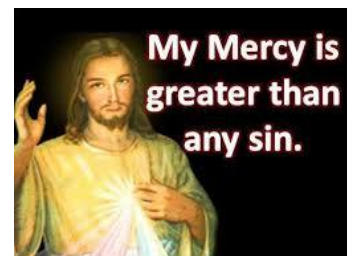




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Fr Albert Ofere
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th July 2026

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for July : For respect for human life - Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Sun 26th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	T O'Connor R.I.P. N & Silvia Santos Int C Barry; D Smith; E & R Charlenagne; Naz & Family	No Sunday Evening Mass
Mon 27th	Feria	M & M McNicholas; P D Dias	
Tues 28th	Feria	P Gomes & J Rebello; Private Int	
Wed 29th	Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus	I Rebello Int	
Thurs 30th	Feria	R Crasto Int	Exposition until 11 a.m.
Fri 31st	St Ignatius of Loyola	B Cantillon	
Sat 1st	St Alphonsus Liguori	A Griffin; N Kenny	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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The good, the bad, and the treasure

Jesus takes the ordinary for his story asking what you would really want never to lose/ asking what your treasure is. Is it money, reputation, locality? I gave up a better job but had time for the family and for love'; words of a young father. We know that parents give up a lot for their children; as do grandparents/ godparents and others. As people we look for what's most important in life: the love of God; deep and enduring friendships/ success after hard work in school/ commitment to the poor - what cannot be lost and what is worth sacrificing other good things for. Life is a mixture of the good and the bad. There is an old Dublin saying: '*There's good in the worst of us and bad in the best of us.* We work for God with the strengths and weaknesses of all we work with. God sows the seed of the gospel in good and bad soil; it bears fruit in its own way wherever it is sown.

The treasure is in our people. So much hidden generosity comes out at bad times - floods, power cuts, illness and death. We need always to find the hidden treasures in our own people and even in our history.

The kingdom of God is close, near and is within us.



Fr Albert will be available on Monday.

- **SVP: A big thank you** to everyone who bought raffle tickets last weekend. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

- **Coffee morning** finishes today and will resume on Sunday, 6th September. Thank you to the volunteers who prepare each week.

- Please note there will be **no Newsletter** during the month of August.
- Mass Intentions will be on Notice-board.

- **Summer Outings: Thursday, 6th August** to Walton on the Naze. Coach will leave English Martyrs **at 8 a.m.** Adults £20 child £8. Booking forms in porch. Completed forms and payment can be returned to presbytery by Sun 26th.

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

Parish Finance: Last Week's Collection:

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- **Date for your Diary:** Fr Albert's final weekend with us will be 29th/30th August. He will celebrate thanksgiving Masses (Sat 6 p.m.; Sun 9 & 11 am.) for his time here as our parish priest.
- After the 11 a.m. Mass we will have a celebration in the hall. More details later. If you would like to help with arrangements, please message Mary on 07484680296.

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents written in 2008

Lord Jesus,

you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasures of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations
the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,

help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.

May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed

in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly
homeland,

where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without
end. Amen!