



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**Pentecost Sunday (Year B) 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

**Sunday Reflection:** “Receive the Holy Spirit” - Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church. It all began in simple and humble circumstances. As they waited in prayer and hope all the followers of Jesus were able to fit into one room. They knew each other’s names. They had no property, no money, and no power. They locked themselves in a room because they believed the outside world was hostile to their cause. They feared for their lives. Pentecost was a Jewish feast celebrated fifty days after the Exodus, honouring the tradition of Moses receiving the Law. The symbols associated with the feast were a ‘mighty wind’ and ‘tongues of fire’ conferring energy and voice for proclamation. St Luke in the Acts of the Apostles uses this tradition and makes it a Christian Feast, though now with God renewing his covenant with His people and empowering them with the Holy Spirit. In the outpouring of the spirit the apostles are transformed. They are now fearless in witnessing to Jesus. They unlock the door and go out to mingle with the huge crowds in Jerusalem. The Apostles now boldly proclaim the one gospel of love, which is understood by people of different languages. The confusion of the Tower of Babel is replaced by a message of love understood by all nationalities. With the coming of the Holy Spirit the Apostles become witnesses to the truth that Jesus is the “Messiah and the Son of God”. With the Spirit the Apostles are graced with a new courage and present themselves as witnesses on the side of Jesus. This is what the Holy Spirit did for them. It is worth risking all for the sake of Jesus and His Gospel. The Holy Spirit brings different gifts so that the Church is a “unity in diversity”. The Spirit reconciles all people to the One God. We must now witness to Jesus. We open ourselves to the same empowering spirit to transform us. A Happy Birthday to all members as we pray “Come Holy Spirit”.  
**Baptismal Course** – The second and final session of our Baptismal course is on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Founders Room. Parents must attend both sessions.

**Vigil Mass:** Sat 6.30pm  
Sunday 9.30am  
11.00am  
Spanish Mass 12.30pm  
Mon to Sat 10am

### Sacrament of Confession

If you would like Confession, please see a Priest/Email/Call the Parish Office.

### Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm  
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

### Holy Hour

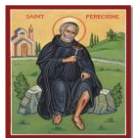
Will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month after the 10am Mass. The hour will include Rosary, Litany of Our Lady, Divine Mercy and Benediction.

### Saints Days

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – St Bede the Venerable

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> – St Philip Neri

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> – St Paul VI



St. Peregrine Mass will be held on the last Wednesday of the Month, 26<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm

**Confirmation 2019/2020** – Celebration will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. Those who were already on the course which got interrupted by Covid will be completed with a Celebration on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. Two Meetings will be held in preparation in the Church on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm. Candidates please attend these sessions.

**New Financial Year** – Parishioners who are members of our planned giving scheme, your new box of envelopes are ready to be collected from the Parish Office.

**Returning to “Normal”** – Where it is possible, we hope to return to ‘normal’ rubrics for the celebration of Mass and Parish Liturgies. We must continue with “sanitizing” and “Track and Trace” for Mass attendance and our faithful stewards. We must continue with “social distancing”. We are returning to receiving Holy Communion (under ‘one kind’) at its proper place according to the rubrics of the mass. After Communion we return to our seat for final prayers, notices, and final blessing. Let us help and support one another during these difficult times and observe the guidance of our faithful stewards.

**Pentecostal Pastoral Letter** – In the Colonnade, Please take one.