



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**(Year C)**

**9<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

## 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](mailto: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

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	– St Paulinus of York
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	– St John XXIII
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	– St Wilfrid
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup>	– St Edward the Confessor
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	– St Callistus I
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	– St Teresa of Jesus

Total Offertory collection last  
Sunday was £1,815 and the  
Second collection for "PACT"  
was £594.

**Rosary** – October is a special  
month for praying the Rosary,  
which we recommend to all our  
Parishioners.

**Sunday Reflection** – Leprosy is a horrendous disease, consuming the flesh and deforming the bones, and extremely painful. It is very contagious. It leaves the poor victim deformed and isolated, devoid of friendship and contact. To be cured of such a terrible disease must be the greatest thing that could happen to the victim. We would imagine that if the healer could be identified the person would spare no effort in going back to the healer to express a heartfelt – "thank you". As today's Gospel story highlights human beings do not always express such gratitude. Ten lepers were healed, yet only one returned "to give thanks". This prompted Jesus to exclaim, "were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner". Jesus is amazed, puzzled and even hurt by the ingratitude and thoughtlessness of the other nine. Being Luke's gospel, the point is emphasized as well that the one who returned was a Samaritan, a foreigner!! It is a poor reflection on humanity if only one in every ten people remember to say "thank you". The 'insider' tends to take everything for granted. Very often it is 'the outsider' who sees everything as 'gift'. We see this in the case of 'Naaman the leper' in our first reading. Naaman and the Samaritan show their deep gratitude to God for what they have received. Jesus raises the big issue for us all – why can people be so ungrateful? The immediate question for ourselves is why are we so often reluctant to say 'thank you'? Ingratitude diminishes the human person, whereas being grateful contributes to our healing process as we deepen our relationship with God, the generous giver of all gifts. Eucharist means "thanks" and is the heart of our Catholic faith. We gather to give thanks and praise God for all we have received; and renew also our stock of 'thank you' cards for our deserving friends!

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Programme** – All application forms must be completed and returned today, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. The Parish programme begins next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October when there is a meeting of All the Parents with the Catechetical team at 12 Noon in the Small Hall. We do expect all parents to attend this meeting, so we look forward to seeing you.

**Mary's Meals** – With only one week to go before Mary's Meals will be at our Church on the morning of Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (no duvets or pillows please). Put all clothing/bedding into tied black sacks and bring them with you when you come to church – the cut off time is 12 noon. Mary's Meals is a no frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on Governance.

**Christmas Bazaar** – This is scheduled to be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016, from 12 noon to 4pm in the School Hall. Please start preparations now. Everyone can help so be ready when you are asked to engage. As last year, Susana from our School will be overseeing the event. We trust we can rely on Councillors & Parishioners to help.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Abortion Act** – Sadly, the latest figures released by the government reveal that 203,096 unborn babies were put to death by registered abortions in 2015, indicating a rise of 529 unborn babies on the previous year. SPUC calculates that, so far 8,624,567 innocent lives have been lost under the 1967 Abortion act. Does this have to continue? The Union of Catholic Mothers join with SPUC in a "Pro-Life Pledge" campaign with a Post-card Day to our MP's. Our Parish will hold this Post-card Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup> October. Please give the matter serious thought, prayer and support the Pro-Life movement.

**Evangelization Initiatives** – Some young mums have initiated a mother and toddler group as an evangelization initiative in our Parish. They meet every Tues morn at 9.30pm in the Founders Room over tea and coffee. All Welcome!

**Africarian Womens Group** – Meets once every month to socialize and share cultural & faith values. Please phone the parish office to find out more details.

**Laudato Si Workshop** – Caritas Westminster & CAFOD are holding workshops on this Euclyclal. The next one is at Our Lady of Victories on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am – 1.30pm.

**Sacred Heart High School Hammersmith** – Would like to extend a warm invitation to girls in Year 11 who are currently considering their 6<sup>th</sup> Form options, to attend our open evening on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 5pm – 7.30pm.