



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 5th September 2021

Sunday Reflection – – “He has done all things well” – Class distinctions still persist in our society today. Great advances have been made in the area of equality but sadly many prejudices still exist. These are often used to support a sense of superiority and to diminish others and regard them as inferior because of differences of class, race, religion or whatever. In our second reading today, St James alerts his audience to dangers of class distinction. “My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people”. He goes on to criticize the attitude which presumes that the well-dressed person with expensive jewelry deserves more attention than the poor person. He basically states that if we want to show preference, then follow the example of God who always chooses in favor of the poor, who are often rich in faith and kingdom values. The Gospel passage illustrates God’s preferential option as exemplified by Jesus. A deaf man with a speech impediment, who happens to be a Gentile and who is seen as unclean is brought to Jesus for healing. This man is taken aside by Jesus and gives him undivided attention. Jesus touches him with his words of love and restores his human and God-given dignity. God’s infinite love, incarnate in Jesus, is available for all without distinction. All qualify as they are all children of a loving Father.

Baptismal Course – Will be held on Tuesdays, 7th & 21st of September at 7pm. Parents must attend both sessions. Please collect a Baptismal form from our Colonnade or email fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk for a form to be emailed.

Volunteers Needed – We are looking for Volunteers to help in our Repository shop. If you are interested, please send us an email.

Provincial Chapter – As some of the Servite Friars are involved in the Friars Provincial Chapter next week 13th – 17th September, availability of Priests will be restricted, though someone will be available for emergencies. Masses each day at 10am.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day: September 26th at 3pm with a Feast celebration after Mass. The Novena will start on 17th of September to 25th September, every evening at 7.00pm except Sunday 19th which will be on at TBC.

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

It is with great joy we have received and welcome a First-Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis into our Parish Church. We know Carlo was Baptised in our Church, so through this Relic we re-establish contact with Him and rely on His Prayerful Presence in our midst.

Blessed Carlo Pray for us.

School Reopening – We welcome Children, Teachers, and all Staff back and look forward to the year ahead as we share faith and knowledge together in our Parish School.

Glass Door Sleep Out – On Friday 1st October 2021. Participants give up their beds for one night to give someone a chance to leave homelessness behind. Find out more and sign up at www.glassdoor.org.uk

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.00am
Spanish Mass 12.30pm
Mon to Sat 10am

Sacrament of Confession

Please see a Priest/Email/Call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after 10am Mass followed by Tea in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the library.

Holy Hour

On the 1st Friday of every month after 10am Mass. The hour will include Rosary, Litany of Our Lady, Divine Mercy and Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 6th – Bl Bonaventure of Flori
Wed 8th – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thu 9th – St Peter Claver