



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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1st Sunday of Advent (Year B) 29th November 2020

Mass Times

Mon, Wed & Fri 10am

Weekend Mass times to
announced

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Tue 9am to 1pm

Wed – Fri 9am to 5pm

Rosary: Wednesdays 10.30am,
followed by Tea/Coffee in the
Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every
Tuesday at 7pm in the Library.
New members are welcome!

Saints Days

Mon 30th – St Andrew

Thu 3rd – St Francis Xavier

Fri 4th – St John Damascene



New Liturgical Year – Year B
Begins this weekend, Sunday
29th November is the 1st
Sunday of Advent.
No flowers in Church for
Advent.

Sunday Reflection: “Waiting for God” – On this First Sunday of the Advent season, we begin a new liturgical year. The English word “Advent” is from the Latin, “Adventus”, meaning “Coming” or “Approaching”. Our focus during Advent is on the “Coming” or “Approaching” God. We confidently proclaim, “The Lord is near”. The mood during these weeks is one of joyful anticipation. Hope is in the air. We wait expectantly for something new and wonderful to happen. Waiting is part of life, and there is no life without it. Our culture has invented the “Waiting Room”. We sit in waiting rooms anticipating news about ourselves or others. While waiting in Advent we are admonished “to stay awake” to “be alert”, to be ready for the glory of Christ to be revealed in all its fullness. We now live in the meantime “the in-between” time, i.e. the time between the First Coming of Christ and Second Coming in glory. We wait creatively by remembering. We recapture the longing and expectancy of God’s people as they hoped for an “Anointed leader” and “better times”. We prepare for the feast of Christmas by re-living the experience of God’s people “waiting in hope” for the birth of the Messiah. Bringing the past into the present creates a foundation from which emerges a hope-filled future. We invite the approach of God in the person of Christ to enter our lives and dispel the encircling gloom, coloured now by economic austerity and insecurity. Material prosperity does not offer fulfillment, so our prayer is all the more urgent. “Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down...” “Come Lord Jesus”.

Catholic Proficiency Forms – Will be signed by our Priests between Monday 7th to Friday 11th December from 3pm to 5pm. Please bring your completed signed forms with you! **To Print Catholic Proficiency Forms:** Go to Catholic Education Service – School Guidance - Admissions

Novena Mass for Christmas/Simbang Gabi – from Tuesday 15th to Wednesday 23rd December. Novena Masses will be at 8pm.

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.

Confirmation – Details of the Celebration of Programme 2019/2020 will be announced shortly.

First Holy Communion – Dates of registration for our next programme will be announced shortly.

Advent Event – ‘Journey into Advent’ with the Irish Chaplaincy: a zoom service on Friday, December 4th 4pm, with readings, reflections and Taizé music. Contact: eddie.gilmore@irishchaplaincy.org.uk