



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Sunday Reflection:** “In the event of an oil crisis be ever ready”- Wisdom features strongly in two of our readings for today’s Mass. The first reading has “wisdom” personified as a mysterious woman who, like common sense, is within reach of everyone. We are talking about a practical wisdom that will tell us “what to do next”. This kind of wisdom shows us “the art of living”. Let us keep this in mind as we approach the gospel story of “ten bridesmaids”. In the story, somewhat surprisingly for us, it is the bridegroom who is late! All of the ten bridesmaids have lamps. The late arrival of the bridegroom causes a hitch. The bridesmaids fall asleep, but worse still five of them did not have a supply of oil. They appeal for help to the wise bridesmaids, those who prepared well in advance. When the Bridegroom arrives, the Wedding procession is about to begin, but five of the bridesmaids have no oil, so must rush off to buy some. The procession commences minus five bridesmaids. The procession gets to the feast and the door is shut. The foolish ones arrive, but they are refused admission. Sadly, they were not ready when it really mattered. In contrast the wise bridesmaids did what was expected of them and were ever ready to respond to the call of duty. Every disciple of Christ needs to be ever alert and aware, awaiting the Coming of the lord. Be prudent and sensible. Meister Eckhart summed it up: “Wisdom consists in doing the next thing you have to do, doing it with your whole heart, and finding delight in doing it”. In all of this there is a hint of the approaching Advent.

**Sick & Retired Priests** – Please support our sick and older priests, they have given us a lifetime of dedicated service. Envelopes are in the Colonnade

**November Dead Lists** – Envelopes are available for your Mass offerings and your list of names of deceased family, friends, and those you wish to remember. Please return envelopes through our letterbox and they will be placed on the Altar for the Month of November when Mass is offered for them daily.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** – registration is now open. A course for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics who have not been confirmed. Please email the Parish Office for a registration form.

**Catholic Proficiency Forms** – Will be signed by our Priests on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 3am to 5pm. Bring your completed signed forms with you! **To Print “Catholic Proficiency Forms:** Go to Catholic Education Service – School Guidance – Admissions: Certificate of Catholic Practice (*Please see our website for CCP meaning*).

**Safeguarding Representatives** – Dorota Trawinska & Alexia Carter are our Safeguarding Representatives. They can be contacted in Confidence on: [fulhamroadsg2@safeguardrccdow.org.uk](mailto:fulhamroadsg2@safeguardrccdow.org.uk)  
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Due to Covid 19 Restrictions, we are no longer able to open for Public Worship!

Our **Church is open** for Private Prayer on the following Days & Times:

Monday 9.30am – 12noon

Wednesday 9.30am – 12noon

Friday 9.30am – 12noon

Sunday 10.00am – 12noon

Please observe the safety guidelines!

**Confession:** On Request

**Parish Office Opening Hrs**

Mon – Fri 9am to 1pm

### Saints Days

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> - St Leo the Great

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> - St Martin of Tours

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> - St Josaphat



### **Remembrance Sunday –**

8<sup>th</sup> November – A Day to Remember all those who lost their lives in two World Wars. We give thanks for the many who gave their lives in dedicated service, and we commend all who died to God’s Mercy and pray for Peace for our troubled World. May the Lord have mercy on all.