



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

29th January 2017

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

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30 pm

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 in the Library. New members
are welcome!

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

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

Saints Days

Tues 31st – St John Bosco

Fri 3rd – Sts Laurence, Dunstan &
Theodore

Total Offertory collection last
Sunday was £1,418 and the Second
collection for "Church Restoration
Fund" was £440. Thank you for
your support & generosity.

Mother & Toddler Group: Meet on
Tuesday Morning @ 9.30am.
All are Welcome!

Recently Baptised:

Massimo Whalley

Lately Dead:

James Forbes R.I.P – James' funeral
Mass is on Tuesday 31st Jan 10am.

Terry Gibbs R.I.P

Mary Groark R.I.P

Sunday Reflection: – Today's Gospel presents us with the very heart and centre of Jesus' teaching, namely, the Sermon on the Mount, often referred to as 'the Beatitudes'. In these "happy attitudes" we see the values Christ preached and lived – the values he wishes to see in his disciples. These are indeed the ways to Godly or eternal happiness. They challenge all our conventional recipes for human happiness which rely on putting 'the self' at the centre and going for a 'quick fix'. Our culture can be obsessed with appearances, so the message is that we need to constantly transform our outward image in order to feel acceptable and happy. This can so easily become a frustrating preoccupation. Jesus invites us to change our focus; the world tells us that happiness is found in being 'well-off' and accumulating wealth for ourselves; Christ tells us that we will be happy when we put God first in our lives and live only by God's values. It is not the amount you possess that assures lasting happiness, but the kind of people we truly are. Being rich in God's eyes is what really matters. While the world urges us to be tough and ruthless if necessary, Christ exhorts us to be gentle and peacemakers. The beatitudes are indeed the badges of a true disciple of Christ, marking us off as a child of God. The Beatitudes tells us of beautiful values that will bring life to all who seek and live such values: peace, goodness, joy, love, generosity, gentleness, compassion, mercy and integrity. These give us a whole new set of bearings. How different our world would be if all lived these values to the full. Someone who lives according to these values is already experiencing life in God's eternal Kingdom where true happiness is found. Those who put their trust in God will not be disappointed.

Vocations Awareness & Promotion – In an effort to highlight the constant call of the Heavenly Father in inviting men to the priesthood and women and men to Religious Life, our Diocesan Vocations Promotion Team has chosen Kensington & Chelsea Deanery to begin a new initiative. It will begin in our Parish on this Saturday 28th January at 6.30pm Mass. A team of Priests and Seminarians will attend Mass and one of them will preach at the Mass and a few Seminarians share their experience on their personal call. After Mass they will be available for sharing and meeting in the Founders Room. Is God calling you to His Service? Do come along on Sat 28th January to 6.30pm Mass. Religious and Consecrated persons will take part in the sharing.

Confirmation Programme – The next Confirmation meeting will be on Thursday 2nd February 2017 at 7pm in the Founders Room.

Children's Play Area – We draw attention again to this area at the back of the Church, on the corridor through the door. We ask Parents to ensure that children are always accompanied by an adult while in that play area. They Must Never be left alone there as the Notice states – Always with an adult. If children are left unattended then we will have to close down the facility. Please comply with the Public Notice request.

Baptism Preparation Course: For Parents is on Tues 7th & Tues 14th February in the Founders Room at 7.30pm. Parents must attend both sessions. Please get a registration form from the Parish Office.

Safeguarding Study Morning – Saturday 4th February from 9.30am to 12.30pm. (Light Breakfast) in the Founders room. All who are involved with Children's groups; Catechist, altar servers and vulnerable adults etc. Do come to look at the new Safeguarding guidance/Policy for the Parish/Community.

Parish Council – We had a very good meeting of our Parish Council on Tuesday evening 24th Jan 2017, with good involvement and participation from all members. It was a good experience of laity and Priests working together in building up our Parish Community. The next meeting of our Parish Council is on Tuesday, 14th March 2017 at 7.15pm in the Founders Room.