



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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Sunday Reflection: “As God forgives us, so should we forgive” Today's Gospel, as in previous Sundays deals with human relationship. The subject this week is one which concerns us all – forgiveness. Few can go through life without getting hurt. It is not easy to cope with these hurts or wrongs. They can provide us with an opportunity to grow, or they can become stumbling blocks to our spiritual growth. We may be tempted to take refuge in self-pity which will lead to bitterness, anger, resentment. All of this can fester and poison our inner spirit, thus weakening our ability to love. We can try to let go of our hurts, but we will need God's grace to help us. Taking a cue from the teaching and example of Jesus as we recall his prayer on the Cross “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do”. We can try to rid ourselves of the burden of bitterness and resentment. As we enter into a process of reaching out in forgiveness to the one who offended us, we experience a sense of freedom, purification and healing. The heart that is wounded is renewed and healed. Forgiveness clears a path for God's spirit to enter the relationship and work on it. We are all sinners in need of reconciliation. Forgetfulness of our own sins leads to a lack of compassion, and we can end up becoming hurtful to each other. At the beginning of every Mass we are invited “to acknowledge our sins”. When we remember our own sins, we also remember that we are forgiven and this in turn should help us to forgive. When we pray the “Our Father”, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”.

Feat of Our Lady of Dolours – This beautiful Marian Servite Feast will be on Tuesday 15th September, Mass celebrated at 6.30pm. It is the Patronal feast of our Church and parish: “Our Lady of Dolours” (from dolor, Latin for “sorrow”) is also known as “Our Lady of Sorrows”. Mary experienced sorrows in her life. These sorrows were endured because of her love for her Son, Jesus Christ. Images of the Seven Sorrows of Mary displayed in our church: 1) The Calvary Altar shows Mary at the foot of the Cross – standing by her dying Son; 2) The Pieta shows Mary holding the dead body of her Son in her arms. These are powerful images of the compassionate mother, who by her faith and life transforms suffering through love into new life and hope. Mary an icon of loving presence, offering comfort and hope even amid pain and sorrow. She is a wonderful Patron.

Celebration of Masses: Precautions are in place. Please follow the guidance.

Spanish Mass: Will be held on Sundays at 12.30pm.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day: On Sunday 27th September at 3pm.

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.

Catholic Proficiency Forms – Will be signed by our Priests on Monday 5th to Friday 9th October from 3am to 5pm. Bring your completed signed forms with you! **To Print your forms:** Go to Catholic Education Service – School Guidance – Admissions: Certificate of Catholic Practice

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 14th – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tue 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows
(Mass held at 6.30pm)
Wed 16th – Ss Cornelius & Cyprian
Thurs 17th – St Robert Ballarmine
Sat 19th – St Januarius

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.

Volunteer Stewards – If you would like to volunteer to become a steward, please contact the Parish office or a Priest. Stewards need to be between 18 and 70 years and not clinically vulnerable. The more Volunteers we have the more our Church can open.