



## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Sunday Reflection** – “Before the World was made, he chose us... in Christ” In his letter to the Ephesians St. Paul’s exuberance is infectious. Our Christian faith assures us that God has deliberately and personally chosen each one of us out of love. Being chosen is played out for us in today’s Scripture. It does not necessarily always make life easy! Consider poor Amos! He was a simple shepherd and looked after sycamore trees, living a rather humdrum life, and then God chose him and said, “Go prophesy to my people Israel”. The unlikely calling of a prophet from such humble origins serves only to reinforce Amos’ conviction that he was called and sent by God to proclaim God’s message to the people, even if they were resistant and hostile to the message. In the Gospel, the twelve are summoned and sent out in pairs. They are instructed to imitate Jesus in preaching repentance, driving out demons and healing the sick. The manner of their mission echoes Jesus’ simple life. In leaving behind all their possessions they are not to rely on their own resources but on the authority and power given to them by Jesus. They have ‘to travel light’. Their only resource is the Word they carry – everything necessary will be supplied by Jesus. Hospitality will be offered to them. They will encounter opposition and rejection. Amos and the Apostles have to rely on the authority and power given to them. They can cope with rejection because of “the richness of the grace” given to them. Each and every one of us has been chosen by God to bear his Word of Love and life to others. Let us respond generously to that call conscious of the grace received – ‘The free gift to us in the Beloved! “With God on our side, who can be against us”.

**First Communion Programme** – Please collect a registration form from the Colonnade and please return by 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Sea Sunday is 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is the official welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. The AoS reaches out to seafarers that visit our ports each year, offering pastoral and practical support and care. AoS is dependent on voluntary donations to continue its work; it takes the love of Christ to seafarers in the name of the Church, recognizing them as our brothers and sisters in need. Next Sunday’s second collection will be taken at Masses throughout the country.

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

### Saints Days

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> – St Cleila Baribieri  
& St Henry

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> – St Camillus de Lellis

Thu 15<sup>th</sup> – St Bonaventure

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### **Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis**

It is with great joy we have received and welcome a First-Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis into our Parish Church. We know Carlo was Baptised in our Church, so through this Relic we re-establish contact with Him and rely on His Prayerful Presence in our midst.

**This Relic will be on display in our Church after 10am Mass every Monday!**

*Blessed Carlo Pray for us.*