



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Dolours 15th Sept 2016 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" our brothers and sisters in their time of need with faith, hope and love.

A Special Feast – We celebrate our Church and Patronal Feast on Thursday 15th September 2016. Masses on the Feast will be at 10am and 6.30pm. We are delighted to welcome Bishop John Sherrington to celebrate the 6.30pm Mass with us on our special Servite Feast. At this Mass, we rejoice in the Investiture of Dr. Mary Remnant, as 'a Dame of St. Gregory the Great', acknowledging her outstanding contribution to Church music. Dr. Remnant, is a long standing parishioner, her father (RIP) being the architect for our Parish school and her Mother (RIP) also a music teacher and Servite Tertiary. We hope a large congregation will turn out for Mass to honour Mary. A Reception with music will follow in the School Hall. All are welcome

Sunday Reflection – One of the earliest Christian images was discovered in the Catacombs in Rome, and it is a drawing of 'the good shepherd with the lost sheep on his shoulders' returning it to the flock. The parable we have in today's Gospel made a deep impression on those first suffering Christians. While 'the Powerful', concentrate on 'thousands', Jesus focuses on 'the One', 'the individual' is precious to God. The scribes and Pharisees advocate 'segregation' for sinners, Jesus advocates 'hospitality', in the hope that they may be saved and healed by Love. Jesus wants each one to enjoy His Kingdom of Love.

Baptismal Preparation Course – For Parents preparing to have their child baptised, the second and final part of this course is on Mon 12th Sept in the Founders Room. Parents must attend both sessions of the course.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day: September 25th at 3pm. The novena will start on 16th of September to 24th September, every evening at 7.30pm (Sunday it will be at 6pm).

Parish Council – We had a good and lively Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 6th September. The meeting was well attended and some of the Committees had already got down to work. At our last meeting, concern was expressed about 'Post Brexit' Brexit. Henry Stovell, as a member of the Social Justice Committee wrote to our local MP Mr. Greg Hands about the issue. Mr. Hands sent a sympathetic reply; a copy is now available on our Notice Board. We thank Mr. Hands for his understanding letter. The next Parish Council meeting is on 27th October 2016.

The Oratory School – Woodcote, Near Reading, South Oxfordshire RG8 0PJ. Open morning (Boys 11-18) Saturday 17th September. Information: reservations@oratory.co.uk

At Ealing Abbey – An evening and day with Sherry Weddell, author of "Forming Intentional Disciples" on "Evangelisation: How to begin", Fri eve 16th & Saturday 17th Sept. For more information contact b.cuthbertson@btinternet.com

CAFOD Supporters Morning – Saturday 17th Sept 10am – 12 at Oakwood, North London N14 4HE. Information morning with a guest speaker who has firsthand knowledge of our work in Bolivia. Bolivia being the country we are focusing on this Harvest Fast Day. Come and hear how CAFOD is helping communities. Bookings on 0208 449 6970 or Westminster@cafod.org.uk

Mass Times

Vigil Mass Sat	6.30 pm
Sunday	8.30 am
	10 am
(Spanish)	11.15 am
	12.15 pm
	7 pm
Mon - Sat	10 am
	6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday	10.45 – 11.15 am
	6.00 – 6.30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 11.15 am

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

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 7pm. Tel: 0207 352 6965
Contact cdewinton@gmail.com

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday at 11am in the Founders' Room.

Charismatic Prayer Group – Every Thursday 11am in the Founders' Room.

Saints Days

Tues 13 th	– St John Chrysostom
Thurs 15 th	– Our Lady of Sorrows
Fri 16 th	– Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
Sat 17 th	– Sts Robert Bellarmine

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,455 and the Second collection for "Restoration Fund" was £392. Thank you for your support & generosity.

New Readers Rota is now ready!