

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021



**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 8<sup>th</sup> – St Jerome Emiliani  
& St Josephine Bakhita

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> – St Scholastica

Thu 11<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady  
of Lourdes

## **Sunday Reflection: “.....and he cured many who were suffering from diseases”**

Poor old Job! We have all heard of Job's comforter. What an impossible task? Weary and in the depths of despair, he cries out: “Months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, “when will it be day?” Risen I think, “How slowly evening comes!” Job was tortured by the question, “Why suffering” and wasn't graced with a satisfactory answer. Eventually his situation did change for the better, but he felt he suffered a deep sorrow he did not deserve. He represents so many in history who ponder their pain. It was the great philosopher Jacques Maritain who said, “It is a lucky man who knows why he suffers.” Job is familiar to us all. Even if few of us share his innocence, all know his hurt and bewilderment. Most of us still ponder – why suffering? Why me? Yet, the approach of Jesus is so different. When confronted with human suffering, he does not sit with the question, “why suffering?” but moves with great urgency to heal the suffering and wounded. Jesus moves at break-neck speed to release the power of God upon a suffering world. He grasps Peter's mother-in-law by the hand, raises her up and the fever left her. Word spreads, hope is rekindled. Jesus responds to the diverse needs of the crowds who flock to him for healing. He preaches the Good News, expels demons, and touches anyone in need with the power of God. It is exhausting. He recognizes his need for solitude to recharge his inner being with the love of the Father. He quickly learns every Job in town will be looking for him. There is an emergency ward in every town. Jesus decides to face the sick with the love of God. That is his mission. Jesus will endure his own share of suffering with a passion. Job's question is not answered directly by Jesus. He lives his answer by caring with compassion for the sick, thus revealing a caring loving God. That Godly care is reflected so often in our hospitals and homes by the dedication of doctors, nurses, hospital chaplains and carers as is obvious in the present pandemic. God's care does its rounds in flesh and blood, and that is a comfort to the Jobs of this world.

**Public Masses** – The public celebration of Holy Mass continues in our Church through the current restrictions. Various precautions are still in place. These are aimed at ensuring maximum safety and peace of mind among those who worship and pray at our Servite Church. You must wear a face covering and we ask that you sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church and that you complete a slip, this is for tracing purposes which is required. If needed, our Stewards will guide you.

**Stations of the Cross** – Can be privately prayed and celebrated in our Church during Lent when it is open.