



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

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**Vigil Mass:** Sat 6.30pm  
 Sunday 9.30am  
 11.30am  
 Mon, Wed & Fri 10am

### Sacrament of Confession

By Appointment

If you would like Confession, please email, or call the Parish Office.

### Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

### Saints Days

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> – St Aidan  
 Tue 1<sup>st</sup> – BL Joan of Florence  
 Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Gregory the Great  
 Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – St Cuthbert

### **First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programme**

**2019/2020** – Re the completion of these ..... programmes, once it has been decided how/when to complete them, Candidates and Families will be contacted.

### **Safeguarding**

**Representatives** – We Welcome Dorota Trawinska & Alexia Carter who are our Safeguarding Representatives. For Safeguarding concerns, please contact them in confidence on their contact details which is on our website and in the Colonnade.

**Sunday Reflection:** “Following Christ is costly” Modern sales techniques always emphasize the benefits that accrue to you when you acquire this product or that. Sales Personnel want to tell you only about the joys that come your way. Jesus would hardly have qualified! What a contrast in his approach when he starts recruiting disciples: “If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me”. Jesus refuses to disguise reality. Following him is a costly option which will bring much suffering, but it also has its reward, “but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it” – You will save your true integrity – your soul. Being true to yourself and your true calling in life can be costly. Poor Jeremiah discovered this at great cost. He felt God had seduced him into becoming his prophet, but then felt rejected by his family, friends and people, when he spoke God’s word. They did not want to know. He endured insult and derision. He wanted to give up also felt “a burning desire in his heart” to continue. He could not lay his calling aside. His suffering was personal and deep. His dilemma foreshadows that of Jesus. Enthusiastic Peter rushes in – “that cannot happen to you, Lord”. Peter wanted a Messiah who was successful and surrounded with glory – an all-conquering Messiah. He wanted to banish suffering from the agenda – just restore the ancient glorious kingdom! Peter who was so highly praised last week for his insight of faith into Jesus, is criticized strongly by Jesus in today’s passage of the gospel – “that way you think is not God’s way but man’s way”. The Cross and Christ cannot be separated. Jesus denounces Peter’s way of thinking and challenges him and all disciples to see salvation as coming through the way of self-giving love. Jesus on the Cross will manifest God’s self-giving saving love to the world. This involves renunciation of one’s selfish ideals so that the true self can be born and emerge as a source of life-giving love for others. That is how “to save your life” – “to save your soul”.

**Masses** – Precautions are in place and these are aimed at ensuring maximum safety and peace of mind among those who worship and pray at our Servite Church. We ask that you sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church and that you complete a slip for tracing purposes. Please leave this slip on your seat when leaving and if you change seats you will need to fill out 2 slips. Where you sit needs to be sanitised. Also, please do not move kneelers, leave them up (it will be less to clean).