 'God does not abandon us'.

In years when the Church throughout the world was stripped of almost all except its relationship with Jesus, we know that despite the faults, sins and weaknesses and the huge need for renewal, God is near in the word of Jesus Christ. It is in listening to his word and interpreting it together for today that we will find our true way forward as his community.

- We will celebrate a Mass especially for the family and friends who have lost loved ones over the past two years. Mass will be on Wed 19th Nov at 7 p.m.
- Health & Wellbeing Event here at English Martyrs next Sunday, 23rd November 12 noon – 3 p.m. See poster for details.

- Fr Albert will be available on Monday evening.
- Retiring Collection this weekend. The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund is crucial in ensuring that our priests receive the medical care, housing, and support they deserve in their later years. Any gift, large or small will make a tangible difference to the lives of our retired priests. This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much.
- Tyburn Martyrs: Talk on the history of their heroic lives on Thursday 20th Nov at 6 p.m. The Crypt, Tyburn Convent, Hyde Park Pl. W2 2LJ Free entry donation appreciated by Sisters. Call Rose 07957585132 for further details.
- Confirmation 2026 For candidates in year 9 or above) whose families are registered and worship weekly at English Martyrs. Registration Forms are available this weekend. Closing date for registration next Friday 21st November.

Saint Nicholas of Tolentine
Prayer for the Deceased

Lord, God of holiness and light.

You do not allow any shadow of darkness

or evil in your sight,

- Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King: After the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday we will have praise and worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ, for 30 minutes. Please come and join us.
- The Forum for the Inculturation of Liturgical Music (Film Triumphant) UK and Naz (our organist) will be performing here on Saturday, 13th December at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £20 available to order this weekend. All proceeds in aid of Parish Hall Refurbishment.
- Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to Flory Pinto, Sr Magdalena,
 Treena and family following the sudden death of Pascoal on Wednesday. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

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

and so in your mercy you grant to those
who have left this world burdened with sin,
a time of purification,
applying to them the spiritual treasures
of your holy Church.
Hear our prayer and through
the merits of Christ,
the Blessed Virgin, the saints,
and all your faithful people

bring to an end this time of waiting
for our beloved dead.
In your providence
you have chosen Saint Nicholas

as a special intercessor on behalf of the departed.

Hear also his fervent prayer for those whom
we recommend to you through his intercession.

Amen.

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