

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 14th February 2021



Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.00am
Spanish Mass 12.30pm
Mon to Fri 10am (Daily)

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
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Holy Hour

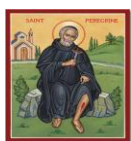
Will be held on the 1st
Friday of every month after
the 10am Mass. The hour
will include Rosary, Litany
of Our Lady, Divine Mercy
and Benediction

Saints Days

Tue 16th – Feast of Seven
Holy Founders

Wed 17th – Ash Wednesday

Fri 19th – Bl Elizabeth of
Mantua



Will be held on the last
Wednesday of the Month,
24th February at 6.30pm.

Sunday Reflection: “Be cured” Leprosy, if treated in time, can be cured thanks to advances in medical science. In biblical times leprosy was one of the most feared diseases and was highly contagious. It was the ultimate form of uncleanness. Contact was forbidden and lepers were forced to live outside and away from the community. They were the “untouchables”. They were social and religious outcasts. These precautions protected the community against infection. The lepers were forbidden to attend religious gatherings, and felt themselves despised by all, including God. They not only had to endure the physical pain of the disease, but also the spiritual pain of rejection. Life for them was a “living death”. Given this background, we can begin to understand how shocking it was when Jesus allowed a leper to approach him and make contact with him, as in today’s Gospel. Jesus “feeling sorry for him”, saw the pain he endured deep in his spirit, reached out across the human boundaries and barricades and “touched him”. He cut through the social, medical, and religious taboos of his time and cured him by touching him. This was risky, radical, yet human behaviour. Jesus exchanged places with the leper as he had “to stay where nobody lived”, because of the publicity given by the leper who was cured. The touch from Jesus was a sign of acceptance and recognition of his dignity. In one gesture of touch, Jesus healed not only his afflicted body but also his broken self-image. He tells him, ‘go and be a person in the community again’. We get a glimpse of the humanity of Jesus as presented by St Mark, who is at pains to stress how Jesus is committed to a broken, fragile, and contaminated humanity. The “good news” also tells us about the God that Jesus reveals.

Feast of Our Holy Founders – This year is on Tuesday 16th February and Mass will be celebrated for this Feast at 10am. In 1233 Our Founders were seven noblemen of Florence who came together to search for God through prayer and penance, to form and create Community, and to love Mary, the Virgin Mother of God. Inspired by Mary’s service of the Lord, they called themselves “Servants of Mary”. The Friars of the Fulham Road Community today continue to live their inspiration and charism. *Happy Feast Day to all!*

Ash Wednesday – On Wed 17th February, we will begin our Lenten journey of Prayer and Fasting; Mass will be at 10am with the blessing of Ashes which will be a little different. It is a day of Fast & Abstinence. Have a good and holy lent.

Receiving the Covid-19 Vaccine – As the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine continues, Cardinal Vincent received the first dose of vaccine on Wed 20th January. In a message of encouragement to all, he said: ‘First dose of the Covid-19 vaccine yesterday! Such a kind and cheerful experience. I strongly encourage everyone to take the vaccine. Let’s play our part and support NHS staff as they fight to save so many lives. Please, please continue to pray too for an end to this pandemic and for all who have lost their lives.’ Adding his voice to the call for greater take-up of the vaccine, Fr Albert Ofere, a Nigerian Priest, Parish Priest of English Martyrs, Wembley Park, shares his experience of his recovery from COVID-19 and his subsequent vaccination. In a video message, he urges everyone to listen to the facts and speak to their GP to make an informed discussion about the Covid vaccine!