



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 12th September 2021

Mass Times

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

Sacrament of Confession

Please see a Priest/Email/Call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

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

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the library.

Holy Hour

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

Saints Days

Mon 13th – St John Chrysostom
Tue 14th – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wed 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows
Thu 16th – Ss Cornelius
Fri 17th – St Robert Bellarmine

Baptismal Course - The 2nd and final session will be held on Tuesday 21st of September at 7pm. Parents must attend both sessions.

Our Lady of Dolours – Mary's vocation as Mother of God began with her "yes" to God "Let what you have said be done to me", (Lk 1: 38) from that moment she was intimately involved in the Life of Jesus. She carried him in her womb: she nourished him at her breast; she educated and formed him as a boy: she followed him all the way to Calvary and as his faithful disciple, stood by his Cross and shared with him through her compassion the pain of his passion. "Standing by" a loved one at their hour of suffering is an act of deep love and faithfulness. There is little we can do, nothing we can say, but being there says everything and does all that is humanly possible. As Sr Joyce Rupp OSM writes: "There is so much suffering in our world.

Everywhere people stand beneath heartbreaking crosses as they experience the excruciating pain of watching someone suffer. Like Mary beneath the Cross of her beloved Son, all they can do is "be there" and wait with the one who is hurting". "Their painful situation asks us to patiently wait with them, to cheer them on in their valiant efforts, to extend mercy and forgiveness, to inform with kindness and understanding, and to be present in a non-judgmental way". Mary's stance and attitude inspires us all to "stand by" with faith, hope and love.

We celebrate this Feast on *Wednesday 15th September*. We are sorry that most of the Community will be away 'in chapter' this week, but we will pray for one another. The Mass of the Feast is at 10am on Wednesday with Fr. Cirino.

Sunday Reflection – In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say I am? Various opinions are offered in reply, but Peter speaks on behalf of all disciples when he says: "You are the Christ". Jesus goes on to tell them that he is the Messiah and a 'suffering Messiah'. Any mention of suffering is too much for Peter. He wants a Messiah who is strong and invulnerable. But Jesus insists that the key to understanding the Son of man is to recognize 'a suffering Son of Man'. God will allow himself to be wounded, rejected, and crucified in his Son, and in that way to see God's victory over sin and death manifested in the Resurrection. It took Peter a long time to grasp what Jesus was saying: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine... he must take up his cross and follow me". It takes a lifetime also for it to dawn on us.

Provincial Chapter – As some of the Servite Friars are involved in the Friars Provincial Chapter next week 13th – 17th September, availability of Priests will be restricted, though someone will be available for emergencies. Masses each day at 10am.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day: September 26th at 3pm with a Feast celebration after Mass. The Novena will start on 17th of September to 25th September, every evening at 7.00pm except Sunday 19th which will be announced.

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Carlo was Baptised in our Church, so through his Relic we re-establish contact with Him and rely on His Prayerful Presence in our midst.

Blessed Carlo Pray for us.