



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B) 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Sunday Reflection:** “This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him”. The first Sunday of Lent took us into the desert with Jesus. It was a time of testing for him. Jesus withstood the test and overcame the temptation of Satan to surrender his God-given vocation in life. We are promised a share in his victory. Today, the second Sunday of Lent, we journey with him to Mount Tabor and experience the great Epiphany event of the Transfiguration. The disciples who were with Him get a glimpse of the glory that was his as the ‘Beloved Son of God’. No wonder impulsive Peter should exclaim: “Rabbi, it is so wonderful for us to be here”. He and his friends wanted to prolong the joy of the event. But what did it all mean for Jesus? The experience came at a very difficult time in his life, a time of great fear and uncertainty about the future. He was heading for Jerusalem, where he sensed that a violent death awaited him, just like the many prophets who had gone before him. He needed time out for prayer and reflection, so he went off on retreat to Mount Tabor with his close friends, Peter, James, and John. In times of crisis, one needs human support around one. St Mark tries to describe the experience with the use of vivid imagery. Suffice it to say that it was an intense and personal experience of God’s love for Jesus. Deep in his heart he heard those life-giving and affirming words, “You are my Son, the Beloved”. These comforting words were to confirm his Baptismal experience. He knew he was held in an embrace of love which would not fail, and that his loving Father would hold him even in the impending darkness. In the presence of his loving Father he could face whatever life threw at him. Moses, who is also present, represents the Law, and Elijah the prophets, but Jesus is now revealed as the fulfillment of all previous religious teaching and insights. Jesus when “he is risen from the dead”, will manifest all of God’s truth, life, and love to the world. Hence, “Listen to him”. Jesus’ anxiety is transformed by hope and his fear by love. When our name is called in love, then we too can face our pain, our suffering, and our uncertainty. Love transfigures everything: “With God on our side who can be against us?”

**CAFOD Family Fast** – Our CAFOD Parish Representatives will make the Lenten Family Fast day Appeal this weekend at all Masses. Family Fast Day was on last Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. As ever we trust you will respond generously to support the good work of CAFOD.

**Receiving the Covid-19 Vaccine** – In a message of encouragement to all, Cardinal Vincent said: ‘First dose of the Covid-19 vaccine yesterday! Such a kind and cheerful experience. I strongly encourage everyone to take the vaccine. Let us 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 decision about the Covid vaccine!

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

### Saints Days

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – St David  
Thu 4<sup>th</sup> – St Casimir  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> – World Day of Prayer

### Stations of the Cross: .....

Will be said every Friday  
(during Lent) after the 10am  
Mass.